



**NORTH CAROLINA  
WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**

## **2023-24 Veteran Services Guide**



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Welcome to North Carolina Wesleyan University and the office of Veteran Services. This guide was created so that military-connected students could find all the information specific to them in one place. We update yearly, so if there is information you would like to see that we have left out, please email [VAQuestions@ncwc.edu](mailto:VAQuestions@ncwc.edu) and give us your input.

The Veteran Services office is located on the second floor of the Pearsall Classroom Building (PCB), Room 281 at the Main Campus in Rocky Mount. Please stop by and say hello!

We thank you and your family for your service to our country, and we look forward to serving you!

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Laura E. Brown'.

Laura Estes Brown  
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ROTC Adviser  
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**Front Cover: Top L to R** – ROTC Cadet Morgan Waters, Cadet Joshua Hughes, Ms. Dawn Cash-Salau, Cadet Elijah Myers receiving the Christopher Cash Scholarship, November 2022.

**Bottom:** American Legion Post 58 Commander, Willie Smith plays Taps on Veterans Day at NCWU.

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# Getting Started Checklist

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- ☐ **Activating Benefits, Program Changes and Direct Deposit**
  - ☐ To apply for VA Benefits (and designate your direct deposit account):  
<https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/>.
  - ☐ Scroll midway down the page and click "Find your education Benefits Form."
  - ☐ Click "Applying for new benefit" and follow the prompts if you have never used your benefits before. **OR** click on "Updating my current education benefit" and follow the prompts if you have used benefits before at a different school (program change).
- ☐ **Apply for Admission at NC Wesleyan University**
  - ☐ <https://www.ncwc.edu/admissions/>
  - ☐ Follow the steps to submit previous college transcripts (including military transcripts p.11) and other required paperwork to complete your application.
  - ☐ Complete the Veteran Student In-Processing Form (p. 14 - if using VA Benefits) or  
<https://ncwc.edu/admissions/apply-for-admission/financial-assistance/veteran-benefits/va-student-form/>
- ☐ **Apply for Scholarships** (Pp 20-25) The majority of scholarship applications are due at the beginning of the year. Plan accordingly.
- ☐ **Apply for Financial Aid (School Code – 002951) Contact:** [financialaid@ncwc.edu](mailto:financialaid@ncwc.edu)
  - ☐ Complete Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
  - ☐ Submit forms as requested (you will need to log in to your student account:  
[https://my.ncwc.edu/ICS/My\\_Finances/Financial\\_Aid.jnz](https://my.ncwc.edu/ICS/My_Finances/Financial_Aid.jnz)
  - ☐ Complete the NC Need-Based Grant Application (you will need to log in to your student account first): [https://my.ncwc.edu/ICS/My\\_Finances/Financial\\_Aid.jnz](https://my.ncwc.edu/ICS/My_Finances/Financial_Aid.jnz)
- ☐ **Enroll in Classes** (Check with your academic advisor for dates and instructions)
- ☐ **Request VA Certification** (complete the VA Certification Request Form (p. 15) or  
<https://ncwc.edu/admissions/apply-for-admission/financial-assistance/veteran-benefits/va-cert-request/>
- ☐ **Maintain Verification and Attendance**
  - ☐ All changes to your schedule must be reported to the School Certifying Official  
[Lestes@ncwc.edu](mailto:Lestes@ncwc.edu) or [VAQuestions@ncwc.edu](mailto:VAQuestions@ncwc.edu)
  - ☐ **Attend class!** The VA does not pay for non-attendance.
  - ☐ **CH 30 and 1606:** Report attendance through W.A.V.E by calling toll free Interactive Voice Response (IVR) telephone line at 1-877-823-2378.
  - ☐ **CH 33:** Report attendance at the end of each month. For more information:  
[https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/isaksonroe/verification\\_of\\_enrollment.asp](https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/isaksonroe/verification_of_enrollment.asp)
  - ☐ **Maintain a 2.0 GPA** – falling below 2.0 for two consecutive terms will lead to termination of your enrollment reported to the VA.

# VA Benefits Overview

Disclaimer: Veterans Benefits change frequently. For the most up-to-date information, please check the VA Benefits website: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/> or call the GI Bill® Helpline: 888-442-4551. For the current VA Benefits Rates: [https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/resources/benefits\\_resources/rate\\_tables.asp](https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.asp).

## **Post-911 GI BILL® (Ch 33)**

The Post-911 education benefit provides up to 36 months of education benefits for service members who have served on active duty for 90 or more days since 10 Sep 01. Service members should provide a DD214 or Certificate of Eligibility to their School Certifying Official (SCO) (see Contacts page 24).

### **Tuition and fees**

- VA pays up to \$27,120.05 (eff. 8/1/23 – 7/31/24) directly to the college per school year based on the enrollment rate of pursuit. Students using VA and tuition assistance (TA) together must use TA funds first, VA Benefits will then cover tuition remaining up to the yearly cap.

### **Monthly Housing Allowance (BAH)**

- BAH (based on the rate of E-5 with dependents for the ZIP code of your designated facility) and book stipend are sent directly to the student.
- Based on training time. In a traditional semester, you must be enrolled in 12 SH to be considered full-time training. For non-traditional, you must be enrolled in at least 6 SH per term.
- For full monthly housing allowance, the student must be enrolled in at least one seated or hybrid course. If you are taking online (distant) classes only, BAH will be paid at the rate of 50% of the national average.

