

2026 - 2027 Scholarship Opportunities

Spouses

Scholarship/Grant Name	Open	Closed	Website
CGMA Supplemental Education Grant	6/1/2026	9/30/2026	https://mycgma.org/programs/seg/
Coast Guard Foundation Enlisted Reserve Scholarship	6/8/2026	8/15/2026	https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/41aa128
Coast Guard Foundation Spouse Education Grant	8/1/2026	Until funding is expended	https://coastguardfoundation.org/education
FRA Education Foundation	9/1/2026	4/1/2027	https://www.fra.org/fra/Web/Events_and_Programs/Education_Foundation_Scholarships/Web/Content/FRA_Education_Foundation.aspx?hkey=fe5fe4c8-48b6-4003-be7b-5f3f317c6600
National Military Family Association Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarship	10/1/2026	9/30/2027	https://www.militaryfamily.org/state-of-the-military-family-programs/spouses-scholarships/
First Command Educational Foundation Military Spouse Scholarship	10/1/2026	10/31/2026	https://fcf.com/scholarships/
National Association of Institutions for Military Education Services Spotlight Award	10/1/2026	12/15/2026	https://naimes.org/ssa/
Tillman Scholars Program	12/1/2026	2/1/2027	https://pattillmanfoundation.org/apply/
Coast Guard Foundation Spouse Education Grant	1/15/2027	Until funding is expended	https://coastguardfoundation.org/education
Coast Guard Foundation Delta Dental Education Grant	1/15/2027	3/1/2027	https://coastguardfoundation.org/education
AMVETS Veteran, Active Duty & Guard/Reserve Scholarship	2/1/2027	5/1/2027	https://www.amvets.org/scholarships

Dependent Children

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CGMA Supplemental Education Grant	6/1/2026	9/30/2026	https://mycgma.org/programs/seg/
Coast Guard Foundation Enlisted Reserve Scholarship	6/8/2026	8/15/2026	https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/41aa128
FRA Education Foundation	9/1/2026	4/1/2027	https://www.fra.org/fra/Web/Events_and_Programs/Education_Foundation_Scholarships/Web/Content/FRA_Education_Foundation.aspx?hkey=fe5fe4c8-48b6-4003-be7b-5f3f317c6600
Military Officers Association of America Charities Grants, Scholarships, and Interest-Free Loans	11/1/2026	3/1/2027	https://charities.moaa.org/scholarship-fund/loan-programs/
Fisher House Scholarships for Military Children Program	12/1/2026	2/11/2027	https://www.fisherhouse.org/programs/scholarship-programs/scholarships-for-military-children/
Navy Wives Club of America Inc. Scholarship Foundation	12/1/2026	3/31/2027	https://navywivesclubsofamerica.org/foundation-scholarships/
Coast Guard Exchange Scholarship Program	1/1/2027	2/28/2027	https://www.coastguardmwr.org/cgx-scholarship
CPOA/CGEA Captain Caliendo College Assistance Fund Scholarship	1/1/2027	4/1/2027	https://www.uscgcpoa.org/scholarships/
AMVETS Children/Grandchildren Scholarship	1/1/2027	4/30/2027	https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/program/AMVETSchildrenandgrandchildren26
Coast Guard Foundation Children of Coast Guard Members Scholarship	2/1/2027	4/1/2027	https://coastguardfoundation.org/education
Military Commanders' Scholarship Fund	TBD	5/1/2027	https://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/militarycommanders/

Jim Lanier Memorial Scholarship	5/1/2027	5/31/2027	https://fcef.com/scholarships/
CWOA Scholarships	TBD	TBD	https://www.cwoauscg.org/scholarships.html

Scholarship Descriptions

American Veterans (AMVETS) Scholarships

AMVETS Spouse Scholarship

What: Scholarships designed to fulfill a financial gap after all Federal/State grants and/or scholarships available to an eligible applicant have been exhausted.

Who: Spouses of an Honorably/General Under Honorable Conditions discharged United States Veteran or Active Military member to include National Guard and Reserves. The candidate must be a U.S. Citizen enrolled in an eligible undergraduate degree program at an accredited four (4) year college or university. The candidate must demonstrate financial need and must not be in default on a federal student loan.

AMVETS Children/Grandchildren Scholarship

What: Scholarships designed to fulfill a financial gap after all Federal/State grants and/or scholarships available to an eligible applicant have been exhausted.

Who: Children/grandchildren of an Honorably/General Under Honorable Conditions discharged United States Veteran or Active Military member to include National Guard and Reserves. The candidate must be a U.S. Citizen currently in 12th grade, entering college in the Fall, and demonstrating financial need. Candidates must be accepted into an eligible undergraduate degree program at an accredited four (4) year college or university.

