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## Fact Sheet

# My Career Advancement Account Helping Spouses Reach Career Goals

### Did you know?

Military spouses may use their My Career Advancement Account Scholarship 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).



For more information, visit <https://mycaa.militaryonesource.mil/mycaa/>.

For additional resources and frequently asked questions, visit <https://mycaa.militaryonesource.mil/mycaa/resources>.

### What is the My Career Advancement Account Scholarship?

The My Career Advancement Account Scholarship is a workforce development program that provides up to \$4,000 in financial assistance to eligible military spouses for the pursuit of a license, certification or associate degree or for continuing education courses to maintain a license or certification necessary for employment. The MyCAA Scholarship is part of the Defense Department Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program, which offers comprehensive coaching, information, tools and resources to support military spouses in meeting their career and education goals.

### Who is eligible for MyCAA?

- ✓ Spouses of active-duty service members and spouses of National Guard and reserve service members on Title 10 orders in pay grades E-1 through E-9, W-1 through W-3 and O-1 through O-3.
- ✓ Spouses who have completed high school or obtained a GED.

*You can continue your approved education and training plan if your sponsor is promoted.*

### Fast facts

- The My Career Advancement Account Scholarship provides a maximum tuition benefit of \$4,000 with an annual fiscal year cap of \$2,000 to assist eligible military spouses who need professional credentials to meet their career goals.
- The My Career Advancement Account Scholarship will pay for tuition and testing fees.
- You have a three-year time limit to use your My Career Advancement Account Scholarship funding, which begins on the start date of the first course taken.
- **NOTE:** Programs only leading to a certificate are not eligible for the My Career Advancement Account Scholarship. You must be in pursuit of a recognized postsecondary credential.

## How to establish an account with the My Career Advancement Account Scholarship


Spouses can visit the My Career Advancement Account Scholarship website at <https://mycaa.militaryonesource.mil/mycaa> and provide the required **Spouse Profile** information. All scholarship participants are required to use DS Logon to access their accounts. Military spouses enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System are eligible for a DS Logon account. For information about creating a DS Logon premium account, click on the **Need Support?** button at the DS Logon page: <https://myaccess.dmdc.osd.mil/identitymanagement/app/login>.


## What about schools and training providers?

Schools and training providers interested in participating in the My Career Advancement Account Scholarship program can call 334-517-6160 for assistance or visit the **For Institutions** resource page on the My Career Advancement Account Scholarship website at <https://mycaa.militaryonesource.mil/mycaa/school-resources/for-institutions> for program eligibility and participation information.



### Where to get additional information or assistance

 **Call 800-342-9647** and ask to speak with a SECO career coach or advisor from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET on Saturday.

 You can also **connect directly with a SECO career professional** about your unique career or education needs by clicking the **Live Chat** link on [MySECO.MilitaryOneSource.mil](https://MySECO.MilitaryOneSource.mil) at the top of any page. The SECO Career Center can help spouses:

- Explore career interests, evaluate school options and compare programs of study, including costs.
- Review and approve spouse education and training plans.
- Make allowable changes to career goals and coursework.

Career coaching services are not available on federal holidays.

