



ThanksUSA

Thanking America's Troops and Their Families with the Gift of Education

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 service women. Since its inception in 2006, ThanksUSA has awarded over 3,600 scholarships with a total value of over \$11 million.

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

www.ThanksUSA.org.

Applicant Eligibility

- Spouse or dependent of an active-duty⁽¹⁾ service person (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-year 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 Recipients represent all military branches including, Guard & Reserve.
- Recipients come from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and OCONUS bases locations.
- ThanksUSA gives a preference to spouses and children of the wounded and fallen.
- Kaplan University will offer one full undergraduate scholarship through ThanksUSA for an eligible military spouse.

1. (1) U.S. military personnel are defined as those who have served full-time for at least 180 days since 9/11/01 and all those who have been either killed or wounded in action since 9/11/01. U.S. military personnel are defined as members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard. U.S. military personnel are further defined as members of the military reserves who have been activated to full-time duty and members of the National Guard who have been federalized and who otherwise meet the requirements. Spouses and dependent children of retired or discharged service personnel are eligible to apply but military member must have served 180 days after 9/11/01. Spouses and dependent children of Public Health Employees are not eligible to apply.