### **Textbook Stipend**

- The annual textbook stipend is \$1,000 and is paid (based on the number of credit hours enrolled) along with the first BAH housing payment, after certification is complete.
- The VA pays the textbook stipend directly to the student.
- Traditional Student textbooks are included in the cost of tuition. This in no way affects the CH 33 VA textbook benefit.

### **Transferring Benefits**

The VA allows active-duty service members, on or after 1 Aug 09, to transfer some/all benefits to their spouse and/or dependent children.

- Transfer requests must be approved while the member is on active duty.
- Must have at least 10 years of service in the Armed Forces.

- Once the transfer is approved by the Department of Defense (DOD), the new beneficiaries must apply for them at VA. (See the Getting Started Checklist on Page 4).
- Family members should provide the Certificate of Eligibility to the school's VA Coordinator, although it is not required.

### **Spouses**

- May start to use the benefit immediately.
- May use the benefit while the service member remains in the Armed Forces or after separation from active duty.
- Are not eligible for BAH while the service member is serving on active duty.

### **Children**

- May start to use the benefit only after the individual making the transfer has completed at least 10 years of service in the Armed Forces.
- May use the benefit while the eligible individual remains in the Armed Forces or after separation from active duty.
- May not use the benefit until he/she has attained a secondary school diploma (or equivalency) or has reached age 18.
- Entitled to the monthly housing allowance stipend even though the eligible individual is active duty.
- May not use the benefit after reaching 26 years of age.

## **Montgomery Select Reserve (CH 1606)**

The Montgomery Select Reserve program provides education and training benefits to eligible members of the Select Reserve, including the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve and Coast Guard Reserve, and the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard

- Eligibility is determined by the Select Reserve components and VA makes the payments.
- Pays monthly stipend directly to the service member based on rate of pursuit.
- Veteran is entitled to receive up to 36 months of education benefits.



- Remedial classes must be taken as Resident classes. VA will not pay for remedial online classes.

**To qualify:**

- Have a six-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve.
- Complete the initial active-duty training.
- Must have received a high school diploma or equivalency before completing initial active-duty training (IADT).
- Remain in good standing while serving in an active selected reserve unit.
- Eligibility ends the day the student leaves the Selected Reserve.

**Veteran Readiness & Employment (CH 31)**

VA VRE is not considered a VA education benefit. The purpose of VRE is to help veterans with service-connected disabilities and barriers to employment to become suitably employed.

- To qualify for this benefit, the veteran must have an honorable or other than dishonorable discharge and have a VA service-connected disability rating of 10% or more, or memorandum rating of 20%.
- A maximum of 48 months of entitlement.
- May be used within 12 years from the date of initial VA disability rating notification.
- Works with a VA VRE Counselor to determine a program of study suitable with disability.
- VA pays full tuition, allowance for books and supplies, a monthly stipend based on credit

hours taken, and some additional school-required expenses (laptop, software, etc).

- Once approved, the VA VRE will send the VA Coordinator a purchase order authorizing the veteran to take classes in the approved program.
- Veteran follows all academic policies of the school and meets with VRE Counselor each semester for review of grades and approval for enrolling the next semester.

**Dependents Education Assistance (CH 35)**

The Dependents Education Assistance program offers education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of veterans who are 100% permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition or who died while on active duty or as a result of a service-related condition.

- Spouse may receive 45 or 36 months depending on the date they first began using their benefits.
- For surviving spouses of service members who died on active duty, benefits end 20 years from date of death.
- Children may receive 45 or 36 months depending on the date they first began using the benefits and must be ages 18-26.
- Pays monthly stipend directly to the dependent based on the credit hours enrolled.
- Remedial classes must be taken as Resident classes. VA will not pay for remedial online classes.



*2022 Commencement Ceremony*

# At-A-Glance Veteran Assistance Benefits Basics

For the latest information, please view VA Education and Training Rate Tables:  
[https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/resources/benefits\\_resources/rate\\_tables.asp](https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.asp)

