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**GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP INFO**

**The FastWeb** Scholarship Search is the largest, most accurate and most popular free scholarship search site, with more than 35 million registered users. It is also the most frequently updated and provides automatic email notification of new scholarships that match the student's profile. The FastWeb Scholarship Search was the first scholarship database available for free on the web and is the most innovative and student-focused of all the scholarship search sites. <http://www.fastweb.com/>

The **College Board's** scholarship database lists scholarships and other types of financial aid programs from 3,300 national, state, public and private sources. The database is updated annually. [http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch\\_ss/welcome.jsp](http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp)

The **Peterson's** scholarship search lists awards from about 2,000 sponsors. This is the same database used to update Peterson's *Scholarships, Grants and Prizes* book. The web site was a little slow and the match precision very low, forcing one to dig through a lot of irrelevant awards. Otherwise the coverage of available awards was very good. Peterson's was acquired by Nelnet, an education lender, in July 2006. <http://www.petersons.com/ss/code/prompt.asp>

**NextStudent** offers a free scholarship search as a loss leader to attract students to their student loan products and services. Their scholarship search is based on the scholarship database formerly known as Scholarships101. The search results lists each named award from the same award program separately, leading to a large number of matches that correspond to a single application form <http://www.nextstudent.com/scholarship-search/scholarship-search.asp>

**Scholarship Experts** offers a free online scholarship search and college search service. (ScholarshipExperts dropped their membership fee in December 2005.) The size claims for this database appear to be exaggerated by about a factor of 5 (number of awards) to 10 (total dollar amount of awards). The award listings include detailed information about the awards and also allow one to look at a separate list of expired awards. The web site is supported by advertising. ScholarshipExperts was acquired by Goal Financial, an education lender, in May 2006. <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/>

The list of **Major-Specific** Databases provides information for specific majors or career interests, such as art, computer science, journalism, or nursing. FinAid also provides pages describing scholarships and other forms of aid available. <http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/majors.phtml>

**Scholarship info mainly for African, Latino, Asian, and Native Americans.** <http://www.allabroad.us/funding2.php>

**Career One Stop State Scholarships**

<http://www.careerinfonet.org/acinet/crl/library.aspx?LVL2=132&LVL3=n&LVL1=19&CATID=772&PostVal=2>

**Military One Source**

<http://www.militaryonesource.com/MOS/FindInformation/Category/MilitarySpouseCareerAdvancementAccounts/MilitarySpouseFinancialAidResourceList.aspx>

**MILITARY SCHOLARSHIP INFO**

**Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship** 1-888-442-4551, [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) This scholarship is for children of military personnel who died in the line of duty since September 11, 2001.

**Prospective Military Students.** Are you an active duty member, honorably discharged or retired veteran of a United States military service branch? Whether you served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or National Guard, tuition assistance may be available. You may be able to qualify for the *Imagine America* Military Award Program to help fund attendance at a participating career college. The *Imagine America* Military Award Program offers tuition assistance for military personnel who decide to pursue career college training. <http://www.imagine-america.org/scholarship/02-military-students.asp>

**The Fund for Veterans' Education** was established to provide scholarships to veterans from all branches of the United States Armed Forces who served in Afghanistan or Iraq since September 11, 2001 and who are now enrolled in college or vocational-technical school. We are

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committed to helping veterans close the gap between rising educational costs and GI benefits that have not kept pace. <http://www.veteransfund.org/>

**The National Military Family Association's** Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarships are awarded to spouses of Uniformed Services members (active duty, National Guard and Reserve, retirees, and survivors) to obtain professional certification or to attend post secondary or graduate school. Scholarships range in amount from \$500 to \$1,000, and the number awarded each year varies depending on funding. Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, fees, and school room and board. [http://www.nmfa.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Spouse\\_Scholarship](http://www.nmfa.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Spouse_Scholarship)

**Non-Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA) Scholarship Fund** The NCOA Scholarship Fund receives no federal or corporate donations and is supported entirely through donations from NCOA members. [www.ncoausa.org](http://www.ncoausa.org)

**THANKS USA** ThanksUSA is a non-partisan, charitable effort to mobilize Americans of all ages to "thank" the men and women of the United States armed forces by providing college, technical and vocational school scholarships for their children and spouses. [www.thanksusa.org](http://www.thanksusa.org)

**Severely Injured Service Members and Dependents Scholarship (PURPLE HEART)** The Department of Defense dedicated the Severely Injured Joint Operations Center in early February 2005. [www.dantes.doded.mil/sfd/index.asp?Flag=True](http://www.dantes.doded.mil/sfd/index.asp?Flag=True)

The **VFW Military Family Scholarship** is our response to those requests. The program provides twenty-five \$3,000 scholarships each year to VFW members who are currently serving in uniform [www.vfw.org/resources/pdf/militaryscholarship.pdf](http://www.vfw.org/resources/pdf/militaryscholarship.pdf)

**Commissioned Officers Foundation Scholarship** The Commissioned Officers Foundation offers thousands of dollars towards college scholarships for children and spouses of COA members. [www.coausphs.org/education.cfm](http://www.coausphs.org/education.cfm)

**The American Legion's Education Assistance Program** is its scholarship and financial aid guide <http://www.legion.org/search/node/scholarships>

**Sentinels of Freedom** provides four year "life scholarships" to help vets become self-sufficient. Our vets are finding that once they're released from the hospital, they face the everyday hardships of finding a home, continuing their education, or going to work to support their families. Every American faces the same difficulties, but in the vet's case, the situation is made more difficult because of their sacrifice. <http://www.sentinelsoffreedom.org/>

**The Fort Carson Officer Spouses Club (FCOSC)** is a private org designed to benefit families of the military members. They can provide scholarships from 500 and 1500 dollars to deserving students. They offer 3 categories: High School Seniors, Dependent Child Continuing Higher Education and Dependent Spouse. To request info: [fcosc\\_scholarships@yahoo.com](mailto:fcosc_scholarships@yahoo.com)

**The Daniels Fund Scholarship Program** consists of the **Daniels Scholarship** and the **Daniels Opportunity Scholarship**. **Daniels Scholarships** are awarded in the spring to graduating high school seniors and are supplemental after other federal, state, institutional, and private financial aid and scholarships. Students may use their scholarship at any two- or four-year accredited nonprofit college or university intention to complete a bachelor's degree. **Daniels Opportunity Scholarships** are distributed to two- and four-year colleges and universities in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming that provide scholarships to support non-traditional students including adults entering or returning to college; students from alternative schools, juvenile justice facilities and youth offender programs; GED recipients; former foster care youth, returning military, and others. For more information, use the [scholarselection@danielsfund.org](mailto:scholarselection@danielsfund.org), or call 1-877-791-4726 (toll free). <http://www.danielsfund.org/Scholarships/index.asp>

**Army Emergency Relief (AER) Scholarships:** 1-866-878-6378. Dependent children and spouse assistance. Visit website: <http://www.aerhq.org/education.asp>

**Military Order of the Purple Heart Scholarship (MOPH)** it is for MOPH members, their spouses and their direct descendants. The scholarship fund can be used to tuition, books, incidental fees, room and board, and other direct associated costs of higher education except transportation expenses. [www.purpleheart.org](http://www.purpleheart.org) 1-703-642-5360

## FEDERAL AID

### FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

You must apply for a pin at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) and then complete the FAFSA at the below web site. For additional information call 1-800-4-FED-AID. Federal Student Aid, an office of the U.S. Department of Education, ensures that all eligible individuals can benefit from federally funded or federally guaranteed financial assistance for education beyond high school. <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/?ID=admission>