



# ThanksUSA

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## ThanksUSA Scholarship Program

ThanksUSA is a non-partisan 501(c)(3) organization that provides need-based, post-secondary school scholarships to the children and spouses of active-duty service men and women. Since its inception in 2006, ThanksUSA has awarded more than 4,200 scholarships valued at more than \$13 million.

## ThanksUSA accepts scholarship applications each year from April 1 through May 15.

To receive a reminder email about the application process, visit [www.ThanksUSA.org](http://www.ThanksUSA.org).

## Applicant Eligibility

- Spouse or dependent of active-duty <sup>(1)</sup> U.S. military personnel (including Guard and Reserve members)
- Academic record – minimum GPA of 2.0
- Scholarships for children and spouses who intend to enroll in an accredited two- or four-year college, university, vocational school or technical school
- Scholarship support to spouses for certification or licensing programs
- Demonstrated financial need, leadership, and participation in school and community activities

## Scholarship Awards

- ThanksUSA awards approximately 300 scholarships per year, each valued at \$3,000
- ThanksUSA scholarship recipients represent all military branches including Guard and Reserve
- Recipients come from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and OCONUS base locations
- ThanksUSA gives a preference to spouses and children of the wounded and fallen
- ThanksUSA's [Pathways for Patriots](#) program offers networking, mentoring, internships and other career development opportunities to scholars
- ThanksUSA will award a renewable Helping Hand Scholarship to the spouse or child of a disabled or fallen military member (refer to the [scholarship guidelines](#) for further details)
- [Purdue University Global](#) will offer 15 full undergraduate scholarships, RN to BSN scholarships, and Associate's to Bachelor's scholarships

**(1)** ThanksUSA defines “active duty” as uniformed service for at least 180 days since September 11, 2001, including those wounded and killed in action. “U.S. military personnel” refers to the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Military Reservists, who have been activated to full-time duty, and members of the National Guard who have been federalized and who otherwise meet the requirements, are also eligible.