

## **Other Benefits and Financing for Your Education**

Veterans and their dependents generally qualify for an array of Federal, State, Institutional, and Private financing programs. The Financial Aid Office can assist you with financial counseling for other options in addition to your VA benefits.

### **State Financing Programs** - <http://www.calvet.ca.gov/>

California's Operation Welcome Home ensures veterans and their dependents are aware of and participating in the full spectrum of benefits and services available to them; employment, health-care, education and housing.

### **Health Professions Scholarship Program for Psychologists**

The Air Force, Army and Navy offer Health Services Professions Scholarship Program (HSPS). The programs generally cover 100% of a student's graduate school tuition to become a Psychologist. In addition, the programs generally offer a signing bonus plus a monthly stipend.

Students who complete the program will enter the service as an officer and receive officer's pay and benefits. Generally students are obligated to serve at least three (3 years). For more information go to: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Health\\_Professions\\_Scholarship\\_Program](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Health_Professions_Scholarship_Program) or see the branch of service web site for application procedures.

### **General George S. Brown Spouse Tuition Assistance Program (STAP) - For fully online programs only**

The purpose of the Spouse Tuition Assistance Program (STAP) is to provide partial tuition assistance for spouses of Active Duty airmen or officers, who accompany members to overseas locations and will attending college programs. The focus of the program is on the completion of degree or certificate programs that provide increased occupational opportunities for spouses.

The program provides Tuition Assistance (TA) at a rate of 50% of the unmet tuition charge per course, with a maximum of \$1,500 per academic year and a term maximum, which is calculated by dividing the annual maximum (\$1,500) by the number of terms within the academic year. For purposes of this program, "academic year" is defined as the 12-month period beginning August 1 through July 31 of each year.

### **VADM E.P. Travers Scholarship and Loan Program**

To apply, you must be the spouse of an active duty member or the dependent child of an active or retired member of the Navy or Marine Corps. You must also be a full time undergraduate student at an accredited college or university.

- 1000 grants are awarded each academic year at \$2,000 each.
- Applications are also evaluated for an interest-free student loan of up to \$3,000.

- The loan repayment begins within 30 days of award and must be repaid by allotment within 24 months.
- Application deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- Late applications will not be considered for the scholarship; however they will be evaluated for a loan

### **Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA)**

CGMA offers a Supplemental Education Grant (SEG) of up to \$160 per year. You can use this grant for ANY family member's education expenses. However it does not cover Tuition expenses. This grant can also be used to pay testing study guides. CGMA also offers several education related loans. To apply, contact your local CG Mutual Assistance Representative or Education Officer.

### **Coast Guard Foundation**

The Coast Guard Foundation provides \$300,000 annually in educational grants to enlisted personnel working towards their college degree.

The U.S. Coast Guard also offers dependent spouses and Federal Coast Guard employees the opportunity to take CLEP, DANTES, and other tests at no cost.

### **Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship**

Public Law 111-32, the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship, amends the Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) to include the children of service members who die in the line of duty after Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001. A child may be married or over 23 and still be eligible. The benefit is effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, the same day the Post 9/11 GI took effect. Eligible children attending college may receive up to the highest public, in state undergraduate tuition and fees, plus a monthly living stipend and book allowance.

- 36 months of benefits at then 100% level
- 15 years to use the benefit beginning on his/her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday
- May use benefit until his or her 33 birthday
- Cannot use benefit before age 18, even if he or she has completed high school
- Are not eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Program