



**PATHWAYS
FOR
PATRIOTS™**

Pathways for Patriots Program

ThanksUSA is a 501(c)(3) non-partisan, charitable organization that honors our nation's service men and women by providing need-based scholarships and pathways to employment for their children and spouses.

Spurred by the COVID-19 pandemic and fueled by on-going need, ThanksUSA expanded our Pathways for Patriots program providing an array of professional development services. Pathways for Patriots is providing quality, accessible learning opportunities for all military connected individuals regardless of their location or current academic status.

Pathways for Patriots Offerings

- » **Pathfinder** courses led by members of ThanksUSA's community of military leaders, corporate executives, and industry partners. Small-group sessions focus on subject matter supporting the unique academic and professional challenges military families face.
- » **Around the Table** discussions bring together members of the military community from across the world with open and honest dialogue where participants are able to share their personal triumphs and brainstorm solutions to immediate challenges.
- » A **Seminar Series** featuring high-profile speakers from military leadership, public service, and corporate management. Seminars include guest remarks followed by a question-and-answer session.
- » **Ask the Expert** social media campaign to highlight ThanksUSA's expansive support of military and civilian leaders. Social media followers are asked to submit questions to the featured 'expert' which is recorded and shared on all platforms.
- » **Enrichment Fairs** featuring classes in professional and academic development for military connected family members including Veterans, spouses and college-age children. Sessions will be followed by networking opportunities and resume review.

Pathways for Patriots Impact

With the unemployment rate for military spouses at nearly seven times the rate of similar civilian peers, the repercussions for their family members is extensive. Working to alleviate the underlying challenges that stem from a military career is not only an ethical responsibility, but a matter of preserving national security.

Pathways for Patriots tackles these challenges by offering a venue for open discussion to identify current issues, providing practical solutions from both peers and experts in their field, and encouraging personal and professional growth through regular touchpoints.

Military family members and Veterans have actively participated in Around the Table talks covering topics including mental health and resiliency during the pandemic, caregiver connections, and self care. Pathfinder mentors have led sessions on leadership, entrepreneurship, business etiquette, and more.

Scholarship Program Highlights



4,860

scholarships awarded
with a total value of

\$15,918,047

Our scholarship recipients come from each of the 50 states and DC and represent all military branches