Benefit Name	What are the benefits?	Who's Paid?	Who Qualifies?
<b>CH 33 GI Bill®– Post-911</b>	<p><b>Tuition:</b> Up to \$27,120.05 (Eff. 8/1/23) per year.</p> <p><b>Books:</b> \$41.67 per credit hour with a maximum benefit of \$1000 per year.</p> <p><b>Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH):</b> Monthly stipend based on military pay scale E-5 with dependents. This is calculated by ZIP code of the course location or home campus or 50% of the national average if classes are all distance/online.</p>	<p>Tuition paid to school.</p> <p>Books and BAH are paid directly to the student.</p>	<p>Prior service members who served after 9/11. Benefits may be passed to spouses or dependent children– must be requested while service member is still active duty.</p> <p>Student must be enrolled in seated/hybrid courses at least half-time to receive full BAH.</p>
<b>CH 31 – Veteran Readiness and Employment (VRE)</b>	The benefits vary both in amount and length of time it can be used. Most cover tuition, textbooks, and supplies.	<p>Money for tuition, textbooks, and supplies is <b>paid to the school</b> via invoicing by the VA certifying official.</p> <p>A monthly stipend is also paid to the student.</p>	Service members who have a service-connected disability rating of at least 10%. Must apply for VA VRE through VR&E VetSuccess services.
<b>CH 35 – Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA)</b>	<b>Tuition:</b> Current stipend of \$1401 (Eff. 10/1/2022) per month for full-time enrollment (12+SH). Pro-rated depending on enrollment.	Paid to student.	Deceased or Disabled Veteran's child between 18-26 or surviving spouse.
<b>CH 1606 – Select Reserve</b>	<b>Tuition:</b> \$439 per month for full time (Eff. 10/1/2022). Prorated for less.	Paid to student.	Must be active reservist with 6-year obligation.
<b>Yellow Ribbon – CH 33 supplement</b>	Wesleyan has agreed to pay \$1000 to the Yellow Ribbon fund per student. VA will match with \$1000.	Paid to college.	<p>Five (5) students will be selected on a first come/first served basis. Only students who are 100% CH 33 are eligible. Students must complete the appropriate form in order to be considered.</p> <p><a href="https://ncwc.edu/admissions/apply-for-admission/financial-assistance/veteran-benefits/yellow-ribbon-application/">https://ncwc.edu/admissions/apply-for-admission/financial-assistance/veteran-benefits/yellow-ribbon-application/</a></p>

# VA Benefits Frequently Asked Questions

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## How do I receive my benefits at North Carolina Wesleyan University?

Complete a VA Student In-Processing Form –and submit it to your designated School Certifying Official at [VAQuestions@ncwc.edu](mailto:VAQuestions@ncwc.edu). <https://ncwc.edu/admissions/apply-for-admission/financial-assistance/veteran-benefits/va-student-form/> (See page 4)

**When do I submit the Enrollment Certification Form?** You must be officially accepted, and your transfer credits must be officially evaluated. Then, you will submit the VA Certification Request Form along with your registration each time you register. (See page 4)

**How do I get a Certificate of Eligibility (COE)?** Go to the official web site of the Department of Veteran Affairs at <https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/> and complete an electronic application by clicking on the Green button “Find Your Education Benefit Form.” Select “Apply for a new Benefit.” Follow the prompts. (See page 4)

**Can I be certified without a COE?** Yes, however, **only** the Department of Veteran Affairs can determine eligibility for VA benefits. We are only estimating what they will pay. You will be responsible for any amount of your debt in which the VA has determined they will not pay. If you are unsure, wait until you receive your COE.

**I am using my parent or spouse’s benefits, can I give you their COE?** No, those documents state that *they* are eligible, not *you*. You must have a COE with your name on it **or** the approved Transferability Authorization and *submitted* VA Form 22-1990E (refer to “How do I get a Certificate of Eligibility” above)

## How do I apply for the Yellow Ribbon (YR) Scholarship?

You must complete the Yellow Ribbon Application and submit it to your SCO <https://ncwc.edu/admissions/apply-for-admission/financial-assistance/veteran-benefits/yellow-ribbon-application/>. NCWU currently selects five (5) Yellow Ribbon students per year (Must be CH 33 at the rate of 100% and must exhaust all benefits before eligible) on a first come, first served basis. Each YR student receives an additional \$1000 grant from NCWU, which is matched by the VA for a total scholarship of \$2000. (See page 16)

**Can I get other financial aid?** You may possibly qualify for PELL grants, outside scholarships or grants and student loans. The first step would be to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Go to <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> to complete the form then talk to our financial aid counselors in the Office of Financial Aid. NCWU School Code is 002951.

## How will other financial aid affect my benefits?

We are required to report to VA the net tuition cost **after** applying tuition-specific grants, scholarships, discounts, etc. VA pays the balance under Ch 33 Post 9/11 Bill.

**How do I get transfer credit for my military training?** You must provide an official copy of your military record during the admissions process along with your prior college transcripts so it can be evaluated. Each service has a website to request official transcripts. (See page 9)

**What are approved courses?** All of the academic programs at NCWU have been approved for Veterans Education Benefit; however, only those courses required for your declared major may be approved for your benefit (and electives, if needed).

**Why can’t I sign up for elective classes if I cannot get a full-time schedule?** VA will pay only for those courses required for your program. If electives are needed, you can. Meet with your academic advisor to determine if you need electives for your degree.

**Can I change my major?** Yes. We recommend you first consult with your Academic Advisor. You can submit your major change by clicking on the Student Tab, then Registration Video/Forms, Major/Minor Declaration Form in My.NCWU. Be sure to mark that you are using Veteran Benefits on the form.

**What if I want to double major?** You may be approved for a minor or dual major but you must have at least 50% of your major requirements completed before you can be certified outside your declared major. You should also confer with your Academic Advisor and VA Certifying Official before adding a minor or additional major.

**Will VA pay the additional fees if I take a directed study or independent study class?** No. VA will not pay for the additional fee, they will pay for the tuition cost. Additional fees would be your responsibility. Courses taken on a pass-fail basis or for audit are also not covered by VA Education Benefits.

