

# **Financial Aid for Veterans, Military Personnel, and Their Families 2010-2012**

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A List of: Scholarships, Fellowships/Grants, Loans, and Grants-in-Aid, Set Aside Primarily or Exclusively for Veterans, Military Personnel, and Their Family Members, Plus a Set of Six Indexes

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# Introduction

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## WHY THIS DIRECTORY IS NEEDED

More than one third of America's population today has either direct or indirect ties to the armed services. This includes more than 25 million veterans, 3 million active-duty military personnel, and millions of their family members (including spouses, parents, children, grandchildren, and other descendants).

Over the years, a number of organizations have attempted to reward the members of these groups in a variety of ways. In 1944, Congress established the Veterans Administration (now called the Department of Veterans Affairs) to develop programs for the benefit of the men and women who served in previous wars. Today, the DVA provides a wide variety of funding opportunities to veterans and their families. Many state governments have also established or expanded programs that complement federal benefits. In addition, voluntary and other private organizations (most notably the American Legion) have raised millions of dollars to provide financial aid to their members, other veterans or military personnel, or their family members. Similarly, to recruit, retain, and reward their personnel (especially since the advent of the all-volunteer military), the armed services have developed wide-ranging benefits for members and those who are related to them. In all, billions of dollars a year are now set aside in the form of publicly- and privately-funded scholarships, fellowships, grants-in-aid, and loans for veterans, military personnel, and their family members.

Except for *Financial Aid for Veterans, Military Personnel, and Their Families*, no single guide has ever provided comprehensive coverage of the funding available to the millions of Americans with ties to the military. Instead, the other financial aid resources have focused either on one source of funds or on a small portion of the total funding available. For example, *Need a Lift* is issued annually to identify financial aid programs sponsored by the departments and auxiliaries of the American Legion (more than one quarter of which are not intended for those affiliated with the armed services). *Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents*, a listing produced each year by the Department of Veterans Affairs, describes only programs sponsored by the federal government, and less than one third of those are benefits that provide financial assistance; the others involve such nonmonetary services as passports to visit overseas cemeteries and availability of burial flags. Even the general financial aid directory that does the best job of covering programs for those affiliated with the armed services, *Scholarships, Fellowships and Loans* (published by Gale Cengage), identifies less than 300 programs in its most recent edition.

That's why Gail A. Schlachter and R. David Weber put together this new edition describing funding for veterans, military personnel, and their family members. With this up-to-date listing, individuals with ties to the military will now be able to use just one source to identify the billions of dollars available to them to support study, research, creative activities, travel, career development, emergencies, and much more.

## WHAT'S UNIQUE ABOUT THE DIRECTORY?

*Financial Aid for Veterans, Military Personnel, and Their Families* is the first and only publication to provide comprehensive information about the nearly 1,400 programs that have been set aside specifically for those with ties to the military. The listings in this book cover every major field of study, are sponsored by more than 500 different private and public agencies and organizations, and are open to all levels of applicants—from high school students, to college students, to professionals and others. By using this biennially-issued directory, the one out of three Americans eligible for military-related benefits (and the

counselors, advisers, and librarians who are there to serve them) can easily identify the total array of available funding programs.

In addition to its comprehensive coverage, the 2010-2012 edition of the directory offers several other unique features. First, all funding described here is substantial; every program offers at least \$1,000, and many award \$20,000 or more or pay all college expenses. In addition, there are hundreds of financial aid opportunities described here that are not included in any other resource; so, even if you have searched elsewhere, you will want to look at *Financial Aid for Veterans, Military Personnel, and Their Families* for additional leads.

Second, unlike other funding directories, which generally follow a straight alphabetical arrangement, this one groups entries by both type of program (e.g., scholarships, grants-in-aid) and recipient (veterans, military personnel, and their family members)—thus making it easy to pinpoint appropriate programs. The same convenience is offered in the indexes, where the entries are similarly subdivided by program type and recipient group. With this arrangement, users with one set of characteristics (e.g., veterans) will be able to find all programs set aside specifically for them—and not be distracted or have to waste time sorting through descriptions of programs intended for members of the other groups.

