

## Scholarships and loans for military children

Keys to successfully getting a scholarship:

1. Read all the eligibility requirements
2. Collect all the required documentation
3. Request letters of recommendation, especially from school counselors, way ahead of due dates
4. Do all the required paperwork
5. Deadlines are REALLY important!

<http://www.legion.org/scholarships/98003/gain-higher-education-need-lift>

The American Legion Scholarships—an excellent resource! Available free on-line in searchable format and in softcover for just a few dollars.

<http://pdf.needalift.org/NAL2009.pdf>

On-line, downloadable, and easy to search version of Need A Lift?— huge number of listings for educational opportunities, scholarships, grants, student loans, careers, and employment.

<http://www.bgca.org>

Boys and Girls Clubs of America have the National Youth of the Year Award. Check with your local BGCA to see if there are local moneys available.

<http://www.fra.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=10057>

Fleet Reserve Association Scholarships

<http://www.la-fra.org/scholarship.html>

Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association

[http://gibill.va.gov/benefits/other\\_programs/dea.html](http://gibill.va.gov/benefits/other_programs/dea.html)

Dependents' Educational Assistance Program

<http://www.thanksusa.org/main/scholarships.html?gclid=COvgt9a9rKwCFSYaQodiDVhEg>

ThanksUSA Scholarship Program

<http://www.militaryscholar.org>

Scholarships for Military Children Program

<http://nmcrs.org/goldstar.html>

NMCRS Gold Star scholarships

<http://www.purpleheart.org/Scholarships/Default.aspx>

The Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)

[www.fallenpatriots.org](http://www.fallenpatriots.org)

Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation

<http://www.mcsf.org>

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

<http://www.nrotc.navy.mil> (Navy and Marine Corps)

<http://www.goarmy.com/rotc> (Army)

<http://afrotc.com> (Air Force)

ROTC scholarships are available at many colleges and universities

<http://www.usna.edu> (Navy and Marine Corps) US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD

<http://www.usma.edu> (Army) United States Military Academy, West Point, NY

<http://www.usapa.af.mil> (Air Force) Air Force Academy, near Colorado Springs, Colorado

<http://www.cga.edu> (Coast Guard) US Coast Guard Academy, near London, CT

<http://www.usmma.edu> (Merchant Marines) US Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY

Military academies are highly competitive and generally require nominations from US Senators or Representative. In addition, there may be appointments to the service academy of their choice for otherwise qualified students who are the sons or daughters of Medal of Honor recipients, deceased or disabled veterans, or active or retired members of the US Armed Forces.

Commander William S. Stuhr Scholarship Fund

Send email to: [stuhrstudents@earthlink.net](mailto:stuhrstudents@earthlink.net)

National Education Loan Fund from Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary

National Education Loan Fund Director

DAVA National Headquarters

3725 Alexandria Pk

Cold Spring, KY 41076

<http://www.navysna.org>

Surface Navy Association

Marine Corps Tankers Association, Inc.

MCTA Scholarship Chairman, 1112 Alpine

Heights Rd, Alpine, CA 91901-2814

<http://thewashboard.org/>

Washington Scholarship Coalition

Alaska Sea Services Scholarship (focus on Alaska)

Alaska Sea Services Scholarship Fund

c/o U.S. Navy League Council 55-151

2300 Wilson Blvd

Arlington, VA 22201

<http://www.navyleague.org/corporate/donate/scholarship.html>

Navy League Foundation

<http://nmcrs.org/travers.html>

Vice Admiral E.P. Travers Loan Program

<http://www.cposf.org/#crestinsert>

Fleet Training Center Chief Petty Officer Scholarship Fund

<https://www.usnscf.com/>

Navy Supply Corps Foundation Scholarship

<http://www.anchorscholarship.com>

Anchor Scholarship Foundation

<http://www.specialops.org>

Special Operations Warrior Foundation

<http://www.nmcrcs.org/education>

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Education Programs

<http://www.bowfin.org>

Bowfin Foundation

<http://www.duvcw.org>

Daughters of the Cincinnati Scholarship

<http://www.afcea.org/education/scholarships/>

Armed Forces Communications & Electronic Association Educational Foundation (AFCEA)

<http://www.amvets.org/programs/scholarships.html>

AMVETS National Scholarship Program

<http://www.seabee.org>

Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association

<http://sms.scholarshipamerica.org/militarycommanders/>

Military Commanders' Scholarship Fund

<http://cgmahq.org/Programs/edu.html>

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Commandant

[http://www.kofc.org/un/en/scholarships/matthews\\_swift.html](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/scholarships/matthews_swift.html)

Knights of Columbus Educational Fund

<https://www.dolphinscholarship.org/>

Dolphin Scholarship Foundation

<http://www.bva.org/services.html>

Blinded Veterans Association (BVA), Kathern F. Gruber Scholarship

Grand Army of the Republic Living Memorial Scholarships

Send SASE to:

National Headquarters

Daughters of Union Veteran

503 S Walnut St

Springfield, IL 62704-1932

[www.moaa.org/education](http://www.moaa.org/education)

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), Educational Assistance Program

<http://www.nswfoundation.org/education.htm>

The Naval Special Warfare Foundation

[http://www.abma-usn.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=46&Itemid=58](http://www.abma-usn.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=46&Itemid=58)

Aviation Boatswain Mates Association (ABMA) Scholarship

<https://www.kitsapcu.org/Site/Grants/Educate.aspx>

Kitsap Credit Union Educational Grants

<http://www.bezosfamilyfoundation.org/scholars/>

Bezos Family Foundation: Bezos Scholars Program at the Aspen Institute

<http://www.wingsoveramerica.us/>

Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation

Commissaries offer scholarships, as do Boys and Girls Clubs.

**There are many, many more scholarships offered through specific colleges, for specific declared majors, and for other special groups. Keep researching—there's money out there!**