## My instructor says I need a specific type of (calculator, instrument, etc.), will VA pay for it?

The CH 33 Benefits **will only pay the fees that are required for all students**. Fees for applied music lessons, PGM fees, tennis fees, parking fees, etc. are not covered. If you are using CH 31 VRE, your VA career counselor may approve additional required expenses.

**How can I get my books now?** Your VA book allowance is sent to you on the first day of the month for the previous month. If you have financial aid, you can ask the bookstore to charge your student account. Traditional students’ tuition includes the cost of book rental.



**I am not doing very well in my class, should I withdraw?**

That would be your decision, however, if you drop a course after the add-drop period you will have to reimburse VA for the charges they paid in advance. VA pays for each day you attend class. **The VA does not pay for non-attendance.**

**If I stay in the class, I might fail and then I'd have to pay VA back too, right?**

No, an F means you attended class but did not score high enough to pass; VA will pay for the course and pay for you to re-take it and replace the failing grade; however, you must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) as described in the NCWU catalog. Failure to maintain SAP will result in termination of VA benefits. Repeating classes will adversely affect your SAP but will positively affect your GPA.

**What if I just stop going to the class?** In that case you will receive a grade of "XF," which is a punitive grade. It would affect your GPA the same as an F, **and** you would have to repay the VA for that course. If you receive a monthly stipend, (BAH), you will only receive payment through the last day you attended. **The VA does not pay for non-attendance.**

**I want to stay on campus, does the VA housing stipend pay for that?** Yes and no; the housing stipend for the CH 33 benefit is a flat rate payment based on the ZIP code of the facility in which you attend and is paid directly to the student at the end of each month. This amount may or may not cover the cost of room and board at the school. The charges are payable at the time of registration. It's your responsibility to sign up for a payment plan (Business Office -BusinessOffice@ncwc.edu). Online courses will be determined by the ZIP code of the course location or home campus or 50% of the national average if classes are all distance/online.

**Will I get paid during the break between semesters?** Benefit payments for all chapters will only be paid during the term dates. President Obama issued an Executive Order on January 5, 2011, revoking authority from VA to pay the break pay after August 1, 2011.

**I called the VA and they said my payment was sent to the school but the Business Office says it has not been credited to my account. Why are you holding it?**

We ask that you allow 14 days for the payment to be processed by the various departments (Veteran Services Office, Financial Aid, Institutional Computing, Business Office) for checks and balances, to ensure accuracy and to make any changes that may be necessary (For instance, if you have any course changes since your initial registration and issuance of financial aid award letter). **I have made no changes why does it take so long to process mine?** While your particular case may be a simple one the person whose payment we received before you may need a lot of attention. We ask that you be patient and allow us to take the time and care necessary to be accurate.

**I did not receive a W-2 from VA. Do I need to pay taxes on my VA education benefits?** No. Any veterans' benefits paid under any law administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) should not be reported as income to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). You will not receive a W-2 from the VA.

**I have a question that is not listed here can you answer it?**

Contact your School Certifying Official or visit the VA website at <https://www.va.gov/education/>. You may also call the toll-free VA Hotline for students at 888-442-4551 or email [VAQuestions@ncwc.edu](mailto:VAQuestions@ncwc.edu).

## Ordering Military Transcripts

Students who have satisfactorily completed basic military training will receive four semester hours of transfer credit. Other military training may also be transferred depending on the Registrar's evaluation.

**Joint Services Transcripts:** Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy (Active Duty, Reserve and Veterans). <https://jst.doded.mil/official.html> You must register to use the system or have the capability of using your CAC Card. **Works best using Internet Explorer.**

**For JST Technical Issues:**

NETC N644  
ATT: JST Operations Center  
6490 Saufley Field Road

Pensacola, Florida 32509

Email: [jst@doded.mil](mailto:jst@doded.mil)

**Air Force Transcripts –**

<http://www.airuniversity.af.mil/Barnes/CCAF/Display/Article/803247/>

**Direct questions to: CCAF/Student Services – Commercial (334) 649-5066 DSN 749-5066.**

# Military Deployment Policy

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**Statement:** North Carolina Wesleyan University appreciates the dedication of our students who continue to serve on active duty, guard, or reserves while pursuing their education.

**Purpose:** This policy provides equitable consistent treatment to its military students who are deployed or placed on active-duty status so that they may continue their education once their deployment or military service is complete.

**Policy:** Students who are deployed/placed on active duty (defined as anyone with official active-duty orders including reservists and guard members serving on regularly scheduled Unit Training Assembly (UTA) weekends) status during the term they are enrolled may choose one of the following options:

- A. Continue the coursework through online participation or correspondence. When deemed feasible by the instructor, the college will allow the student to continue the course by making arrangements with the instructor using either online resources or email correspondence during the time of deployment/active-duty status.
- B. Receive a grade of "incomplete." The instructor would allow the student to continue working on the coursework for a time to be determined but no longer than 8 weeks past the term end date. Student must complete the course requirements within the period of time specified by the college to avoid receiving a failing grade for the

- course. Instructors will provide the student in writing the assignments due and due date(s).
- C. Drop without penalty. Student will complete the drop form and submit it to the registrar's office or campus director (adult degree). Student is required to complete the Add/Drop form and submit to their academic advisor.
- D. In the event that a student is required to participate in a field trip or other activity outside the normal class meeting which conflicts with a scheduled drill weekend (UTA), the student will be excused from the activity and given the opportunity to make up work at a later time within the course when feasible.

