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Oliver Wendell Holmes



GI BILL HOTLINE
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EDUCATION TUITION ASSISTANCE

FOREVER GI BILL

The Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017, also known as the “Forever GI Bill,” will bring significant changes to veterans educational benefits over the coming years. Most Changes enhance or expand education benefits for veterans, service members, families, and survivors. (benefits.va.gov/gibill/forevergibill.asp)

POST 9/11 GI BILL

The Post-9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for education and housing to honorably discharged veterans with at least 90 days of aggregate service on Title 10 Active Duty or Title 32 Active Guard Reserve Duty after Sept. 10, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. The Post 9/11 GI Bill will pay eligible individuals full tuition and fees directly to the school for all public school in-state students, attending classes at a greater than part-time rate.

A Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) based on the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for an E-5 with dependents is also provided. Distance learning enrollee’s housing allowance is equal to half the national average BAH for an E-5 with dependents. An annual books and supplies stipend is paid proportionately based on years of active duty service. (GIBill.va.gov)

MONTGOMERY GI BILL

Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) benefits are available for service members and veterans to help with education and training costs.

MGIB can be used to pay for many different programs including the following degrees; business, technical or vocational courses, distance learning including correspondence courses, apprenticeship/job training, flight training, licensing and certification exams.

VA educational benefits may be used while the service member is on active duty or after the service member’s separation from active duty with a fully honorable military discharge. Discharges “under honorable conditions” and “general” discharges do not establish eligibility.

Eligibility generally expires 10 years after the service member’s discharge. However, there are exceptions for disability, re-entering active duty, and upgraded discharges. (GIBill.va.gov)

FOLDS OF HONOR (PRIVATE)

Folds of Honor proudly stands in the gap, providing scholarships and assistance to the spouses and children of those killed or disabled in service to America.

Of the one million-plus dependents adversely affected by deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, over 87% do not qualify for federal scholarship assistance. We can honor those who fought for our freedom by serving the families they leave behind.

For more information, go to: www.foldsof Honor.org

TILLMAN MILITARY SCHOLARSHIP (PRIVATE)

The Pat Tillman Foundation's Tillman Military Scholars program supports our nation's active and veteran service members and their families by removing financial barriers to completing a degree or certification program of their choice. Study-related expenses such as tuition and fees, but also other needs, including housing and child care.

To apply, go to www.patillmanfoundation.org

POST-9/11 GI BILL TRANSFER OF ENTITLEMENT

The post-9/11 GI Bill also offers some service members the opportunity to transfer their GI Bill to dependents. An individual approved to transfer an entitlement to educational assistance under this section may transfer the individual's entitlement to the individual's spouse, or one or more of the individual's children or any combination of spouse and child. A family member must be enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) and be eligible for benefits, at the time of transfer to receive transferred educational benefits.

Visit www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_transfer.asp

TUITION ASSISTANCE [TOP-UP]

TOP-UP allows the VA to reimburse an individual for all or a portion of the charges for courses that are not reimbursed under certain military education programs. The amount of this benefit can be equal to the differences between the total cost of a college course and the amount of Tuition Assistance that is paid by the military for the course.

To be eligible for the TOP-UP benefit, the person must be approved for federal tuition assistance by a military department and be eligible for Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB)-Active Duty benefits or the Post-9/11 GI Bill.



YELLOW RIBBON GI EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

This program was enacted to assist eligible individuals with payment of their tuition and fees in instances where costs exceed the most expensive in-state undergraduate tuition at a public institution of higher education.

To be eligible, the student must be a veteran receiving benefits at the 100 percent benefit rate payable, a transfer-of-entitlement-eligible dependent child or spouse of a veteran.

VA will match the school's percentage (up to 50 percent) to reduce or eliminate out-of-pocket costs for eligible participants.

To receive this benefit, your school must agree to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program.

www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/yellow-ribbon-program/

RESIDENCY FOR TUITION PURPOSES

An applicant's tuition residency status is typically determined based on responses he or she provides as part of the admissions application. According to the North Carolina General Assembly, a student qualifies as a resident for tuition purposes if he or she has an established legal residence (domicile) in North Carolina and maintained that legal residence for at least 12 continuous months prior to being considered for in-state residency.

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DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE [DEA]

DEA is a federal VA benefit that provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents, spouses, and survivors of certain veterans.