In fact, everything about the directory has been designed to make your search for funding as easy as possible. You can identify programs not only by recipient group, but by program title, sponsoring organizations, where you live, where you want to spend the money, individual subject areas, and even deadline date (so fundseekers working within specific time constraints can locate programs that are still open). Plus, you'll find all the information you need to decide if a program is a match for you: purpose, eligibility requirements, financial data, duration, special features, limitations, number awarded, and application date. You even get fax numbers, toll-free numbers, e-mail addresses, and web site locations (when available), along with complete contact information, to make your requests for applications proceed smoothly.

The unique value of *Financial Aid for Veterans, Military Personnel, and Their Families* has been consistently praised by the reviewers. *Reference Book Review* wrote, "This is the most comprehensive guide available on the subject of financial aid for those with ties to the military." The directory was "enthusiastically reviewed" by *American Reference Books Annual* (which judged it to be "exceptionally useful"), was called "comprehensive" and "authoritative" by *Midwest Book Review*, and was pronounced "easy to use" by *College & Research Library News*. In the view of *Booklist*, "This book fills a noteworthy gap" and libraries across the country "should make this well-conceived and useful information source a part of their reference collection." Perhaps Military.com summed it up best: "the definitive source."

## WHAT'S EXCLUDED?

The focus of the directory is on "portable" (noninstitution-based) programs designed primarily or exclusively for veterans, military personnel, and their family members. Excluded from this list are:

*Awards open equally to all segments of the population.* See the list of Reference Service Press titles opposite the directory's title page for publications that identify these unrestricted programs.

*Financial aid programs administered by academic institutions* solely for the benefit of their currently-enrolled students. Financial aid seekers should contact individual schools directly for this information.

*Service programs* for veterans, military personnel, and their family members. To obtain information about these benefits (e.g., job counseling, medical and dental care, treatment for alcohol or drug dependency), check with your state veteran's agency, your local DVA office, or the most recent annual edition of the DVA's *Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents*.

*Nonmonetary benefits* (such as burial flags, presidential certificates, and complimentary licenses for hunting and fishing). To obtain information, check with your state veteran's agency, your local DVA office, or the most recent annual edition of the DVA's *Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents*.

*Indirect aid programs*, where funds go to military-related agencies rather than directly to veterans, military personnel, or their family members. To obtain information, check with your state veteran's agency or your local DVA office.

*Money for study or research outside the United States*. Since there are comprehensive and up-to-date directories that describe all available funding for study and research abroad (particularly Reference Service Press's biennial *Financial Aid for Study and Training Abroad* and *Financial Aid for Research and Creative Activities Abroad*), only programs that support study, research, or other activities in the United States are covered here.

*Very restrictive programs*. In general, programs are excluded if they are open only to residents of a narrow geographic area (anything below the state level). To get information on these geographically restrictive programs, contact Reference Service Press directly or use *RSP FundingFinder*, Reference Service Press's subscription-based online funding database.

*Programs offering limited financial support*. Comprehensive coverage is provided for programs that can substantively impact the financial situation of veterans, military personnel, and their family members. Scholarships, fellowships, loans, and grants-in-aid must pay at least \$1,000 a year or they are not included here. Also excluded are programs that offer military personnel the opportunity to pursue college training but do not provide any financial support beyond their current salary. For information on these more limited programs, contact Reference Service Press directly or use *RSP FundingFinder*, Reference Service Press's subscription-based online funding database.

## EXTENT OF UPDATING IN THE 2010-2012 EDITION

The preparation of each new edition of *Financial Aid for Veterans, Military Personnel, and Their Families* involves extensive updating and revision. To insure that the information included in the directory is both reliable and current, the editors at Reference Service Press 1) review and update all programs requiring military affiliation currently in our funding database and 2) search exhaustively for new program leads in a variety of sources, including printed directories, news reports, journals, newsletters, house organs, annual reports, and sites on the Internet. Our policy is to write program descriptions only from information supplied in print or online by the sponsoring organization (no information is ever taken from secondary sources). When that information could not be found, we sent up to four collection letters (followed by up to three telephone inquiries, if necessary) to those sponsors. Despite our best efforts, however, some sponsoring organizations still failed to respond and, as a result, their programs are not included in this edition of the directory.