**Student's Responsibilities and Procedures:** Student must alert their instructors as soon as they have a conflict or prior to the start of class, whichever occurs earlier by completing the Military Leave Request. Copy of form along with official paperwork should also be submitted to their instructor for signature, and forward to either the Registrar (traditional/or their academic advisor (Adult Studies) with a copy to the School Certifying Official. You can also complete the form online: <https://ncwc.edu/admissions/apply-for-admission/financial-assistance/veteran-benefits/military-leave-of-absence/>

**Readmission:** Students returning from deployment will be readmitted at the same academic status as they had when previously attended.

## NC National Guard Tuition Assistance Program

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**Apply through the College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC)** - Must be an active member of the NC Army or Air National Guard, remain a member of the National Guard for two years following the end of the academic period for which tuition assistance is provided, must enroll in an eligible business or trade school, private or state educational institution in North Carolina and must satisfactorily complete courses in which tuition assistance is provided.

<https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/scholarship-search/north-carolina-national-guard-tuition-assistance-program-nctap/>

### Help Repaying of your college debt (NC National Guard)

- <https://www.nationalguard.com/student-loan-repayment>
- <https://www.thebalancecareers.com/military-college-loan-repayment-program-clrp-3332700>
- <https://www.military.com/education/money-for-school/student-loan-repayment.html>
- <https://studentloanhero.com/student-loan-repayment-assistance-programs/national-guard-student-loan-repayment/>

# Military Tuition Assistance

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**Coast Guard, Marines and Navy**– Meet with your military education service officer first, then submit a copy of your Tuition Assistance Authorization Voucher to the NC Wesleyan Tuition Assistance Coordinator, Laura Brown (LEstes@ncwc.edu).

**Army and Air Force**– Meet with your military education service officer first, then complete all required forms as advised through the Base/Post Education Center where you are stationed.

- Once you have completed the required steps with your Education Services Officer, the University Tuition Assistance Coordinator must submit an invoice for the courses through the AI Portal (<https://aiportal.us.af.mil/aiportal/Account/Login>)
- Payment is made to the schools after the course is 50% complete.

## **Important Tuition Assistant Information:**

- Before enrolling in any course, you should meet with the education service officer on your base/post first.
- The maximum tuition assistance per fiscal year (October to October) is \$4500 for all branches except for the Army (\$4000) and the Coast Guard (\$3750) and is dispersed at the rate of \$250 per credit hour.
- Tuition Assistance always pays first. If you are planning on also using VA CH 33 benefits with TA, we must certify the tuition balance by subtracting the TA payment.

## **Tuition Assistance Unearned TA Funds Policy:**

NC Wesleyan's policy is to return any unearned TA funds on a proportional basis through the 60 percent portion of the period for which the funds were provided. TA funds are earned proportionally during an enrollment period, with unearned funds returned based upon when a student stops attending.

### **16-week Course Withdraw submitted**

Before or during weeks 1-2 100% return  
During weeks 3-4 75% return  
During weeks 5-8 50% return  
During weeks 9-10 40% return (60% of course is completed)  
During weeks 11-16 0% return

### **8-week Course Withdraw submitted**

Before or during week 1 100% return  
During week 2 75% return  
During weeks 3-4 50% return  
During week 5 40% return (60% of course is completed)  
During weeks 6-8 0% return

### **8-week Online classes**

- 100% of Tuition Assistance (TA) received will be returned if the student withdraws **within the first week of class**, but before submission of the first assignment. The student's request will be processed as a drop for the purpose of returning TA funds only, not for Financial Aid attendance or recalculating of aid.
- 75% of TA received of TA received will be returned if the student withdraws after submitting the first assignment and **through the end of the second week of classes**.
- 50% of TA received will be returned if the student withdraws **after the second week of classes, but before the end of the fourth week of classes**.
- 25% of TA received will be returned if the student withdraws **after the fourth week of classes, but before the end of the sixth week of classes**. (60% of course is completed)
- No TA received will be returned if the student withdraws **after the sixth week of classes**.

**NCWU Tuition Assistance Coordinator:** Laura Estes Brown, [LEstes@ncwc.edu](mailto:LEstes@ncwc.edu) or 919-988-9270.

# Military Organizations and Groups at NCWU

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**ROTC** – Founded in 1916, the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) is widely recognized as one of the best leadership programs in the country. More than 1000 colleges and universities across the United States offer the program to help young adults to become officers in the U.S. Military while completing a degree. Army ROTC was established at NC Wesleyan University in 1987 as one of the three partner institutions under St. Augustine University. To join the Army ROTC program, you must be accepted as a full-time, traditional student aged 17-26 with a high school diploma or equivalent. High School GPA must be a minimum of 2.5, SAT 1000+ or ACT 19+. In addition, you must meet physical standards and agree to accept a commission and serve in the Army on Active Duty, Army Reserves or Army National Guard.