To be eligible, you must be the dependent or spouse of a veteran who died or is permanently and totally disabled as the result of a service-connected disability, a veteran who died from any service-connected disability, a service member missing in action or captured in line of duty, a service member forcibly detained or interned in line of duty, or a service member who is hospitalized or receiving outpatient treatment for a service-connected permanent and total disability.

FRY SCHOLARSHIP (PRIVATE)

Children of an active duty member of the Armed Forces who has died in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001, are eligible for the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship. Eligible children attending school may receive up to their full tuition and fees for a public school or a statutory annual maximum amount for a public school, plus a monthly living stipend and book allowance under this program.

Website: gibill.va.gov

EDUCATIONAL FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR MILITARY AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE VOLUNTARY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Each of the four military services, the Coast Guard and the Selected Reserve Service Components operates its own voluntary education program.

www.dodmou.com

INCREASED TITLE IV STUDENT ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN OF CERTAIN DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE U.S. MILITARY

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) established certain conditions for an otherwise eligible student whose parent or guardian died as a result of U.S. military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001, to receive increased amounts of Title IV student financial assistance.

IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN SERVICE GRANT (IASG)

This program provides assistance to undergraduate students whose parents or guardians died as a result of U.S. military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001, and do not have a Pell-eligible expected family contribution.

NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NCTAP)

NCTAP provides assistance for tuition and required fees to qualified members of the NC National Guard.

NORTH CAROLINA VIETNAM VETERANS, INC. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (NCVVI)

Eligibility: applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a current resident of Wake, Durham, Harnett, Johnston, Franklin, Nash, Chatham, or Granville counties in North Carolina.
- Have been awarded the Vietnam Service Medal (VSM) for service in the Vietnam War, or
- Be a spouse, child, foster child, adopted child, grandchild, etc. of a Vietnam veteran (a recipient of the VSM).

RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS SCHOLARSHIPS (ROTC) – INCLUDES ARMY, AIR FORCE, NAVY & MARINE

Repetitive four-year scholarships are available on a competitive, merit basis to high school students who plan to enroll in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, or Reserve Officers Training Corps at a postsecondary institution.

COAST GUARD COLLEGE STUDENT PRE-COMMISSIONING INITIATIVE PROGRAM (CSPI)

The Coast Guard College Student Pre-commissioning Initiative (CSPI) provides up to two academic years of college tuition, required textbook costs, required fees, monthly salary of approximately \$2,900, medical and life insurance, 30 days paid vacation per year and leadership training.

SELECTED RESERVE/NATIONAL GUARD STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

The SLRP repays 15% or \$500, whichever is greater, on any outstanding balance on eligible loans. Payments are made once a year, on the anniversary of the enlistment, on loans at least one year old. Some limitations apply. Total repayment cannot exceed \$50,000. Only pre-existing loans can qualify. Value is subject to the availability of funds.

MAJOR NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS PRIMARILY TO ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY, VETERANS, AND/OR THEIR FAMILIES

- American Legion
- AMVETS
- Paralyzed Veterans of America
- Veterans of Foreign Wars

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Employers who want to gain highly skilled workers should consider working with apprenticeships.

Apprenticeships offer several advantages to businesses. By training an apprentice in a way that most effectively meets your needs, employers can strengthen their companies by investing in an apprentice who will use his or her skills to make them stronger.

North Carolina's Apprenticeship program is now managed by the North Carolina Community College System. To learn more, visit the program's website at [ApprenticeshipNC](https://www.apprenticeshipnc.com).



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U.S. News & World Report
- ▶ #1 best value among North Carolina public universities
SmartAsset.com
- ▶ #9 online MBA nationally
Princeton Review

Veterans' Education
ncsu.edu/veterans
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Military and Veterans Resource Center
mavrc.dasa.ncsu.edu
919.515.5636



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STUDENT LOAN DEBT AND FOR-PROFIT SCHOOLS

Veterans and service members are disproportionately harmed by student loan debt abuses

Nationally, student loan debt has exploded in the past decade, with education borrowing outpacing all other consumer loan debt. Estimates now put outstanding student loan debt at about \$1.4 trillion. Service members and veterans are particularly vulnerable to two areas of abuse that are major causes of the marked increase in student loan debt: loan servicing abuses and exploitation by predatory for-profit schools.