The 2010-2012 edition of the directory completely revises and updates the earlier biennial edition. Programs that have ceased operations have been dropped. Profiles of continuing programs have been rewritten to reflect operations in 2010-2012; nearly 85% of these programs reported substantive changes in their locations, requirements (particularly application deadline), or benefits since 2008. In addition, more than 400 new entries have been added to the program section of the directory. The resulting listing presents nearly 1,400 profiles of available scholarships, fellowships/grants, loans, and grants-in-aid.

## HOW THE DIRECTORY IS ORGANIZED

The directory is divided into two separate sections: 1) a descriptive list of financial aid programs designed primarily or exclusively for veterans, military personnel, and their family members; and 2) a set of six indexes to help you find the funding you need.

**Funding Available to Veterans, Military Personnel, and Their Families.** The first section of the directory describes 1,397 financial aid programs set aside primarily or exclusively for veterans, military personnel, and their family members. Entries in this section are grouped into the following four categories to guide readers in their search for a specific kind of financial assistance (e.g., a scholarship for undergraduate courses, a grant-in-aid for emergency assistance).

- **Scholarships:** Programs that support studies at the undergraduate level in the United States. Usually no repayment is required, provided stated requirements are met.
- **Fellowships/Grants:** Programs that support graduate or postdoctoral study, research, or projects in the United States. Usually no repayment is required, provided stated requirements are met.
- **Loans:** Programs that provide money for a variety of purposes (e.g., education, personal assistance, purchases) but eventually must be repaid—with or without interest. Scholarship/loans, forgivable loans, loans-for-service, and loan repayment programs are covered here as well.
- **Grants-in-Aid:** Programs that provide financial assistance for property and income tax liabilities, travel, emergency situations, service in dangerous military zones, or burial costs.

Each of these four categories is further divided into three population groupings: veterans, military personnel, and family members of veterans or military personnel (children, spouses, parents, grandchildren, other relatives, etc.). Within each of the subdivisions, entries appear alphabetically by program title. Programs that supply more than one type of assistance or assistance to more than one specific group are listed in any relevant subsection. For example, both undergraduate *and* graduate students may apply for the Air Force Spouse Scholarships, so that program is described in both the scholarship *and* in the fellowship chapters.

Each program entry has been designed to provide a concise profile that includes information (when available) on program title, organization address, telephone numbers, fax and toll-free numbers, e-mail address, web site, purpose, eligibility, money awarded, duration, special features, limitations, number of awards, and application deadline. (Refer to the sample on page 9).

Each entry in the directory has been written using information provided by the sponsoring organizations (in print or online) through the first half of 2010. While the listing is intended to cover available funding as comprehensively as possible, some sponsoring organizations did not respond to our research inquiries and, consequently, are not included in this edition of the directory.

**Indexes.** The directory's six indexes make it easy to search for appropriate financial aid opportunities. Program Title, Sponsoring Organization, Residency, Tenability, Subject, and Calendar Indexes follow a word-by-word alphabetical arrangement and refer the user to the appropriate entry by number.

*Program Title Index.* This index lists alphabetically all program titles and variant names of the scholarships, fellowships/grants, loans, and grants-in-aid covered in the first section of the directory. Since one program can be listed in more than one subsection (e.g., a program providing assistance to veterans at both the undergraduate and graduate levels is listed in two subsections), each entry number in the index has been coded to indicate program type (e.g., scholarship, loan) and availability (veterans, military personnel, or family members). By using this coding system, readers can turn directly to the programs that match their financial needs and eligibility characteristics.

*Sponsoring Organization Index.* This index provides an alphabetical listing of the more than 500 organizations sponsoring financial aid programs listed in the first section of the directory. As in the Program Title Index, entry numbers have been coded to indicate program type and availability.

*Residency Index.* This index identifies the residency requirements of the programs listed in the directory. Index entries (state, region, country) are arranged alphabetically. To facilitate access, the geographic terms in the index are subdivided by program type and availability group. Use this index when you are looking for money set aside for veterans, military personnel, and members of their families in a particular geographic area.

*Tenability Index.* This index identifies the geographic locations where the funding described in the directory may be used. Index entries (city, county, state, region, country) are arranged alphabetically and subdivided by program type and availability group. Use this index when you or your family members are looking for money to support research, study, or other activities in a particular geographic area.