Application Window: January 1, 2027 – April 30, 2027

More Information: <https://www.amvets.org/scholarships>

Chief Petty Officers & Enlisted Association Scholarships

Captain Caliendo College Assistance Fund (CCCAF)

What: Total of five scholarships ranging from \$1,500 to \$5,000

Who: Dependent children of a member or deceased member of the USCG CPOA/CGEA. Must have not yet turned 24 years of age by April 1, 2026 (no age limit for dependents with disabilities). Must be enrolled in or accepted to a university, college, or vocational school.

Application Window: January 1, 2027 - April 1, 2027

More Information: <https://www.uscgcpoa.org/scholarships/>

Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association Scholarships & Grants

The CWO John A. Keller, CWOA Scholarship Grant

What: Multiple grants in the amount of \$1,000

Who: Dependent children of members in good standing or who were members in good standing of the CWOA, United States Coast Guard at the time of their death. Must be a senior in high school with an average of “C” or be currently enrolled in an accredited institution of higher

learning with an average of “C.” Must be enrolled in a full-time course of instruction.

The CWOA LT Art and Eleanor Colona Scholarship

What: One or more \$4,000 dollar scholarships dispersing \$1,000 dollars a year over four years of undergraduate studies

Who: Dependent children of enlisted members of the United States Coast Guard (active, retired, or reserve). Must be a senior in high school with an average of “C” or better during the most recent two semesters or be currently enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning with an average of “C” or better for the year immediately prior to application. If enrolled in an institution of higher learning, applicant must be enrolled in a full-time course of instruction based on school or program criteria.

Application Window: TBD

More Information: <https://www.cwoauscg.org/scholarships.html>

Coast Guard Exchange Scholarship Program

What: \$2,000 scholarship (more than one may be available depending on funding)

Who: Students who are dependents of Coast Guard active duty, reserve, and military retired members; dependents of civilian NAF and APF employees; and dependents of current Coast Guard Auxiliarists that meet the following eligibility requirements:

- The applicant must be in the last year of high school or home schooling and scheduled to graduate and attend college full-time during the subsequent year.
- Students must plan to attend an accredited college or university for undergraduate studies.

Application Window: January 1, 2027 - February 28, 2027

More Information: <https://www.coastguardmwr.org/cgx-scholarship>

Coast Guard Foundation Grants/Scholarships

Children of Coast Guard Members Scholarships

What: Multiple scholarships ranging between \$2,500 and \$5,000

Who: Children of active duty, retired, or SELRES Coast Guard members

Application Window: February 1, 2027 - April 1, 2027

More Information: <https://coastguardfoundation.org/education>

Delta Dental Education Grant (Spouses)

What: Total of ten grants each worth \$2,000

Who: Eligible spouses of enlisted Coast Guard members in ranks E1-E8. Must be pursuing a degree in oral health, medical/nursing, or wellness professions.

Application Window: January 15, 2027 – March 1, 2027

More Information: <https://coastguardfoundation.org/education>

Enlisted Reserve Scholarship

What: Total of 8 scholarships each worth \$1,000

Who: Enlisted Coast Guard reservist or their dependent. Reservist must be in the Selected Reserve or Individual Ready Reserve, with an enlistment contract valid through 31 December 2026. Must be enrolled in, or accepted by, an accredited degree granting institution or an accredited technical or vocational training school, and be pursuing their first associate, bachelor, master, or doctoral degree or a technical or vocational certificate.

Application Window: June 8, 2026 – August 15, 2026

More Information: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/41aa128>

Spouse Education Grant

What: Multiple \$1,000 grants

Who: Eligible spouses of enlisted Coast Guard members in ranks E1-E8 and spouses of SELRES members (E1-E8) who have served on active-duty orders in excess of 180 days within the last 12 months. Must be studying at a nationally or regionally accredited institution or program.

Application Window: August 1, 2026 – until funding is expended/January 15, 2027 – until funding is expended

More Information: <https://coastguardfoundation.org/education>

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Supplemental Education Grant (SEG)

What: Reimbursement up to \$750 for certain education/training expenses

Who: Active Duty, Auxiliary, Civilian Employees, PHS Officers and Chaplains, Reserves, Retired Military Personnel, Surviving Spouses, as well as, spouses and dependent children of eligible members

Application Window: June 1, 2026 – September 30, 2026

More Information: <https://mycgma.org/programs/seg/>

First Command Educational Foundation (FCEF) Military Spouse Scholarship

What: Multiple scholarships of unspecified amount

Who: Spouses of active duty, reserve, retired, or medically retired service members pursuing traditional college/graduate programs, vocational/trade school, continuing education certifications, and GED programs.

