

# 2025 - 2026 Scholarship Opportunities

## (Spouses and Dependents)

### Spouses

Scholarship/Grant Name	Open	Closed	Website
Coast Guard Foundation Reserve Families Scholarship	July 1, 2025	August 15, 2025	<a href="https://coastguardfoundation.org/scholarships">https://coastguardfoundation.org/scholarships</a>
Coast Guard Foundation Spouse Education Grant	August 1, 2025	Until funds run out or Dec. 1, 2025	<a href="https://coastguardfoundation.org/scholarships">https://coastguardfoundation.org/scholarships</a>
National Military Family Association Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarship	October 1, 2025	September 30, 2026	<a href="https://www.militaryfamily.org/programs/spouses-scholarships/">https://www.militaryfamily.org/programs/spouses-scholarships/</a>
First Command Educational Foundation Military Spouse Scholarship	October 1, 2025	October 31, 2025	<a href="https://fcef.com/scholarships/">https://fcef.com/scholarships/</a>
National Association of Institutions for Military Education Services Student Spotlight Award	October 1, 2025	December 15, 2025	<a href="https://naimes.org/ssa/">https://naimes.org/ssa/</a>
Navy Wives Club of America Inc. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard Enlisted Dependent Spouse Scholarship	December 1, 2025	March 31, 2026	<a href="https://navywivesclubsofamerica.org/scholarships/">https://navywivesclubsofamerica.org/scholarships/</a>
CGMA Supplemental Education Grant	December 1, 2025	Until funds run out	<a href="https://mycgma.org/programs/seg/">https://mycgma.org/programs/seg/</a>
Tillman Scholars Program	December 1, 2025	February 1, 2026	<a href="https://pattillmanfoundation.org/apply/">https://pattillmanfoundation.org/apply/</a>
Coast Guard Foundation Spouse Education Grant	January 15, 2026	Until funds run out or March 1, 2026	<a href="https://coastguardfoundation.org/scholarships">https://coastguardfoundation.org/scholarships</a>
Coast Guard Foundation Delta Dental Education Grant	January 15, 2026	March 1, 2026	<a href="https://coastguardfoundation.org/scholarships">https://coastguardfoundation.org/scholarships</a>
AMVETS Spouse Scholarship	January 1, 2026	April 30, 2026	<a href="https://www.amvets.org/scholarships">https://www.amvets.org/scholarships</a>
CGMA Supplemental Education Grant	April 1, 2026	Until funds run out	<a href="https://mycgma.org/programs/seg/">https://mycgma.org/programs/seg/</a>

## Dependent Children

Scholarship/Grant Name	Open	Closed	Website
Military Officers Association of America Charities Grants, Scholarships, and Interest-Free Loans	November 1, 2025	March 1, 2026	<a href="https://charities.moaa.org/scholarship-fund/loan-programs/">https://charities.moaa.org/scholarship-fund/loan-programs/</a>
CGMA Supplemental Education Grant	December 1, 2025	Until funds run out	<a href="https://mycgma.org/programs/seg/">https://mycgma.org/programs/seg/</a>
Fisher House Scholarships for Military Children Program	December 10, 2025	February 11, 2026	<a href="https://fisherhouse.org/programs/scholarship-p-programs/scholarships-for-military-children/">https://fisherhouse.org/programs/scholarship-p-programs/scholarships-for-military-children/</a>
Coast Guard Exchange Scholarship Program	January 1, 2025	February 28, 2026	<a href="https://www.coastguardmwr.org/cgx-scholarship">https://www.coastguardmwr.org/cgx-scholarship</a>
The CWO John A. Keller, CWOA Scholarship Grant	TBD		<a href="https://www.cwoauscg.org/scholarships.html#/">https://www.cwoauscg.org/scholarships.html#/</a>
The CWOA LT Art and Eleanor Colona Scholarship	TBD		<a href="https://www.cwoauscg.org/scholarships.html#/">https://www.cwoauscg.org/scholarships.html#/</a>
CPOA/CGEA Captain Caliendo College Assistance Fund	January 1, 2026	April 1, 2026	<a href="https://uscgcpoa.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3307">https://uscgcpoa.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3307</a>
AMVETS Children/Grandchildren Scholarship	January 1, 2026	April 30, 2026	<a href="https://www.amvets.org/scholarships">https://www.amvets.org/scholarships</a>
Coast Guard Foundation Children of Coast Guard Members Scholarships	February 1, 2026	April 1, 2026	<a href="https://coastguardfoundation.org/scholarships">https://coastguardfoundation.org/scholarships</a>
CGMA Supplemental Education Grant	April 1, 2026	Until funds run out	<a href="https://mycgma.org/programs/seg/">https://mycgma.org/programs/seg/</a>

## 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.

**Application Window:** January 1, 2026 – April 30, 2026

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> 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, 2026 – April 30, 2026

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

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## **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, 2026 - April 1, 2026

**More Information:** <https://uscgcpoa.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3308>

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## **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.

**Application Deadline:** TBD

### **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#/>

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## 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, 2026 - February 28, 2026

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

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## 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, 2026 - April 1, 2026

### 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, 2026 – March 1, 2026

### Reserve Families Scholarship

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

**Who:** Enlisted Coast Guard Reservists and their eligible spouse/dependents.

**Application Window:** July 1, 2025– August 15, 2025

### 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, 2025 – until funds run out or December 1, 2025 and January 15, 2026 – until funds run out or March 1, 2026

**More Information:** <https://coastguardfoundation.org/scholarships>

## 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:** December 1, 2025 – until funds run out and April 1, 2026 – until funds run out

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

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## 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, 2025 – October 31, 2025

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

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## 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, 2025 – February 11, 2026

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

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## 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, 2025 – March 1, 2026

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

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## **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, 2025 – December 15, 2025

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

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## **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, 2025 – September 30, 2026

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

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## Navy Wives Club of America Inc. (NWCA) Scholarships

### NWCA Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard Enlisted Dependent Spouse Scholarship

**What:** Multiple scholarships with amounts between \$1,000 and \$1,500

**Who:** Children, grandchildren, great-grandchild, or spouses of an enlisted (E1-E9) member of the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard (active duty, retired, widow or widower). The applicant must have a valid Dependent ID card (United States Uniformed Services Identification & Privilege Card). The applicant 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, 2025 - March 31, 2026

**More information:** <https://navywivesclubsofamerica.org/scholarships/>

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## 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, 2025 – February 1, 2026

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

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