## SAMPLE ENTRY

- (1) **[25]**
- (2) **MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**
- (3) Military Order of the Purple Heart  
Attn: Scholarships  
5413-B Backlick Road  
Springfield, VA 22151-3960  
(703) 642-5360 Toll-free: (888) 668-1656  
Fax: (703) 642-2054  
E-mail: scholarship@purpleheart.org  
Web: www.purpleheart.org
- (4) **Summary** To provide financial assistance for college or graduate school to members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) and their families.
- (5) **Eligibility** This program is open to 1) members of the MOPH; 2) direct descendants (children, stepchildren, adopted children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren) of veterans who are MOPH members or who were members at the time of death; 3) direct descendants of veterans killed in action or who died of wounds but did not have the opportunity to join the order; and 4) spouses and widows of MOPH members, veterans killed in action, and veterans who died of wounds. Applicants must be graduating seniors or graduates of an accredited high school who are enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a full-time program of study in a college, trade school, or graduate school. They must have a GPA of 2.75 or higher. U.S. citizenship is required. Along with their application, they must submit an essay of 200 to 300 words on "What it means to be an American." Financial need is not considered in the selection process.
- (6) **Financial data** The stipend is \$3,000 per year.
- (7) **Duration** 1 year; may be renewed up to 2 additional years.
- (8) **Additional information** Membership in MOPH is open to all veterans who received a Purple Heart Medal and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. A processing fee of \$15 is required.
- (9) **Number awarded** Varies each year; recently, 50 of these scholarships were awarded.
- (10) **Deadline** February of each year.

## DEFINITION

- (1) **Entry number:** Consecutive number assigned to each funding program and used to index the entry.
- (2) **Program title:** Title of scholarship, fellowship, loan, or grant-in-aid.
- (3) **Sponsoring organization:** Name, address, telephone number, toll-free number, fax number, e-mail address, and web site (when information was supplied) for organization sponsoring the program.
- (4) **Summary:** Identifies the major program requirements; read the rest of the entry for additional detail.
- (5) **Eligibility:** Describes qualifications required of applicants, application procedures, and selection criteria.
- (6) **Financial data:** Financial details of the program, including fixed sum, average amount, or range of funds offered, expenses for which funds may and may not be applied, and cash-related benefits supplied (e.g., room and board).
- (7) **Duration:** Period for which support is provided; renewal prospects.
- (8) **Additional information:** Any unusual (generally nonmonetary) benefits, restrictions, or requirements associated with the program.
- (9) **Number awarded:** Total number of recipients each year or other specified period.
- (10) **Deadline:** The month by which applications must be submitted.

*Subject Index.* This index allows the reader to use more than 200 subject headings to access the financial aid programs designed primarily or exclusively for veterans, military personnel, and their families listed in the first section of the directory. The extensive "see" and "see also" references provided there can aid in the search for appropriate funding.

*Calendar Index.* To assist fundseekers who often must work within specific time constraints, the Calendar Index identifies financial aid programs by filing date. The Calendar Index is arranged by group and divided according to program type (e.g., scholarship, loan) and month during which the deadline falls. Filing dates can and quite often do vary from year to year; consequently, this index should be used only as a guide for deadlines beyond 2012. It is important to note that not all sponsoring organizations supplied information on application deadline, so some of the programs described in the directory are not listed here.

## TIPS TO HELP YOU USE THE DIRECTORY

**To Locate Programs Offering a Particular Type of Assistance.** If you are looking for programs offering a particular type of financial aid (e.g., a scholarship for undergraduate courses, a grant-in-aid for emergency situations), turn to the appropriate category in the first section (scholarships, fellowships/grants, loans, or grants-in-aid) and read through all the entries in the subsection that applies (i.e., veterans, military personnel, or family members). Since programs with multiple purposes are listed in every appropriate location, each of the three target population subsections functions as a self-contained entity. In fact, you can browse through any of the sections or subsections in the directory without first consulting an index.

