



# **MILITARY FAMILY MEMBER EDUCATION SUPPORT RESOURCES**

**Fort Hood Education Center**

The Fort Hood Education Center has compiled this list of resources for your reference. For more information, visit the Education Center M-F from 0900-1530 (Th from 1200-1530).

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► The **My Career Advancement Account Scholarship (MyCAA)** is a workforce development program that provides up to **\$4,000** in financial assistance to eligible military spouses for the pursuit or maintenance (including some continuing education courses) of a license, certification, or associate degree necessary to gain employment. Military spouses may use MyCAA at any approved institution to receive assistance with the costs of national tests for course credits required for a degree approved under the program (including the College Level Examination Program tests).

### Who is eligible for the My Career Advancement Account Scholarship?

- Spouses of service members on Active Duty, or in the Guard or Reserves in pay grades E1 to E9, WO1 to CW3 and O1 to O3 who have successfully completed high school.
- Spouses remain eligible for financial assistance if their sponsor is promoted above the eligible pay grades as long as the spouse has a previously approved education and training plan.

<https://mycaa.militaryonesource.mil/mycaa/>



### ► Fort Hood Family Member Scholarship Fund

- Scholarship eligibility extends to active duty, retired and gold star families for high school seniors and spouses working towards their first bachelor's degree.
- 2023 Quick Facts: Scholarship awards for academic institutions ranged from **\$750 to \$5,000**. A total of **50** scholarships were awarded, totaling **\$83,500**. The awardees were comprised of **45** high school students receiving a total of **\$71,500** and **5** spouses receiving a total of **\$12,000**.
- The application period normally opens in November.  
<https://www.fortcavazosscholarship.org/>



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### AUSA Central Texas Chapter Scholarship

**WHO CAN APPLY?** To apply for an AUSA Central Texas Chapter Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current member of AUSA (**OR** the child of a parent/legal guardian of a current AUSA member) **AND** affiliated with the Central Texas Chapter.
  - If you/your parents are AUSA members, but not affiliated with the Central Texas Chapter, please email [scholarships@centraltexasausa.com](mailto:scholarships@centraltexasausa.com) to be added to the Chapter roster.
- If you are not sure if you are an AUSA member or affiliated with the Chapter, go to [www.AUSA.org](http://www.AUSA.org) and click **LOGIN** in the upper right, follow the instructions under “**Not sure if you have an AUSA Account?**”
- Be a graduating high school senior applying for fall entry as an undergraduate to attend an accredited college or university, a current college student or a soldier/family member furthering their education.
- Have a cumulative 2.5 GPA (minimum) through the first semester of the current academic year.
- Have demonstrated exceptional leadership, volunteerism, and service to the community.

<https://www.centraltexasausa.com/>



### The Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association

These grants are reserved for the children of Soldiers of the 1st Cavalry Division who died or were totally and permanently disabled because of wounds received or disease contracted while serving with the 1st Cavalry Division in any armed conflict. Additionally, children of members of the Association who die while serving with the 1st Cavalry Division in peacetime and active-duty Soldiers currently assigned or attached to the 1st Cavalry Division and their spouses are eligible to receive scholarship grants.

<https://1cda.org/scholarships/>

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► **The Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance Program** offers education assistance to dependents of veterans with 100% service-connected disabilities or who died because of service related conditions.

<https://www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/dependents-education-assistance/>

### ► **Defense Commissary Agency / Fischer House Scholarships for Military Children**

**Who Can Apply?** The scholarships for military children program is open to unmarried military dependent children under the age 23 who possess a valid Uniformed Services Identification (USID) card. In addition, a student's parent(s)/sponsor(s) must be one of the following: active duty, reserve/guard, deceased, or retired from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Space Force.

- Must be enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate program leading to a bachelor's degree or a community/junior college designed to allow for a direct transfer into a four-year program.
- High school applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 basis).
- College applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. College freshmen must submit a first-semester college transcript.
- Applicants or sponsors do not need to live at an installation with a commissary – simply select the commissary where you shop or the one nearest to you.



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### Fry Scholarship

The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship) provides Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to the children and surviving spouses of Service Members who died in the line of duty while on active duty after September 10, 2001. Eligible beneficiaries attending school may receive up to 36 months of benefits at the 100% level.

<https://www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/fry-scholarship/>

### Modern States – Freshman Year for Free

Modern States' initial program, *Freshman Year for Free™*, is intended to let students earn up to one year of college credit without tuition or textbook expense.

- Choose one or many free courses that interest you from great Universities.
- Courses prepare you for widely accepted CLEP exams already accepted for credit by more than 2,900 colleges and universities.
- Courses, textbooks, and materials are free; all you need are internet access and your own desire to learn. We offer links to tutoring & mentoring.
- Enroll at a college that grants credit for passing well established CLEP\* exams.
- Pass eight exams and potentially earn your “Freshman Year for Free.”
- Learn more about CLEP; verify that colleges you may attend grant credit for passing scores.

<https://modernstates.org/>



### OASC & CPST Provide Free Academic Skills Training

**Online Academic Skills Course (OASC):** Better your chances of promotion with interactive lessons that address your specific needs. OASC can help improve basic math, reading comprehension, and vocabulary skills.

**College Placement Skills Training (CPST):** Get ready for entrance exams with interactive games and activities that target college-level math, English, and writing skills.

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Both OASC and CPST assess your strengths and weaknesses to design custom learning paths. These paths improve your knowledge of the concepts and skills needed to excel in each area. Lessons are supported by interactive exercises, practice sets, and quizzes to help you gauge your progress. All active-duty service members, as well as members of the Reserve and National Guard, can use the OASC and CPST training. Family members and DoD civilians are also eligible to use the programs.

<https://dantes.doded.mil/service-members/prep-for-college/oasc-cpst.html#sthash.letlM3Nx.dpbs>



### ► Workforce Solutions of Central Texas

- Career Exploration
- Find a Job
- Child Care
- Training & Education Resources
- Veteran's Resources
- Military spouses that are unemployed or underemployed by qualify for education grants

<https://workforcesolutionsctx.com/individual-home/>



### ► MWR Libraries

MWR Libraries encourage and empower Service members and their families to embrace life-long learning. Because the internet is a popular and powerful tool for information access and education, this DoD joint service initiative is streamlining how MWR provides online access to library services and eResources. Members can search for DoD exam prep materials and other education support; learn a new language; find a tutor; check out digital and audio books; these are just a few services offered in the new one-stop digital library shop.

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<https://www.dodmwrlibraries.org/continuing-education>



### Fort Hood Partner Schools

- **Central Texas College: 254-226-1574**  
Offers associate degrees & certificates
- **Texas A&M-Central Texas University: 254-327-1683**  
Offers bachelor's/master's degrees.  
Must have 30 SH of undergraduate coursework completed prior to enrollment.
- **University of Maryland Global Campus: 254-202-9650**  
Offers associate/bachelor's/master's degrees & certificates



### American Military University (AMU) Military Tuition Grant

AMU created a military tuition grant for U.S. active-duty, National Guard, and Reservist families, including parents, spouses, legal partners, siblings, and dependents. The grant covers undergraduate and master's-level tuition above the military TA cap of \$250/credit hour.



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