Service members are eligible for student loan benefits and protections under the Service members Civil Relief Act (SCRA), including a 6 percent interest rate cap for loans incurred prior to the start of military service. For many service members, that benefit includes student loan interest. However, some student loan services fail to comply with the SCRA. For example, Navient, the nation's largest student loan servicer, engaged in a pattern of violating the SCRA by failing to provide members of the military the required reduction in student loan interest. And, although disabled veterans who have a 100 percent Total and Permanent disability rating or receive a rating of Individual Unemployability (IU) qualify for student loan discharge, the discharge may not be properly applied to borrowers' accounts. In 2017, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and state Attorneys General in Illinois and Washington sued Navient for a variety of abuses, including failing to properly discharge the debt of disabled veterans.

Students at for-profit colleges have less favorable outcomes than others. They are less likely to graduate, more likely to take out student loans, have more debt, and are more likely to default on that debt than students at public or private four-year schools. In North Carolina, only 17.7% of students at for-profit schools complete their degree on time, compared to 56.4% of students at public four-year colleges and universities.

Service members and veterans are disproportionately and aggressively targeted by for-profit colleges seeking to take advantage of the G.I. Bill and other military educational assistance funds. Post-9/11 G.I. Bill funds and Veterans Assistance educational benefits are excluded from what is known as the 90/10 Rule, which prohibits for-profit schools from receiving more than 90 percent of funding from federal financial aid and requires that the remaining 10 percent come from private sources.

Because G.I. Bill funds are not considered federal financial aid under the 90/10 Rule, for-profit colleges aggressively recruit veterans and service members to exploit the loophole and collect as much G.I. Bill revenue as possible. Analysis of Education Department data by the nonprofit Veterans Education Success found that the for-profit sector's dependence on the federal revenue stream from veterans and service members has increased by almost 60 percent – growing from \$727 million in Fiscal Year

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Resources for North Carolina Veterans

If you are having trouble paying your student loans or encounter an issue with a for-profit college, please:

- ➔ File a complaint with the NC Attorney General's Office at **(877) 566-7226** or at **www.ncdoj.gov**
- ➔ File a complaint with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau at **www.consumerfinance.gov**
- ➔ If an active duty service member, military retiree, or dependent of either, or otherwise eligible for military legal assistance, contact the legal assistance office at the nearest military installation.
- ➔ Contact the Center for Responsible Lending at **(919) 313-8500**.
- ➔ Visit the U.S. Department of Education's information for military families and veterans: **www.ed.gov/veterans-and-military-families/information**

To learn more about student debt issues, visit

www.responsiblelending.org

2011-12 to \$1.15 billion in Fiscal Year 2013-14 for schools that received more than 90 percent of their revenue from federal sources.

Unfortunately, the federal government has rolled back certain consumer protection guidelines for student loan servicers and has proposed to eliminate federal student loan programs that can help service members and veterans reduce student loan debt. Federal developments have also put students of for-profit colleges at risk by delaying protections against failing for-profit programs and by delaying and potentially repealing protections for students who attended fraudulent for-profit schools.

Although protections are being eliminated at the federal level, there are steps North Carolina can and should take at the state level to prevent student loan servicers and for-profit colleges from engaging in abusive practices that prolong the problems of mounting student loan debt for service members and veterans. Those protections can include requiring student loan servicers to apply payments correctly, prohibiting servicers from defrauding or misleading borrowers, requiring that for-profit colleges spend taxpayers' money on instructing students rather than marketing and recruiting, and demanding that for-profit colleges meet minimum outcomes for job placement and student loan repayment rates.

If you would like to join our coalition, or learn more about this issue, contact **Rochelle Sparko at the Center for Responsible Lending** at **rochelle.sparko@responsiblelending.org** or **(919) 313-8500**.



Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support



Education Programs

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- ✓ College Admission Exams
- ✓ DoD Approved Academic Institutions
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- ✓ Contingency Area Education Support
- ✓ Advice Blog @ www.DANTES4Military.com

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- > NC State Veteran Resource Center