**To Locate a Particular Financial Aid Program.** If you know the name of a particular financial aid program and the type of assistance offered by the program (scholarship, grant-in-aid, etc.) and the availability (veterans, military personnel, or family members), then go directly to the appropriate category in the first section of the directory, where you will find the program profiles arranged alphabetically by title. But be careful: program titles can be misleading. The Air Force Health Professions Scholarship Program is available only to graduate students and therefore is listed under Fellowships/Grants not Scholarships. The Anne M. Gannett Award for Veterans is actually a scholarship, as is the Massachusetts Public Service Grant Program. Consequently, if you are looking for a specific program and do not find it in the subsection you have checked, be sure to refer to the Program Title Index to see if it is covered elsewhere in the directory. To save time, always check the Program Title Index first if you know the name of a specific award but are not sure under which subsection it would be listed.

**To Browse Quickly Through the Listings.** Turn to the type of funding and recipient categories that interest you and read the "Summary" field in each entry. In seconds, you'll know if this is an opportunity that might apply to you. If it is, read the rest of the information in the entry to make sure you meet all of the program requirements before writing or going online for an application form. Remember: don't apply if you don't qualify!

**To Locate Programs Sponsored by a Particular Organization.** The Sponsoring Organization Index makes it easy to determine groups that provide financial assistance to veterans, military personnel, and their families, or to identify specific financial aid programs offered by a particular organization. Each entry number in the index is coded to identify program type and availability, thus enabling users to target appropriate entries.

**To Locate Programs Open to Residents of or Tenable in a Particular Area.** The Residency Index identifies financial aid programs open to residents of a particular state, region, or country. The Tenability Index shows where the money can be spent. In both indexes, "see" and "see also" references are used liberally, and index entries for a particular geographic area are divided by both program type and eligible group.

**To Locate Financial Aid Programs for Veterans, Military Personnel, and Their Families in a Particular Subject Area.** Turn to the Subject Index first if you are interested in identifying financial aid programs for veterans, military personnel, or their family members in a particular subject area. To help you structure your search, the type of funding indexed (scholarships, fellowships/grants, loans, or

grants-in-aid) and the eligible group (veterans, military personnel, family members) are clearly identified. Extensive cross-references are provided.

**To Locate Financial Aid Programs for Veterans, Military Personnel, or Their Families by Deadline Date.** If you are working with specific time constraints and want to weed out the financial aid programs whose filing dates you won't be able to meet, turn first to the Calendar Index and check the program references listed under the appropriate group, program type, and month. To identify every relevant financial aid program, regardless of filing dates, read through all the entries in each of the program categories (scholarships, loans, etc.) and availability subsections (veterans, military personnel, family members) that apply.

**To Locate Information on Geographically Restricted or Financially Limited Funding Programs.** Only programs aimed at large segments of the population (at least a state) or offering significant awards (at least \$1,000) are covered in this directory. To get information on the other, more limited programs, contact Reference Service Press to search its comprehensive database directly.

## PLANS TO UPDATE THE DIRECTORY

This volume, covering 2010-2012, is the twelfth biennial edition of *Financial Aid for Veterans, Military Personnel, and Their Families*. The next edition will cover the years 2012-2014 and will be released in the first half of 2012.

## OTHER RELATED PUBLICATIONS

In addition to *Financial Aid for Veterans, Military Personnel, and Their Families*, Reference Service Press publishes several other titles dealing with fundseeking, including the biennially-issued *Directory of Financial Aids for Women* and *College Student's Guide to Merit and Other No-Need Funding*. For more information on these and other related publications, you can 1) write to Reference Service Press' Marketing Department at 5000 Windplay Drive, Suite 4, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762; 2) call us at (916) 939-9620; 3) send us an e-mail message at [info@rspfunding.com](mailto:info@rspfunding.com); 4) fax us at (916) 939-9626; or 5) visit us on the web: [www.rspfunding.com](http://www.rspfunding.com).

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# Financial Aid Programs for Veterans, Military Personnel and Their Families

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- Scholarships* ●
- Fellowships/Grants* ●
- Loans* ●
- Grants-in-Aid* ●



# Scholarships

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- Veterans* ●
  - Military Personnel* ●
  - Family Members* ●
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Described here are 765 programs designed primarily or exclusively for veterans, military personnel, and their family members that are to be used to pursue studies on the undergraduate level in the United States. Usually no repayment will be required, provided stated requirements are met. Of these listings, 122 are set aside specifically for veterans, 242 for military personnel, and 401 for their family members (spouses, children, grandchildren, parents, and other relatives). If you are looking for a particular program and don't find it in this section, be sure to check the Program Title Index to see if it is covered elsewhere in the directory.