Application Window: October 1, 2026 – October 31, 2026

More Information: <https://fcef.com/scholarships/>

Fisher House Scholarships for Military Children Program

What: Total of 500 scholarship grants each for \$2,000

Who: Unmarried military dependent children under the age 23 who possess a valid Uniformed Services Identification (USID) card. The student's parent(s)/sponsor(s) must be active duty, reserve/guard, deceased, or retired from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Space Force. Must be enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate program leading to a bachelor's degree or a community/junior college designed to allow for a direct transfer into a four-year program. High school applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 basis). College applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. College freshmen must submit a first-semester college transcript.

Application Window: December 10, 2026 – February 11, 2027

More Information: <https://fisherhouse.org/programs/scholarship-programs/scholarships-for-military-children/>

Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Education Foundation

Mercer Scholarship

What: Award up to \$5,000

Who: Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard personnel, their spouses and dependent biological, step or adoptive children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren pursuing trade school, community and four-year college, and graduate degrees

Individual Contributions Scholarship

What: Award up to \$5,000

Who: Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard personnel, their spouses and dependent biological, step or adoptive children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren pursuing trade school, community and four-year college, and graduate degrees

Application Window: September 1, 2026 – April 1, 2027

More Information:

https://www.fra.org/fra/Web/Events_and_Programs/Education_Foundation_Scholarships/Web/Content/FRA_Education_Foundation.aspx?hkey=fe5fe4c8-48b6-4003-be7b-5f3f317c6600

Military Commanders' Scholarship Fund

What: Two \$5,000 scholarships per military branch

Who: Dependent children of active duty, reserve, National Guard or retired members of the United States military who hold valid Exchange & Commissary shopping privileges at the time of application. Must be a high school senior or graduate who has not attended college yet and plans to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university for the entire upcoming academic year. Must have a minimum cumulative 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent, at the time of application.

Application Window: TBD – May 1, 2027

More Information: <https://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/militarycommanders/>

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Charities Grants, Scholarships, and Interest-Free Loans

What: A combination of interest-free loans and grants, with the option to choose which type of funding they would like to accept.

Who: Dependent children of officers (must have paid MOAA membership), as well as, dependent children of active-duty/retired enlisted personnel. Students must be 24 years of age or younger and have a cumulative high school or college GPA of 3.0 or higher. Students must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at an accredited college, university, 2-year accredited program, or trade school.

Application Window: November 1, 2026 – March 1, 2027

More Information: <https://charities.moaa.org/scholarship-fund/loan-programs/>

National Association of Institutions for Military Education Services (NAIMES) Student Spotlight Award

What: An opportunity to gain valuable experience in both oral and written presentations of student work. \$1,200 cash prize awarded to the top project in five categories:

- 1) Active-Duty undergraduate student with less than 60 credits earned
- 2) Active-Duty undergraduate student with 60 or more credits earned
- 3) Active-Duty graduate student
- 4) Veteran
- 5) Active-Duty military spouse

Who: Active-duty personnel, veterans, and active-duty military spouses from all service branches. Students must be current students seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree.

Application Window: October 1, 2026 – December 15, 2026

More Information: <https://naimes.org/ssa/>

National Military Family Association Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarship

What: Rolling application open year-round with scholarships awarded on a quarterly basis for amounts between \$500 - \$2,500

Who: Spouse of a Service Member that served post 9/11/2001 and meets one of the below requirements:

- Active-duty service member
- Retiree (including medically retired)
- 100% Disabled Veteran
- Guardsman
- Reservist
- Fallen service member

You also must have, or be eligible to hold, a valid military/Uniformed Services ID and be accepted to a post-secondary degree program.

Application Window: October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027

More Information: <https://www.militaryfamily.org/programs/spouses-scholarships/>

Navy Wives Club of America Inc. Scholarship Foundation

What: Total of 31 scholarships given out annually

Who: Biological born, legally adopted, or stepchild of an enlisted (E1 - E9) member of the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard on active duty, or retired with pay, or the son or daughter of a deceased member of these categories. Applicants must have a valid dependent's I. D. card. Applicants must show basis of need for financial assistance, have a scholastic standing of at least a 2.5 grade point average (GPA), and be a graduate of an accredited high school or its equivalent or will qualify for graduation prior to beginning eligibility for assistance.

Application Window: December 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027

More information: <https://navywivesclubsofamerica.org/foundation-scholarships/>

Tillman Scholars Program

What: Merit-based scholarship with an average amount of \$10,000 per academic year

Who: Veteran and active-duty military service members from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces including the National Guard who have served in both pre-and post-9/11 eras and current spouses of veteran or active service members, including surviving spouses. Must be a full-time student pursuing one of the following degrees at a public or private, U.S.-based, accredited institution for the upcoming fall/spring academic year: • A full-time undergraduate degree (Bachelor's) • A full-time graduate or professional degree (Master's)

Application Window: December 1, 2026 – February 1, 2027

More Information: <https://pattillmanfoundation.org/apply>