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Grant PE Credit to Service Members	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Has Clearly Articulated Military to Campus Credit Equivalencies	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Offer Priority Enrollment for Active Duty Military Students	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Has Call to Duty Student Policy	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Classify Military Students as Transfer Students	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Has One Admissions Counselor for Military Affiliated Students	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Offer Conditional Admission Contracts	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Has One Financial Aid Counselor for Military Affiliated Students	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Accepts Tuition Assistance	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Accept Veterans Education Benefit	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Offer Payment Plan for Students with VA Payment Delay	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Has Scholarship or Grant for Military Veterans or Dependents	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Has Military/Veteran Specific Housing or Assistance w/ Off Campus Housing	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Has One Student Affairs Person for Military Affiliated Students	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Has Student Veteran Organization or other Military Student Organizations	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Has Veteran or Military Student Space on Campus	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Has Military or Veteran Orientation	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Track Active Duty Military and Veteran Student Populations	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Identify Military Affiliated Students on the Student Data File	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Has PTSD,TBI and Military Stress Trained Support Staff	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Has Yellow Ribbon Program Participation	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Has Military Affairs Liaison Appointed	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Has Targeted Collateral Material for Military Students	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Has Military Affairs Committee	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Offer Core Education Curriculum Online	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Designate Military Ombudsman to Advocate on Behalf of Students	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Offer Targeted Online Programs to the Military	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Affiliate with the service members Opportunity College Network (SOC)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Employ VA Work Study Students	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Has Dedicated Web Presence for Military Affiliated Students	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Conduct for Faculty,Staff,and Student Military Student Awareness Training	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Has Military or Veteran "Seminar" Classes	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Deliver Classes on Military Base with approval from Military Installation	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Has Army ROTC	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Has Air Force ROTC	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Has Navy/Marine Corps ROTC	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

SOURCE: <http://old.northcarolina.edu/frc/uncserves/serves.html>



UNC SYSTEM VETERAN POC'S – WEB RESOURCES

APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Veterans Benefits:
financialaid.appstate.edu/apply/veterans-and-military-education

FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

Student Veterans Center:
www.uncfsu.edu/academics/colleges-schools-and-departments/military-education/fort-bragg-campus/student-veterans-center

NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY

Veteran Benefits:
www.ncat.edu/campus-life/student-affairs/departments/veterans-and-military-affairs/chapters.php

Veteran & Disability Support Services:
www.ncat.edu/campus-life/student-affairs/departments/veterans-and-military-affairs/index.php

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

Student Veteran Organization:
www.nccu.edu/enrollment/veterans-affairs

Veterans Law Clinic:
<https://law.nccu.edu/veterans-law-clinic/>

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

NCSU Veteran Affairs:
veterans.dasa.ncsu.edu/

Student Veteran Association
veterans.ncsu.edu/programs-and-services/student-veterans-association/

UNC ASHEVILLE

Student Veterans Organization:
transition.unca.edu/student-resources/veteran-students/

Veterans Benefits:
registrar.unca.edu/veterans/

Veterans Programs and Services:
transition.unca.edu/student-resources/veteran-students/resources-for-veteran-students/

UNC SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Veterans Benefits:
www.uncsa.edu/current-students/academics/office-of-registrar/military-benefits.aspx

UNC-CHAPEL HILL

Veterans Benefits:
registrar.unc.edu/academic-services/veteran-affairs/benefits-4/

UNC GREENSBORO

Veterans Resource Center:
veterans.uncg.edu/student-success/

UNC PEMBROKE

Veterans Benefits:
www.uncp.edu/academics/academic-resources/academic-and-military-outreach/military-affiliated-student-resources

UNCW

Military Student Resources:
uncw.edu/disability/studentveteranresources.html

UNC WESTERN

Army Career Degrees:
<https://www.wcu.edu/learn/academic-services/military-student-services/index.aspx>

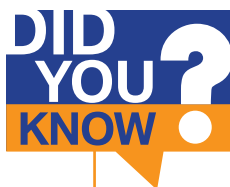
Distance Education:
www.wcu.edu/apply/distance-online-programs/

Military Student Services:
veterans.ncsu.edu/programs-and-services/student-veterans-association/

WSSU

Office of Military Services:
www.wssu.edu/admissions/registrar/military/index.html

Veterans Benefits:
www.wssu.edu/admissions/registrar/military/va-education-benefits.html



In fiscal year 2022-2023 alone,
 \$13 Million in scholarship funds
 were paid to NC institutions.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