## Veterans

[1]

### 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY VETERANS OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA SCHOLARSHIP

11th Armored Cavalry Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia  
Attn: National Headquarters  
P.O. Box 1948  
Plainview, TX 79073-1948  
Web: [www.11thcavnam.com/scholar.html](http://www.11thcavnam.com/scholar.html)

**Summary** To provide financial assistance for college to members of the 11th Armored Cavalry Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia (11ACVVC) and to their children.

**Eligibility** This program is open to 1) current members of the 11ACVVC; 2) children and stepchildren of current members of the 11ACVVC; 3) children whose legal guardian is a current member of the 11ACVVC; and 4) children of 11th Armored Cavalry troopers who were killed in action, died of wounds, or died as a result of service in Vietnam or Cambodia. Applicants must be enrolled or planning to enroll as an undergraduate student. Along with their application, they must submit brief essays on 1) the field of study they plan to enter and why; and 2) why they would be a worthy recipient of this scholarship. Selection is based on the essays and grades; financial need is not considered. Priority is given to children of members who were killed in action or died of wounds.

**Financial Data** The stipend is \$3,000; funds are paid directly to the recipient's school, in 2 equal installments.

**Duration** 1 year; nonrenewable.

**Additional data** This program was established in 1997. Recipients must use the awarded money within 20 months of being notified.

**Number awarded** Varies each year; recently, 19 of these scholarships were awarded. Since the program was established, it has awarded a total of 245 scholarships with a value of \$705,000.

**Deadline** May of each year.

[2]

### AAAA SCHOLARSHIPS

Army Aviation Association of America Scholarship Foundation  
Attn: AAAA Scholarship Foundation  
755 Main Street, Suite 4D  
Monroe, CT 06468-2830  
(203) 268-2450 Fax: (203) 268-5870  
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Web: [www.quad-a.org/scholarship.htm](http://www.quad-a.org/scholarship.htm)

**Summary** To provide financial aid for undergraduate or graduate study to members of the Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA) and their relatives.

**Eligibility** This program is open to AAAA members and their spouses, unmarried siblings, unmarried children, and unmarried grandchildren. Applicants must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as an undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited college or university. Graduate students must include a 250-word essay on their life experiences, work history, and aspirations. Some scholarships are specifically reserved for enlisted, warrant officer, company grade, and Department of the Army civilian members. Selection is based on academic merit and personal achievement.

**Financial Data** Most stipends range from \$1,000 to \$4,000. Special scholarships are \$11,000.

**Duration** Scholarships may be for 1 year, 2 years, or 4 years.

**Additional data** This program includes 3 special scholarships: the GEN Hamilton H. Howze Memorial Scholarship, the Helen

Cribbins Memorial Scholarship, and the Joseph P. Cribbins Scholarship.

**Number awarded** Varies each year; recently, \$268,500 in scholarships was awarded to 171 students. Since the program began in 1963, the foundation has awarded more than \$3.3 million to nearly 2,000 qualified applicants.

**Deadline** April of each year.

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### ADRIENNE ALIX SCHOLARSHIP

American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of New Hampshire  
State House Annex  
25 Capitol Street, Room 432  
Concord, NH 03301-6312  
(603) 271-2212 Toll Free: (800) 778-3816  
Fax: (603) 271-5352 E-mail: [nhalasec@amlegion.state.nh.us](mailto:nhalasec@amlegion.state.nh.us)  
Web: [www.nhlegion.org](http://www.nhlegion.org)

**Summary** To provide financial assistance to New Hampshire residents, including those recently discharged from the military, who wish to refresh or upgrade their skills at a school in any state.

**Eligibility** This program is open to New Hampshire residents who are 1) reentering the work force or upgrading skills; 2) displaced from the work force; or 3) recently discharged honorably from the military. Applicants must be interested in taking a refresher course or advancing their knowledge or techniques needed in today's work force at a school in any state. Along with their application, they must submit a 500-word essay explaining their career goals and objectives.

