

MINOT AFB EDUCATION APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

Do you ever ask yourself:

- What are the benefits of getting an education while in the military?
 - Where should I go to school?
 - What degree do I want to pursue?





WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF GETTING AN EDUCATION WHILE IN THE MILITARY?

1. Taking courses in your AFSC can develop skills faster than just getting military training. Making you a more likely candidate for promotion within your specialty area.
2. Military gives promotion or advancement credits for college credits earned no matter what you study, allowing the possibility to rank up faster.
3. If your dream is to become an officer, the most common way enlisted service members achieve this is enrolling in an officer training program. To get accepted you will most likely need a four-year degree.
4. Most likely will lead to more career opportunities and higher pay. Advantage to using Tuition Assistance can lead to very little out of pocket expense for schooling.

WHERE SHOULD I GO TO SCHOOL?

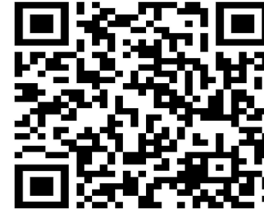
1. Where can I go to find schools that accept Tuition Assistance (TA)?
2. [DoD Comparison Tool - Home Page](#) TA Decide is a DOD information and comparison tool to assist members in making informed choices on schools and education programs. It is tailored to the needs of the TA participants.
3. You can search by school, state, accreditation type, school type, learning method, programs, and degree level.
4. TA decide also gives a breakdown on how much military are charged for tuition and fees, a point of contact for school specific TA questions and direct link to the school website. It's like a one stop shop!

WHAT DEGREE DO I WANT TO PURSUE?

CAREER PATH DECIDE

TA DECIDE

KUDER JOURNEY



1. Head over to [Career Path DECIDE](#) and take the assessment. You can research career paths based off your skills, lifestyle, interests, and values.
2. On Career Path Decide, research high growth careers and how your skills, experience, education, interests, lifestyle, locations, values, and goals can play a part in selecting your degree.
3. Under Servicemember Resources, on Career Path Decide, view learning videos on setting career goals, growth mindset, deciding what and where to study, how Tuition Assistance align school and degree with your overall career goals, and credentialing opportunities online.
4. Did you know, if you are working towards a civilian associates, bachelor's, or master's degree, the Career Path Decide assessment and counseling are mandatory to use TA?
5. You can also check out [College and Career Planning \(Kuder Journey\)](#). Kuder Journey can help create education as well as career paths based off your skills, goals, what you are passionate about and what is most important to you.

UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTIFICATIONS

CYBER EDUCATION FAIR

22 April 25
11:00AM - 1:00PM
Rockers Bar & Grill

Come learn what the colleges on Minot AFB have to offer!

For details, call the Education Center at 723-2772

- As of 2023, the number of jobs in cyber fields is 180,700.
- Median pay as of 2023 is \$57.87 per hour and \$120,360 per year.
- The job outlook for 2023-33 is growing 33%, faster than average!



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Next CCAF Graduation
is July 18th
@14:30 & will be
At the
Jimmy Dolittle Center
POC: Richard Hellen

Richard.Hellen@us.af.mil

- Weekly Tuition Assistance Briefs Every Tuesday at 1000 and Every Thursday at 1330, No Appointment Necessary.
- Skillbridge Briefs Every Wednesday at 1000, No Appointment Necessary.
- Location Room 211 of Education Center OR Call to schedule Us to Come To Your Unit.

Air University Registrar Office has assumed responsibility for Officer Education Record Updates **as of 29 March 2025**. For your convenience during this transition, the following information is provided on behalf of Air University Registrar Office.

All correspondence requesting updates to academic level should be addressed to:

Air University Academic Coding Branch
60 W Schumacher Ave
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112
1-334-649-5114

E-mail: AU.RO.Workflow@us.af.mil

<https://www.afit.edu/CODING/>

UPCOMING ON-BASE CLASSES

University of Maryland Global Campus

Class from May 14th- July 8th, 2025



Course	Class #/section	Course Title	Session	Credits	Building/room	Days/Time	Instructor
NUTR100	54278 Sec. 6520	Elements of Nutrition	8wks	3	MAFB ED Center	Wed. 5:30-8:30	TBD

Please reach out to Alicia Holcomb or Cecilia Osorio for additional classes at: 701-317-9263

UMGC will be Waiving the Application fee From 14 April-30 May!!