NC Community College	VA Representative	Title/Role
Alamance Community College	Brian Barringer	VA Coordinator
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College	Sarah Mau	Veteran Services Coordinator
Beaufort County Community College	Patricia Windley	VA Certifying Official
Bladen Community College	J. Carlton Bryan	Disability, Testing, and Veterans Services Director
Blue Ridge Community College	Max Mauney	VA Certifying Official
Brunswick Community College	Tracy Somerlad	Director, Office of Student Financial Resources
Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute	Elen Gibbs	Coordinator Special Populations
Cape Fear Community College	Jason Bocchino	Coordinator, Veteran Affairs
Carteret Community College	Brenda Long	VA Certifying Official
Catawba Valley Community College	Elen Gibbs	VA Certifying Official
Central Carolina Community College	Jennifer Dillion	Veterans Upward Bound Director
Central Piedmont Community College	Erica Thompson	Military Families & Veterans Center – Central Campus
Cleveland Community College	Brinson Blanton	Assistant Director of Financial Aid
Coastal Carolina Community College	Jennifer Dillon	Director of Veterans Programs
College of The Albemarle	Stacia Sparrows	Director, Enrollment Services/Registrar
Craven Community College	Mitch Martin	Military Affairs Resource Center
Davidson County Community College	Beverly Brown Billings	Veteran Affairs and FA Technician
Durham Technical Community College	Demetrius L. Brown	Veteran Affairs Officer
Edgecombe Community College	Meosha Bellamy	Financial Aid Advisor/VA Coordinator
Fayetteville Technical Community College	Scott McCosh	Director of Veterans Programs
Forsyth Technical Community College	Paige C. Lee	VA Certifying Technician Veteran Resource Center
Gaston College	Darren Stewart	Veteran Affairs/Financial Aid Specialist
Guilford Technical Community College	Cara High	Coordinator, Veterans/Military Assistance Programs
Halifax Community College	Sheila L. Wiggins	Registrar/Director of Veterans Affairs
Haywood Community College	Tracy Rapp	Senior Director of Student Enrollment & Financial Aid
Isothermal Community College	Lisa Bridges	VA Representative
James Sprunt Community College	Shalonda Moore	Financial Aid/VA Specialist
Johnston Community College	Renee Underwood	VA Coordinator
Lenoir Community College	Sheila L. Wiggins	Director of Financial Aid
Martin Community College	Terri Leggett	Director of Financial Aid
Mayland Community College	Jessica Forbes	Director of Financial Aid
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COMMUNITY COLLEGES (continued)

NC Community College	VA Representative	Title/Role
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Montgomery Community College	Don Hatchel	VA Certifying Official
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Southwestern Community College	Sayward Cabe	Director of Financial Aid
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Surry Community College	Jay McDougal	Veteran Affairs & Financial Aid Specialist
Tri-County Community College	Katie Dockery	Director of Financial Aid & VA Certifying Official
Vance-Granville Community College	Faye Goude	Associate Director of Financial Aid
Wake Technical Community College	Michael McLamb	Veteran Affairs & Educational Service Manager
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MARINE FOR LIFE NETWORK

ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE

Marine For Life Network connects transitioning Marines and their family members to education resources, employment opportunities, and other Veterans services that aid in their career and life goals outside of military service.



Making Marines, Winning our Nation's Battles, Returning Quality Citizens

Through the development of robust networks of Marine For Life representatives, Veterans, employers, educators and mentors, Marine For Life Network provides continuity and assistance to those transitioning from active duty to ensure new Veterans successfully reintegrate and add value to our Nation's communities as they pursue their lifelong goals.

We offer assistance in...



Education

We partner with educational resources to build a network of military friendly schools to increase Veteran's assistance in the admissions process and educational pursuits.



Employment

We manage a database of employment resources, job fairs, and hiring events, as well as partner with federal agencies, national Veterans Service Organizations and top tier companies.



Resources

We offer a collection of valuable, and relevant education, employment, Veteran, and community resources.



Join Our Network!

Contact us or visit us online to learn how you can join the Marine For Life Network and help connect Marines with opportunities.

