

Air Force Education Benefits

Air Force benefits for military spouses and dependents are through the private, nonprofit Air Force Aid Society (AFAS), which provides scholarships, grants and loans, including:

- Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program, a highly competitive program that offers need-based \$2,000 annual grants to sons and daughters of active-duty, retired and deceased U.S. Air Force members.
- AFAS Merit Scholarship. A minimum of 10 \$5,000 merit-based scholarships are awarded to freshmen who have completed both phases of the General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant application.
- AFAS Supplemental Education Loan Program. A maximum \$1,000 grant for dependents who applied for the Arnold Grant.
- George S. Brown Spouse Tuition Assistance Program (STAP) provides need-based annual grants up to \$1,500 to spouses residing with an active-duty service member stationed outside the U.S.

Army Education Benefits

Army Emergency Relief (AER) is a private nonprofit that provides two military spouse education benefits, as well as one for the children of Army members.

- Patty Shinseki Spouse Scholarship Program Education Assistance Program is an Army spouse education benefit that provides assistance for up to four full-time undergraduate academic years or eight of part-time.
- Spouse Education Assistance Programs (SEAP) – for both stateside and overseas education – are based on demonstrated financial need. SSEAP provides grants of up to \$2,900 per academic year for education in the U.S. OSEAP provides spouses of active-duty soldiers overseas with up to \$2,500.
- Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program for Military Children provides up to four academic years of assistance for dependent children of soldiers. It must be re-applied for each year.

Coast Guard

The Coast Guard offers military spouse and dependent benefits through both the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Program and the nonprofit Coast Guard Foundation.

CGMA education benefits include:

- Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Supplemental Education Grant program provides up to \$500 yearly reimbursement for costs associated with degree, training or GED/HiSET programs.
- CGMA Stafford/PLUS Loan Fee Reimbursement pays back fees for any CGMA student who applies for a Stafford or PLUS education loan and is paid at the end of the academic term.

- CGMA Education Loan is for students enrolled in an associate's, bachelor's or graduate degree program at an accredited college or university, or in a VA or Department of Education-approved vocational technical training program.

The Coast Guard Foundation has five scholarships for spouses and dependents:

- Children of Coast Guard members can apply for annual scholarship of \$1,000-\$5,000.
- Fallen Heroes Scholarship is for children of Coast Guard members who lost their lives during active-duty operations and pays undergraduate education costs.
- \$500 grants for spouses of enlisted members in ranks E-3 through E-6 studying at an accredited institution or program to cover tuition, fees, supplies and related education expenses.
- Delta Dental Grants of \$2,000 for spouses of enlisted Coast Guard members in ranks E-3 through E-6 pursuing degrees in oral health, medical, nursing, and wellness professions.
- United Services Automobile Association (USAA) Reserve Scholarship for reservists and family members, which helps to cover education expenses like books, lab fees and technical equipment.

Navy and Marine Corps Education Benefits

The nonprofit Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) provides loans and grants to cover education costs for children (under the age of 23) of active duty, retired or deceased veterans; and spouses of active duty and retired service members. All are need-based.

- Travers Loan Program provides interest-free loans from \$500 to \$3,000 per academic year for dependent children and spouses of active-duty and retired Navy and Marine Corps members.
- USS Tennessee Scholarship Fund provides grants of up to \$2,000 per academic year for dependent children of active-duty and retired service members who are serving on, or have served on, the USS Tennessee.
- Spouse Tuition Aid Program (STAP) provides need-based grants of up to \$2,000 a year for undergraduate or graduate education to Navy and Marine Corps spouses stationed outside the U.S. Covers up to 50% of tuition.