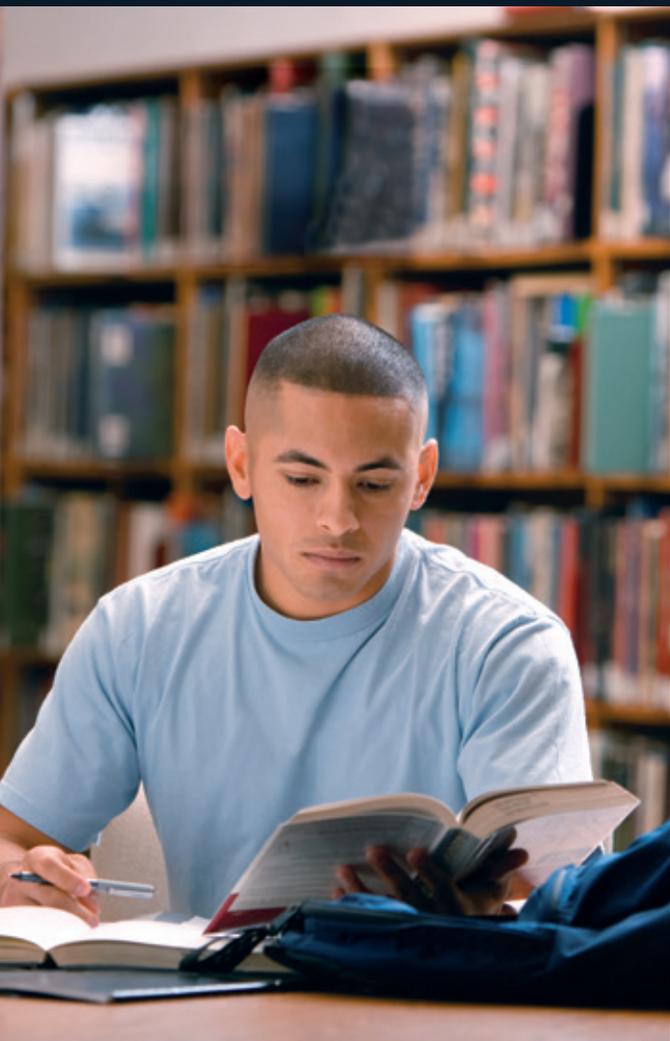


# MARINE EXCELLENCE THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION

From the day you prove worthy of wearing the Eagle, Globe and Anchor, you are fully prepared to win any battle you are engaged in, whether personal or on behalf of our Nation. We believe education plays a major role in this preparedness. For those interested, the Marine Corps offers many types of educational opportunities, including the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC), the Frederick C. Branch Leadership Scholarship, the Pedro Del Valle Leadership Scholarship as well as the Post-9/11 GI Bill.



# MARINES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



## HIGHER EDUCATION, A POWERFUL OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE TO ALL MARINES.

You believe in yourself and have the confidence that no enemy can defeat you. This is the kind of self-confidence and courage necessary to become a Marine and why providing diverse educational opportunities is a priority for the United States Marine Corps.



### SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

All scholarships pay full tuition, instructional (academic) fees, provide uniforms, a subsistence allowance and an annual book stipend.

Available programs and scholarships:

#### TUITION ASSISTANCE (TA):

- Active-duty Marine Corps personnel, active-duty Marine Corps Reserve personnel (Active Reserve (AR), Extended Active Duty (EAD) and Mobilized Reserves) are eligible for Marine Corps TA.
- TA funds are authorized up to 100% of tuition and fees, including lab, technology, and distance learning fees. Marines must earn a grade of C or higher or P for passing all non-graduate level coursework, and B or higher for graduate level courses.

#### Post-9/11 GI Bill

The Post-9/11 GI Bill is a scholarship for active-duty Marines. A Marine must have accrued specific qualifying active-duty service, on or after, 11 September 2001 of: (1) at least 30 continuous days of qualifying active-duty service if discharged due to a service-connected disability or; (2) between 90 days and 36 months or more of total aggregate qualifying active-duty service.

#### NROTC Scholarship

The purpose of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) Program is to educate and train qualified men and women with the fighting spirit to serve as commissioned officers. As the largest single source of Navy and Marine Corps officers, the NROTC

Scholarship Program plays an important role in preparing mature young men and women for leadership positions in an increasingly technical Marine Corps.

High school students pursuing an NROTC scholarship should begin the application process in the spring of their junior year.

By making college more accessible through scholarships, the NROTC program will allow you to devote your time to excelling in your studies.

#### Frederick C. Branch Leadership Scholarship

The Frederick C. Branch Leadership Scholarship is named in honor of the first African-American Marine Corps officer who was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on 10 November 1945. This is a subset of the NROTC scholarship. It is available at 17 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to applicants at least 17 years of age who have graduated high school or its equivalent.

#### Pedro Del Valle Leadership Scholarship

The Pedro Del Valle Leadership Scholarship is named in honor of the first Hispanic Marine Corps Lieutenant General. This is a subset of the NROTC scholarship. It offers four-year, three-year and two-year NROTC scholarships and is available at three Hispanic Serving Institutes (HSIs).

#### SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

Basic eligibility requirements for NROTC Scholarship Applicants:

- Be a U. S. Citizen.
- Be 17 years of age by 1 September of the first year of college and younger than 27 on 31 December of the year in which college graduation and commissioning are anticipated.
- Be a high school graduate or possess an equivalent certificate.
- Be physically qualified and be within height-weight standards.
- Personally exemplify and display the following:
  - Character - Morally qualified and no record of military or civil offenses.
- A score of 74 on the Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT), a composite score of 22 on the American College Test (ACT) or a combined score of 1000 in Math and Evidence-Based Reading on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).
- Meet admission requirements of an NROTC-affiliated college or university of choice.

#### REQUIREMENTS:

- Tuition and fees: The amount paid for tuition and fees will not exceed the most expensive in-state undergraduate tuition at a public institution of higher learning (IHL) in the state where the IHL is located. Tuition and fees are paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) directly to the IHL.



- A monthly stipend, established at the E-5 with dependents basic allowance for housing (BAH) rate and based on the zip code of the IHL in which the member is enrolled, is payable to the member.
- A predetermined amount is payable to the member for books, supplies, equipment, etc.

#### United Services Military Apprenticeship Program

Apprenticeship through the United Services Military Apprenticeship Program provides many benefits to the Service member. The program is provided at no cost to the Service member and requires no off-duty hours. Upon completion of the apprenticeship, the Service member will receive proof of national recognition in the form of an official Department of Labor Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship.

Learn more at [Marines.com/enlisted-education](https://www.marines.com/enlisted-education)