[✉ m4lops@usmc.mil](mailto:m4lops@usmc.mil) | [☎ 866-645-8762](tel:866-645-8762) | [🌐 marineforlife.org](http://www.marineforlife.org) | [🌐 company/marine-for-life-network](https://www.linkedin.com/company/marine-for-life-network)



NC INSTITUTIONS WHICH CURRENTLY PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS

PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

Appalachian State University
 East Carolina University
 Elizabeth City State University
 Fayetteville State University
 N.C. A & T State University
 N.C. Central University
 N.C. School of the Arts
 N.C. State University
 University of North Carolina, Asheville
 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
 University of North Carolina, Charlotte
 University of North Carolina, Greensboro
 University of North Carolina, Pembroke
 University of North Carolina, Wilmington
 Western Carolina University, Cullowhee
 Winston-Salem State University

COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS

Alamance Community College
 Asheville-Buncombe Tech. Comm. College
 Beaufort County Community College
 Bladen Community College
 Blue Ridge Community College
 Brunswick Community College
 Caldwell Community & Tech. College
 Cape Fear Community College
 Carteret Community College
 Catawba Valley Community College
 Central Carolina Community College

Central Piedmont Community College
 Cleveland Community College
 Coastal Carolina Community College
 College of the Albemarle
 Craven Community College
 Davidson County Community College
 Durham Technical Community College
 Edgecombe Community College
 Fayetteville Technical Community College
 Forsyth Technical Community College
 Gaston College
 Guilford Technical Community College
 Halifax Community College
 Haywood Community College
 Isothermal Community College
 James Sprunt Community College
 Johnston Community College
 Lenoir Community College
 Martin Community College
 Mayland Community College
 McDowell Technical Community College
 Mitchell Community College
 Montgomery Community College
 Nash Community College
 Pamlico Community College
 Piedmont Community College
 Pitt Community College
 Randolph Community College
 Richmond Community College
 Roanoke-Chowan Community College

Robeson Community College
 Rockingham Community College
 Rowan-Cabarrus Community College
 Sampson Community College
 Sandhills Community College
 South Piedmont Community College
 Southeastern Community College
 Southwestern Community College
 Stanly Community College
 Surry Community College
 Tri-County Community College
 Vance-Granville Community College
 Wake Technical Community College
 Wayne Community College
 Western Piedmont Community College
 Wilkes Community College
 Wilson Technical Community College

PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Barton College
 Barber-Scotia College
 Belmont Abbey College
 Bennett College
 Wake Forest School of Medicine
 Brevard College
 Cabarrus College of Health Sciences
 Campbell University
 Carolinas College of Health Sciences
 Catawba College
 Chowan University
 Davidson College
 Duke University
 Elon University

Gardner-Webb University
 Greensboro College
 Guilford College
 Heritage Bible College
 High Point University
 John Wesley Bible College
 Johnson and Wales University
 Johnson C. Smith University
 Lees-McRae College
 Lenoir Rhyne University
 Livingstone College
 Louisburg Junior College
 Mars Hill College
 Meredith College
 Methodist University
 Mid-Atlantic Christian University
 Montreat College
 Mount Olive University
 Wesleyan College
 Pfeiffer University
 Piedmont International University
 Queens University of Charlotte
 St. Andrews Presbyterian College
 St. Augustine's College
 Salem College
 Shaw University
 Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
 Southeastern Free Will Baptist College
 Wake Forest University
 Warren Wilson College
 Watts School of Nursing
 William Peace University
 Wingate University
 *Go to milvets.nc.gov for eligibility information and to apply



**N.C. DEPARTMENT OF
MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**



In appreciation of the service and sacrifices of North Carolina's War Veterans, a Four-Year Scholarship Program at North Carolina Approved Schools has been established for qualifying children of certain class or category of Deceased, Disabled, Combat or POW/MIA Veterans.

**NORTH CAROLINA SCHOLARSHIP FOR
CHILDREN OF WARTIME VETERANS**



For additional information about the Scholarship Program, contact NC DMVA.

CALL 844.624.8387 (Option 2) or

VISIT www.milvets.nc.gov/services/scholarships

<http://scholarships.milvets.nc.gov>

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicant must be under age 25; a resident and domiciled in North Carolina
- Veteran parent was a legal resident of North Carolina at the time of said veteran's entrance into that period of service in the armed forces during which eligibility is established, OR
- The applicant is a child, as that term is defined in 37 U.S.C § 401, who was born in North Carolina and has been a resident of North Carolina continuously since birth.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR VETERAN PARENT:

The veteran's qualifying criteria must have occurred during a period of war. (Exception: Eligibility may exist for peacetime veterans or reservists/National Guard if disability or death was incurred as a result of armed conflict or while engaged in extra-hazardous service.)

- Dies during wartime service or service connected death; or
- 100% totally disable due to wartime disability; or
- 20-90% service connected or received Purple Heart due to wartime disability; or
- In receipt of non-service connected pension, or received campaign medal, or veteran parent is deceased; or
- Former POW or MIA

For Class II & III, the application must be submitted on or before February 14th Annually. Class IA, IB or IV must be submitted on or before December 1 to be awarded on or about January 1; or June 1 to be awarded on or about July 1.