**Financial Data** The stipend is \$1,000.

**Duration** 1 year.

**Number awarded** 1 each year.

**Deadline** April of each year.

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### AMVETS NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR VETERANS

AMVETS National Headquarters  
Attn: Scholarships  
4647 Forbes Boulevard  
Lanham, MD 20706-3807  
(301) 459-9600 Toll Free: (877) 7-AMVETS, ext. 3043  
Fax: (301) 459-7924 E-mail: [amvets@amvets.org](mailto:amvets@amvets.org)  
Web: [www.amvets.org/programs/scholarships.html](http://www.amvets.org/programs/scholarships.html)

**Summary** To provide financial assistance for college or graduate school to certain veterans who are members of AMVETS.

**Eligibility** This program is open to AMVETS members who are veterans and U.S. citizens. Applicants must be interested in working full time on an undergraduate degree, graduate degree, or certification from an accredited technical/trade school. They must have exhausted all other government aid. Selection is based on financial need, academic promise, military duty and awards, volunteer activities, community services, jobs held during the past 4 years, and an essay of 50 to 100 words on "What a Higher Education Means to Me."

**Financial Data** The stipend is \$1,000 per year.

**Duration** Up to 4 years.

**Additional data** Requests for applications must be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope.

**Number awarded** 3 each year.

**Deadline** April of each year.

**[5]**  
**ANDREW J. ZABIEREK MEMORIAL  
 SCHOLARSHIPS**

Andrew J. Zabierek Foundation  
 P.O. Box 533  
 Chelmsford, MA 01824  
 (978) 726-2913 E-mail: info@ajzfoundation.org  
 Web: www.ajzfoundation.org

**Summary** To provide financial assistance to veterans from Massachusetts who are working on an undergraduate degree.

**Eligibility** This program is open to residents of Massachusetts who are honorably discharged veterans. Applicants must be working on a postsecondary or technical degree. Along with their application, they must submit a 500-word personal reflection essay on how their service has impacted them personally, how they will continue to serve their community and country in the future, and their educational and professional goals after they complete their education. Financial need is considered in the selection process.

**Financial Data** The stipend is \$1,500.

**Duration** 1 year.

**Additional data** This program was established in 2004 to honor Lance Corporal Andrew J. Zabierek, who was killed in action in Al Anbar provide of Iraq.

**Number awarded** 2 each year.

**Deadline** May of each year.

**[6]**  
**ANGELFIRE SCHOLARSHIP**

Datatel Scholars Foundation  
 4375 Fair Lakes Court  
 Fairfax, VA 22033  
 (703) 968-9000, ext. 4549 Toll Free: (800) 486-4332  
 Fax: (703) 968-4625 E-mail: scholars@datatel.com  
 Web: www.datatelscholars.org

**Summary** To provide financial assistance to graduating high school seniors, continuing college students, and graduate students who will be studying at a Datatel client school and are veterans, veterans' dependents, or refugees from southeast Asia.

**Eligibility** This program is open to 1) veterans who served in the Asian theater (Vietnam, Cambodia, or Laos) between 1964 and 1975; 2) their spouses and children; 3) refugees from Vietnam, Cambodia, or Laos; and 4) veterans who served in Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, and/or Operation Iraqi Freedom. Applicants must attend a Datatel client college or university during the upcoming school year. They must first apply to their institution, which selects 2 semifinalists and forwards their applications to the sponsor. Along with their application, they must include a 1,000-word personal statement that discusses how the conflict has affected them personally, summarizes how the conflict has impacted their educational goals, and describes how being awarded this scholarship will help them achieve their goals. Selection is based on the quality of the personal statement (40%), academic merit (30%), achievements and civic involvement (20%), and 2 letters of recommendation (10%).

**Financial Data** The stipend is \$1,700. Funds are paid directly to the institution.

**Duration** 1 year.

**Additional data** Datatel, Inc. produces advanced information technology solutions for higher education. It has more than 725 client sites in the United States and Canada. This scholarship was created to commemorate those who lost their lives in Vietnam or Iraq and is named after a memorial administered by the Disabled American Veterans Association in Angelfire, New Mexico.