Dakota College at Bottineau

Class from June 2nd-July 25th, 2025



Course	Class #	Course Title	Session	Credits	Building/room	Days/Time	Instructor
AH134	TBD	Medical Disorders	8wks	3	MAFB ED CENTER	W 6:00-7:15PM	Hauf
AH171	TBD	Medical Terminology	8wks	3	MAFB ED CENTER	W 4:30-5:15PM	Hauf
HPER210	TBD	First Aid/CPR	8wks	1	MAFB ED CENTER	TU 5:30-6:30pm	Backen
HIST224	TBD	American Studies 1	8wks	3	MAFB ED CENTER	TBD	Moss

Please reach out to Dimitra Shelton for additional information & classes at: 701-858-3187

UPCOMING ON-BASE CLASSES

Minot State University General Education / CCAF Courses Class from May 27th- July 24 ,2025

Course	Call #	Course Title	Session	Credits	Building/ room	Days/Time	Instructor
COMM110	8579	Fund. Of Public Speaking	8wks	3	MAFB ED Center	TU & TH. 7:00-9:40PM	Lyman
ENGL110	8745	COLLEGE COMPOSITION I	8WKS	3	MAFB ED CENTER	TU & TH 4:00-6:30PM	WATTS
PSY111	8588	INTRO TO PSYCHOLOGY	8WKS	3	MAFB ED CENTER	M & W 6:00-8:30PM	TBD
MATH103		COLLEGE ALGEBRA	8WKS	4	MAFB ED CENTER	TBD	TBD
SOC110	8847	INTRO TO SOCIOLOGY	8WKS	3	MAFB ED CENTER	TU & TH 7:00-9:30PM	LARSHUS

Please reach out to Brigitte Mikula for additional course offering and questions at 701-727-9044



Scholarship & Grant Opportunities



“BEE” ARNOLD SPOUSE TUITION PROGRAM



Applications for the “Bee” Arnold Spouse Tuition Program will be available through the Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) Application Portal effective January 3, 2025 - until funds are expended.

To apply, visit us online at: <https://portal.afas.org>

This program provides funding for spouses:

- to pursue entry-level job training to help secure immediate, viable employment through short term programs/certifications or
- to pursue a PART-TIME undergraduate degree at an accredited 2-4 year college, university or vocational/trade school approved by the U.S. Department of Education for participation in federal aid programs.

Spouses of U.S. Air Force and Space Force members on active duty, Title 10 Reserve and Guard on extended active duty, and Title 32 Guard performing full-time active duty are eligible and can receive up to \$2,500.

For more information, please visit www.afas.org



Certifications being considered include; but are not limited to:

- Medical Billing & Coding/Transcription
- Medical Office Administration
- Dental Assistant
- Nursing Assistant/Aide
- Medical Lab/Phlebotomy
- Physical Therapy Aide
- Pharmacy Tech.
- Veterinary Assistant
- Basic Computer Skills
- Graphic Design
- HR Management
- Social Media Marketing
- Real Estate License
- Digital Photography



GENERAL HENRY H. ARNOLD GRANT



Applications for the General Henry H. Arnold Grant will be accepted through the Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) Application Portal from January 2 – April 30, 2025

To apply, visit us online at: <https://portal.afas.org>

This program is the centerpiece of the AFAS education support. The application process for the Arnold Grant serves as a platform for other key education support opportunities at the Society, including the Merit and Grit Scholarship programs, and Interest-free Supplemental Loan program.

The Hap Arnold grant is uniquely tailored to recognize the proper weighing of family income and education costs.

Award amounts vary each year based on the number of applicants, total approved grant budget, applicant's Student Aid Index (SAI) from FAFSA and cost of attendance at the college or university student is attending. The specific amount awarded correlates to a student's particular level of financial need.

Eligibility:

- Dependent children of active-duty, Title 10 Guard/Reserve on extended active-duty, Title 32 AGR performing full-time active-duty, retired or deceased Air Force & Space Force members.
- Spouses of active-duty Air Force & Space Force members, Title 10 Guard/Reserve on extended active-duty, or Title 32 AGR performing full-time active-duty.
- Surviving spouses of active-duty or retired Air Force & Space Force members.
- Students must be pursuing a full-time undergraduate degree at a 2 or 4 year college, or vocational/trade school approved by the Department of Education.

For more information, please visit www.afas.org



UNIVERSITIES LOCATED IN THE EDUCATION CENTER AT MINOT AFB

Minot State University

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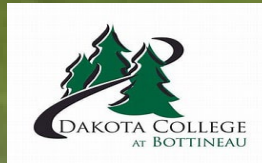
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Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

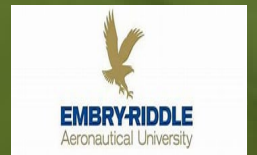
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701-723-2774
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701-723-2773

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