For Class II and III scholarships, a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA is required to continue receipt of the scholarship.

The scholarship is for 8 academic semesters in which the applicant will have 8 years to utilize the 8 academic semesters.



We're Honored To Serve You

As North Carolina's top public university for military-affiliated students, East Carolina University® remains committed to supporting veterans, those currently serving and families of the United States armed forces.

Programs and Services

- Top-quality degree programs in engineering, health care, industrial technology, business, education and more
- Military and Veterans Resource Center facilitating service members' transition to college life
- The Veteran Leadership Academy, the Veteran-to-Scholar Boot Camp, mentoring programs and more

Recognitions

- Recipient of the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award
- Recognized by Military Times as a "Best for Vets" college
- Ranked No. 1 in North Carolina and No. 6 nationally in the *Newsweek America's Top Online Colleges* list

military.ecu.edu

An equal-opportunity/affirmative action university

**DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE
IN CRISIS TO GET HELP.**

Contact us before you're in crisis. We're veterans helping veterans and their families. We understand the struggles. The fears. The hard transition home. We're here with more than 600 resources to help you no matter what you're facing.

- free mental health counseling
- financial needs
- housing/homelessness
- legal
- any stressor weighing you down

*PLEASE FILL OUT A CONTACT FORM
ON OUR WEBSITE AND WE WILL
RESPOND WITHIN 24 HOURS.*



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- ★ Introduction To Agriculture Programs
- ★ Learn To Grow, Market And Sell Ag Products
- ★ Work With Other Veterans
- ★ Develop Your Own Business
- ★ Become Involved In Feeding Your Community
- ★ Join The NC Farmer Veteran Network
- ★ Market Your Products With Other Veterans

LEARN TO GROW, MARKET, AND SELL AG PRODUCTS SUCCESSFULLY!



SAVE THE DATE

SIGNIFICANT DAYS AND OBSERVANCES
Learn more at www.milvets.nc.gov/events

MONTHLY

- Governor's Working Group (GWG)

QUARTERLY

- NC Military Affairs Commission (MAC)
- North Carolina State Veterans Affairs Commission (VAC)

JANUARY

- Invisible Pain Day
- National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
- MLK Day

FEBRUARY

- Black History Month
- NC African- American Military and Veterans Lineage Day
- President's Day

MARCH

- Women's History Month
- International Women's Day
- K9 Veterans Day
- NC National Guard Birthday
- Medal of Honor Day
- Vietnam Veterans Day

APRIL

- Month of the Military Child
- Gold Star Spouses Day
- Purple Up Day

MAY

- Military Appreciation Month
- Month of the Military Caregiver
- Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month
- Mental Health Awareness Month
- Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- Mother's Day
- Armed Forces Day
- Combat Female Veterans Day
- Memorial Day

JUNE

- PTSD Awareness Month
- D-Day
- Women Veterans Day
- U.S. Army Birthday
- Flag Day
- Father's Day
- Anniversary of the GI Bill

JULY

- Independence Day
- Hire a Veteran Day
- National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

AUGUST

- U.S. Coast Guard Birthday
- Purple Heart Day
- Victory Over Japan Day
- National Airborne Day
- Montford Point Marine Day
- Women's Equality Day

SEPTEMBER

- Hispanic Heritage Month
- National Day of Service and Remembrance
- National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- Constitution Day
- Anniversary of the NC DMVA
- U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard Birthday
- Gold Star Mother's Day

OCTOBER

- Indigenous Peoples Day
- U.S. Navy Birthday
- National Pets for Veterans Day
- Day of the Deployed

NOVEMBER

- National Veterans and Military Families Month
- Native American Heritage Month
- NC Military Hall of Firsts Day
- Operation Greenlight
- U.S. Marine Corps Birthday
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Giving Tuesday

DECEMBER

- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- U.S. Army National Guard Birthday
- Wreaths Across America Day
- U.S. Space Force Birthday

NOTE: This list is not inclusive of all State and Nationally recognized holidays and events

**Veterans Service Officers are always there ready to help.
For assistance from one of our VSO's,
visit page 6 to find your location.**



Veterans Service Officers attend the Annual NC DMVA VSO Conference.

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