



Top 5 FAQs – Scholarships/Grants

1. What scholarships are available for military spouses/dependents?

- Air & Space Forces Association offers many scholarships. Go to www.afa.org/scholarships for more information. Application deadlines are **April 30, 2024**.
- Air Force Aid Society offers grants and scholarships. Go to <https://afas.org/haparnoldgrant/> for more information. Application deadline is **April 30, 2024**.
- Check with your local Base Spouses Club or privatized housing for scholarships.
- There are many other scholarships for military spouses/dependents. Check with your school if they offer one for military spouses or other local organizations.

2. How do I find potential scholarships?

- Use a scholarship search engine to find scholarships that you are eligible for. Here are some search engines to consider:
 - i. <https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx>
 - ii. <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
 - iii. <https://www.scholarships.com/>
 - iv. <https://www.military.com/topics/college-scholarships>
 - v. <https://www.fastweb.com/>
 - vi. <https://search.militaryscholar.org/>
- Contact your local organizations (bank, chamber of commerce, religious institutions, volunteer organizations, rotary clubs, etc.) for other scholarship opportunities.
- Check with your program at your school – some programs have additional scholarships beyond what the university may offer.

3. Do I need to complete/submit FAFSA?

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will offer students the opportunity for grants and scholarships at their current or prospective academic institutions.
- Students can complete/fill out a FAFSA every year. Students will need access to income tax records from the previous two years for the FAFSA.

4. What is MyCAA/Am I eligible for MyCAA?

- MyCAA stands for the My Career Advancement Account Scholarship. It's a workforce development program that provides up to **\$4,000** in financial assistance to eligible military spouses for the pursuit or maintenance (including continuing education courses) of a license, certification, or associate's degree necessary to gain employment in an occupation or career field.
- Eligibility requirements:



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- i. Spouses of service members on active duty in pay grades E1-E6, W1-W2, and O1-O3.
 1. Must have successfully completed high school and able to request tuition assistance while their military sponsor is on Title 10 military orders.
- ii. Spouses of National Guard and Reserves in same pay grades as above.

5. Are there any scholarships at Minot AFB?

- The Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation scholarship is for residents of a Balfour Beatty Communities property (i.e. Minot AFB Family Homes) and provides one-year scholarships for those looking to make a difference both in and out of the classroom. Application deadline is **March 21, 2024**.
 - i. See <https://bbcommunitiesfoundation.org/scholarships> for more information.
- Also, check with the Minot AFB Spouses Club. They usually offer academic scholarships for military spouses/dependents in the spring.

Testing Corner

It is promotion testing season! Here are some tips to remember to ensure that your testing session goes as smooth as possible:

- Pay close attention to the **confirmation emails** you receive regarding your test. These communications have pertinent information regarding date, time, location, and required documents for your specific test.
- Make sure you have your **CAC** with you. Do not forget this item!
- Plan to arrive NLT 15 minutes **before** your scheduled test time.
- Arrive in **uniform** for all tests. Civilian clothes are not authorized during testing.
- No food or water is allowed in the testing rooms. This includes gum and candy.
- All cell phones, smart watches, fitness trackers, study materials, etc. **MUST** be left outside the testing room. There are lockers available outside the testing room for your use during your test.
- Don't forget to study and prepare for your test!

The Minot AFB Education Center offers the following tests:

AFCT	AFOQT	AFRAT	CDC	DLAB	DLPT
EDPT	EPQT	FAA	HAZMAT	OPI	TAPAS
TBAS	TYPING	WAPS			

For more information regarding testing, please contact our Test Control Officer at 701-723-4394 and the Civilian Training Manager at 701-723-2883.



Scholarships and Grants

Scholarship Search Engines:

- <https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
- <https://www.scholarships.com/>
- <https://www.military.com/topics/college-scholarships>
- <https://www.fastweb.com/>
- <https://search.militaryscholar.org/>

Other Private Scholarships:

- Air Force Aid Society <https://www.afas.org/how-we-help/education-support/>
- Air Force Association <https://www.afa.org/informationfor/military/scholarships>
- AF Services Club Membership Scholarship Program:
<http://www.myairforcelife.com/clubs/Scholarship.aspx>
- American Legion <https://www.legion.org/scholarships>
- AMVETS <http://amvets.org/scholarships/>
- Balfour Beatty <https://www.bbcommunitiesfoundation.org/>
- CCME Scholarships <http://ccmeonline.org/awardsandscholarships>
- Fisher House Scholarships: <https://fisherhouse.org/programs/scholarship-programs/>
- Minot Spouses Club Scholarships <https://minotafbsc.wordpress.com/scholarships/>
- VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" <http://www.vfw.org/assistance/student-veterans-support>

ESO Tip: Do not forget to ask your local organizations (banks, church, volunteer organizations, and social groups) about scholarship sponsorships.

ESO Tip: Ask your School Advisor about in house scholarships and work-study opportunities.

ESO Tip: What veteran benefits does your home state offer?





Helpful Websites

Air Force Virtual Education Center:

<https://afvec.us.af.mil/afvec/public/welcome>

Frequently Used Websites

Federal Student Aid

<https://studentaid.gov/>

GI Bill Comparison

<https://www.va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>

PSLF Help Tool

<https://studentaid.gov/pslf/>

PSLF & TEPSLF App

<https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/public-service-application-for-forgiveness.pdf>

SAT Information

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat?excmplid=vt-00051>

Student Loan Repay

<https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans/lower-payments>

Tutoring Help:

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

<https://www.mathway.com/Algebra>

<https://www.asvabprogram.com/>

<https://www.dantes.doded.mil/>

<https://dantes.petersons.com/>

<https://www.tutor.com/>

<https://dodmwrlibraries.org/>

<https://military.tutor.com/eligibility>

Access the Mango language learning software free

at <https://dodmwrlibraries.org/>



On Base Schools

Columbia College

Phone: 701-714-0000

Website: <http://www.ccis.edu/>

Upcoming Terms:

Mar 4, 2024 – Apr 27, 2024 (8 weeks)

Schedule:

[Columbia College Online Course Schedule](#)

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Office Phone: 701-727-9007

Teams Phone: 928-777-6342

Email: minot@erau.edu

Website: <https://worldwide.erau.edu/locations/minot/>

Upcoming Terms:

Mar 18, 2024 – May 19, 2024 (9 weeks)

Apr 15, 2024 – Jun 16, 2024 (9 weeks)

Schedule:

[Course Search | Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Worldwide \(erau.edu\)](#)

Minot State University

Phone: 701-727-9044

Phone: 701-340-0812

Website: <http://www.minotstateu.edu/cel/mafb.shtml>

Upcoming Terms:

Mar 11, 2024 – May 2, 2024 (8 weeks – Term 2)

Schedule:

[Minot AFB Spring 2024 Class Schedule](#)

Park University

Phone: 844-884-8612

Email: pgallegos@park.edu

Website: <https://www.park.edu/>

Upcoming Terms:

Mar 11, 2024 – May 5, 2024 (Term 2)

Schedule:

<https://app.park.edu/course/index.aspx>