For questions regarding how to join Army ROTC or Scholarships email James Mercer, LTC USA (Ret) at [jmerc@ncwc.edu](mailto:jmerc@ncwc.edu), or call (252) 985-5340.

**JROTC Cadets:** Start with your Cadet Chain of Command or your JROTC Instructor or ROTC Military Science Instructor. For general Army ROTC questions or to schedule an appointment with Army ROTC, please contact James Mercer, Adjunct Professor of Military History/ROTC Liaison at (252) 985-5340 or (252) 955-7004.

**Student Veterans of America (SVA)** – North Carolina Wesleyan University Student Veterans of America (SVA) is a recognized club at the main campus. The core members are traditional students; however, adult studies

students are welcome to join. The heart of SVA is the student-led chapter. SVA's staff of outreach professionals support a chapter network of over 1,300 schools representing over 500,000 student veterans. At the individual level, SVA empowers veterans to be informed consumers of their education benefits and make the most of their transition to civilian life. SVA has awarded over \$1 million to 111 SVA Scholars since 2011. Through relationships with top corporate sponsors, we are supporting new SVA Scholars every semester. For more information about the SVA at NC Wesleyan, please contact [SVA@ncwc.edu](mailto:SVA@ncwc.edu)



**Veterans Advisory Committee (VAC)** – The North Carolina Veterans Advisory Committee includes faculty members, students, staff members, and community members – all of which are veterans or work with veterans directly. Together, the Committee's purpose is to evaluate and improve veteran services at the college. If you are interested in participating in the VAC, please contact Laura Estes Brown at [Lestes@ncwc.edu](mailto:Lestes@ncwc.edu).



**NC Wes App** – Download the North Carolina Wesleyan University app to help you connect with your campus resources. Access events, calendars, contacts, maps and more! Stay organized with the timetable function where you can save events, classes, and assignments. Get involved with groups and clubs including the Student Veterans of America (SVA), join the campus discussion and communicate with fellow students.

# VA STUDENT IN-PROCESSING FORM

<https://ncwc.edu/admissions/apply-for-admission/financial-assistance/veteran-benefits/va-student>

Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_

College ID: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

By completing this form you are automatically a member of the student-led organization for military-affiliated students (SVA). There is no fee, however you may be eligible to apply for additional SVA scholarships through the national organization.

Status: ☐ Veteran ☐ Active Military ☐ National Guard ☐ Reserves ☐ Military Spouse ☐ Dependent Child

## Which benefit will you be using?

Servicemembers and Veterans	Dependents (Spouses and Children)
<input type="checkbox"/> Post 9/11 (CH 33) <input type="checkbox"/> Montgomery Select Reserves (CH 1606) <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran Readiness and Employment (CH 31) <b>Branch of Service:</b> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Post 9/11 (CH 33) Dependent <input type="checkbox"/> Dependents Education Assistance (CH 35) Provide the social security number of the qualifying veteran: _____

**Important:** If you have never used these benefits before or if you have used them before at a different college, you must report this to the VA: <https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/> Click "Finding your education benefits form" Then choose either "Applying for a new benefit" or "Updating my current education benefits."

**Admissions requirements** must be met before benefits can be certified. List previous colleges attended:

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## Student's responsibilities:

- **Register for the correct classes:** Classes outside your major cannot be certified. Classes with a passing grade cannot be certified if repeated. Remedial and audited classes cannot be certified.
- **Reporting Enrollment:** CH 33 and CH1606 are required to report attendance on the last day of the month. You can opt in for text messages by calling the Education Call Center at 888-442-4551.
- **Enrollment Status:** You must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (traditional term) to get your full benefits. Non-traditional students must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours per term within the semester for full benefits.
- **Military 10% Off Tuition:** NCWU students who are active duty, veterans or military/veteran spouse will receive 10% off tuition. The school's certifying official (SCO) will certify enrollment based on the tuition charged.
- **Satisfactory Academic Progress/Attendance:** You must maintain a 2.0 GPA. If you are academically suspended, your VA benefits will be terminated. Attendance is required for VA payment. You must report enrollment monthly to the VA.
- **Changing Majors:** You must alert SCO ([LEstes@ncwc.edu](mailto:LEstes@ncwc.edu)) and the VA when changing your major.
- **Reporting Changes:** Students are required to report address and direct deposit changes to the VA by calling 888-442-4551. Address changes should also be reported to your advisor and SCO.
- **Graduation:** Students are required to notify their SCO at the beginning of the semester they intend to graduate.

**For more information on benefits** visit the VA education website: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>. NCWU Veteran Forms - <http://ncwc.edu/veteran>.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## VA Certification Request



<https://ncwc.edu/admissions/apply-for-admission/financial-assistance/veteran-benefits/va-cert-request/>

Submit this form to the School Certifying Official, Laura Estes Brown [LEstes@ncwc.edu](mailto:LEstes@ncwc.edu).

Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_

College ID: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates covered (required): \_\_\_\_\_  
Begin End

### Check if any of the following apply:

- ☐ I am currently on active duty and will also be using Tuition Assistance (TA) *For CH 33, TA always pays first before VA.*
- ☐ I am repeating courses. *The VA will only pay for repeating courses in certain circumstances. Ask SCO for more information.* Please list: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ This is my first enrollment (ever) of VA Benefits. Report to VA: *Report to VA:*  
<https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/>
- ☐ I have used VA Benefits before, however this is the first term at NC Wesleyan. *Report to VA:*  
<https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/>
- ☐ I have changed my major/minor since last enrollment: Report to VA: *Report to VA:*  
<https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/>
- ☐ I am enrolled an online or independent study class. Please list: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Last term I was placed on Academic Warning, Probation or Suspension or had a cumulative GPA under 2.0
- ☐ I will graduate at the end of this enrollment period. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### The information I provided is true. I understand that (please initial):

- \_\_\_\_ It is my responsibility to notify my SCO of changes in my degree program, drops or withdrawals.
- \_\_\_\_ It is my responsibility to follow the program curriculum outlined in the College Catalog.
- \_\_\_\_ If I fail a course due to absences/non-attendance in class, I may be required to repay VA benefits.
- \_\_\_\_ The SCO will certify my enrollment only after I have completed/renewed this and other relevant forms.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Military Leave of Absence Form



<https://ncwc.edu/admissions/apply-for-admission/financial-assistance/veteran-benefits/military-leave-of-absence/>

Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for leave:

☐ Permanent Change of Station PCS ☐ Temporary Duty TDY ☐ Activated Reserve/ Guard ☐ Rescheduled Training ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Leave Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Return Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Request for the following option:

- ☐ Continue the coursework through online participation or correspondence.
- ☐ Incomplete Grade. Details must be worked out between student and faculty.
- ☐ Drop without penalty. Drop/Add form must be attached.
- ☐ Excused absence for activity due to Reserve/Guard training (make-up work to be submitted the following week)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I have read the Student Military Deployment Policy in the Course Catalog and have attached the required backing documentation including Add/Drop form (if dropping) and official military orders.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Student*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Instructor*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Registrar (Traditional) or Academic Advisor (Adult Studies)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*School Certifying Official*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**CC: Financial Aid, Business Office, Registrar, Faculty, Student File**

## 2023-24 Post 9/11 - CH 33

### Yellow Ribbon Application

<https://ncwc.edu/admissions/apply-for-admission/financial-assistance/veteran-benefits/yellow-ribbon-application/>



Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_

College ID: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

☐ I understand there are a total of Five (5) scholarship recipients who will receive \$2000 each after they have exhausted their CH 33 benefits cap for the year.

☐ I understand that the YR scholarship recipients are considered in the order in which their YR Applications are received.

☐ I understand that in order to be qualified for this scholarship, I must be using CH 33 benefits at the rate of 100%.

☐ I understand that my academic scholarship and any other financial aid that is designated for "tuition only" will be applied to my tuition and fees charges BEFORE the enrollment certification is submitted to VA.

☐ I understand I am required to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible to see what other aid is available.

☐ I understand my financial aid awards may be adjusted once VA payments are received. The College must ensure compliance with federal, state, and institutional policies. If there is any conflict between this application and the VA law and/or regulations, the VA law and/or regulations shall control.

☐ **I will immediately inform the school VA Representative of any changes to my schedule because I understand it affects money sent to the school. If I make any changes to my schedule after the enrollment certification is submitted, I am liable for any money owed to VA. I understand the school will not award any additional money to my account thirty (30) days after school starts unless there are mitigating circumstances.**

☐ To continue receiving these benefits, I understand I must maintain satisfactory academic progress, good conduct, and attendance.

☐ I understand that I am responsible for any overload charges and any tuition owed to North Carolina Wesleyan University after my cap of **\$27,120.05** is met and Yellow Ribbon exhausted.

☐ I understand that NC Wesleyan can amend the Agreement with Department of Veterans Affairs each year and may choose to discontinue participation in the Yellow Ribbon program. If so, I will be responsible for my expenses after the 9/11 (Chapter 33) payment is made.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received by VA office: \_\_\_\_\_

# Academic Resources

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**NCWU Assessability Services** – The purpose of Accessibility services is to provide equal access opportunities, including the establishment and coordination of academic accommodations, auxiliary aids and programs to qualified students in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The office of CDS exercises a reasonably good faith effort to coordinate accommodations to enable students with disabilities to maximize their educational potential. For complete information on support available for students with disabilities at NC Wesleyan University, please download the Accessibility Services Handbook below or email [Accessibility@ncwc.edu](mailto:Accessibility@ncwc.edu) for more information.

**Library Services** – Pearsall Library is located on the main campus in Rocky Mount. In addition to serving students in Rocky Mount, the Library also supports programs at eight off-campus sites. The library provides access to materials in a variety of formats, including print, electronic, and video/media; by linking users to a wide range of electronic resources; and by providing instruction and online guides and tutorials to help users navigate the world of information, effectively. These resources support the academic programs of the University and meet the needs of teaching faculty and students. <https://ncwc.edu/academics/library/>

**Student Success Center (SSC)** – The mission of the is to assist students in achieving overall academic success. This is done by providing programs and resources that encourage students to become active and responsible learners. These programs and resources include Supplemental Instruction, Peer & Professional Tutoring, and Online Tutoring. SSC is located in the Pearsall Classroom Building (PCB) 192 (across from the Registrar's Office). If you have any questions or need additional information, please email [SSC@ncwc.edu](mailto:SSC@ncwc.edu).