**Number awarded** Varies each year. Recently, 10 of these scholarships were awarded.

**Deadline** Students must submit online applications to their institution or organization by January of each year.

**[7]**  
**ANNE M. GANNETT AWARD FOR VETERANS**

National Federation of Music Clubs  
 1646 Smith Valley Road  
 Greenwood, IN 46142  
 (317) 882-4003 Fax: (317) 882-4019  
 E-mail: info@nfmcc-music.org  
 Web: www.nfmcc-music.org

**Summary** To provide financial assistance for undergraduate education to members of the National Federation of Music Clubs (NFMC) whose careers have been delayed or interrupted as a result of their service in the U.S. armed forces.

**Eligibility** This program is open to undergraduate students who are majoring in music and whose musical careers were interrupted by military service. Applicants must be student members of the federation and U.S. citizens. Along with their application, they must submit an essay on their reason for wanting this award and their future plans. Financial need is not considered in the selection process.

**Financial Data** The stipend is \$2,000.

**Duration** 1 year.

**Additional data** The application fee is \$20.

**Number awarded** 1 each year.

**Deadline** February of each year.

**[8]**  
**ARMY COLLEGE FUND**

U.S. Army  
 Human Resources Command  
 AHRC-PDE-EI  
 Attn: Education Incentives and Counseling Branch  
 200 Stovall Street, Suite 3N17  
 Alexandria, VA 22332-0472  
 (703) 325-0285 Toll Free: (800) 872-8272  
 Fax: (703) 325-6599 E-mail: pdeei@hoffman.army.mil  
 Web: www.goarmy.com/benefits/education\_money.jsp

**Summary** To provide financial assistance for college to Army enlistees after they have completed their service obligation.

**Eligibility** Eligible for this program are high school seniors or graduates who enlist in an approved military occupational specialty (MOS) for at least 2 years, score 50 or above on the Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT), enroll in the Montgomery GI Bill, and attend a Department of Veterans Affairs-approved postsecondary educational institution on a full-time basis after completion of their service obligation.

**Financial Data** The Army College Fund (ACF) provides money for college in addition to that which the enlistee receives under the Montgomery GI Bill. The maximum benefit, depending on MOS, is \$44,028 for a 2-year enlistment, \$63,756 for a 3-year enlistment, \$70,956 for a 4-year enlistment, \$78,156 for a 5-year enlistment, or \$81,756 for a 6-year enlistment.

**Duration** 36 months; funds must be utilized within 10 years of leaving the Army.

**Additional data** Applications and further information are available from local Army recruiters.

**Number awarded** Varies each year.

**Deadline** Applications may be submitted at any time.

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## Family Members (Continued)

*July:* 936, 938

*August:* 964

*September:* 941

*October:* 985

*November:* 935

*December:* 933

*Any time:* 929, 950, 976, 981, 986

*Deadline not specified:* 940, 948, 954, 957, 962-963, 967-968, 984

### Loans:

*February:* 1054, 1057, 1068

*April:* 1047, 1062

*October:* 1062

*Any time:* 1048-1049, 1051-1053, 1055-1056, 1058-1061, 1064-1067, 1070-1072

*Deadline not specified:* 1050, 1063, 1069

### Grants-in-Aid:

*February:* 1300-1302, 1351-1352

*March:* 1318-1319, 1364-1366

*April:* 1304, 1337-1338, 1344-1346, 1383, 1386, 1388, 1394

*May:* 1311, 1397

*June:* 1292, 1315, 1341

*August:* 1384-1385

*September:* 1294-1296

*December:* 1325, 1330

*Any time:* 1278-1281, 1284-1287, 1289, 1291, 1293, 1297-1299, 1308-1309, 1312-1314, 1316, 1320-1321, 1326, 1329, 1332-1336, 1342, 1348, 1354-1358, 1360-1361, 1367-1368, 1370-1378, 1381, 1387, 1391-1393, 1395-1396

*Deadline not specified:* 1282-1283, 1288, 1290, 1303, 1305-1307, 1310, 1317, 1322-1324, 1327-1328, 1331, 1339-1340, 1343, 1347, 1349-1350, 1353, 1359, 1362-1363, 1369, 1379-1380, 1382, 1389-1390