## **Tutoring Services**

**Peer and Professional Tutoring:** For an in-person Tutoring experience, you can request a tutor: <https://ncwc.edu/request-a-tutor/> or they accept walk-in appointments. Just go to the Library Learning Commons.

Coming Fall 2023: **BrainFuse** Online Tutoring Improve student outcomes through personalized online tutoring, advanced reporting tools, and a versatile instructional platform. Check with your Academic Advisor for information.

## **Tutor.com (Free Tutoring)** -

<https://military.tutor.com/home> open to Veterans of Coast Guard, Navy and Marines and children in K-12 of all service members.

**Writing Center:** The NCWU Writing Center is dedicated to helping students with any form of writing, from any class, and at any stage of the writing process. We offer both face-to-face and synchronous online sessions that allow you to collaborate with trained peer consultants, and we host Writing Workshops each semester that walk you through important writing topics. The Writing Center is in the Pearsall Library, Learning Commons.

## **Career Services**

**College Central Network** – The ICSC provides students and alumni with free access to College Central Network (CCN). All students and alumni utilizing the services of the ICSC must first register at <http://www.collegecentral.com/ncwc/>. Once registered, users will have access to searchable job postings, resume building/posting and mentoring network.

**Career Development Workshops** – This series is designed to assist you in preparing for internships and employment. Completion of the CDW series is a prerequisite for enrolling in an internship. Topics include resume and cover letter writing, interviewing skills, and business etiquette/dress. [career@ncwc.edu](mailto:career@ncwc.edu)

**Resume Service** – Information and resources to assist with resume writing may be found at <https://ncwc.edu/campus-life/resources/career-development-leadership/resume-writing/>

**Mock Interviews** – Students can submit to the ISSC a job description, cover letter and resume of a job they wish to apply to set up a mock interview by the ICSC Director. Upon completion of the interview, the student

will be given specific feedback regarding his/her strengths and areas of improvement in the interview setting. Contact the ICSC to arrange a mock interview. Typically, two weeks of advance notice is required. [career@ncwc.edu](mailto:career@ncwc.edu)

**Career Fairs** - Wesleyan students are encouraged to participate in area career fairs in addition to the Eastern

North Carolina Career Alliance (ENCCA) Career Fair that is held annually. Co-sponsored by Wesleyan and other eastern NC colleges, the ENCCA Career Fair is held in Raleigh, NC every February. Transportation to the event is available to students at the traditional campus.

## Military-Related Discounts and Scholarships

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**Military 10% Off Tuition for Undergraduates** – Any Veteran or Active Military along with their spouses are eligible for 10% off on undergraduate tuition. You must provide proof of service (DD214, Military ID card, military transcripts, etc.).

**Army ROTC Scholarship** - Scholarships are available through the college for 2, 3 and 4-year students. The ROTC also offers the Dedicated Army National Guard Scholarship and the Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty Scholarship. Contact James Mercer, LTC USA (Ret) at [jmercerc@ncwc.edu](mailto:jmercerc@ncwc.edu), or call (252) 985-5340.

**Christopher S. Cash Memorial Scholarship** - In 1993, Captain Cash graduated cum laude from North Carolina Wesleyan University with a bachelor's degree in physical education. As a dedicated student, he was chosen to receive both the North Carolina Mary Morrow Scholarship, and the first annual Don Scalf Scholarship which was created to honor Wesleyan's retired athletics director and coach.



After earning his undergraduate degree in 1993, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the North Carolina National Guard. Captain Cash was an active-duty Soldier from 1986-1990, when he joined the North Carolina National Guard. While representing the 30th Infantry Brigade in 1991, Captain Cash was nominated for Outstanding Guardsman of the Year. In September of 1999, after Hurricane Floyd, he served as an essential leader with the 119th helping to restore his local community of Eastern North Carolina. Then in October 2003, he was mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Commander of Company A, 1st Battalion, 120th Infantry Regiment, 30th Enhanced

Separate Infantry Brigade headquartered in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

As a Company Commander, he led three platoons, and his soldiers provided support and protection to Iraqi citizens. During a pre-dawn patrol of a main supply route, in Baqubah, Iraq on 24 June 2004, Iraqi insurgents ambushed Captain Cash's 3rd platoon. After a fierce fight, 3rd platoon was ordered back to their Forward Operating Base Warhorse. Captain Cash then personally led his 1st platoon on a mission to secure two critical bridges in the center of the city. Focused on the safety of his men before his own, he ordered them to take cover. Captain Cash was mortally wounded by a machine gunner on top of a nearby building.

The Christopher S. Cash Memorial Scholarship will be distributed each year according to the College's Financial Aid criteria. Preference for receiving the scholarship will be given to a student or students who exemplify the qualities and traits of Christopher Cash, as demonstrated by volunteer service, plans for military service and leadership initiatives in school or youth organizations. Preference will also be given to students intending to serve in health and human services fields including exercise physiology. (Funds donated for the Christopher S. Cash Memorial Scholarship Fund by the Pitt Memorial Hospital Lights of Love Tree will support a student in the health care field.) Contact [FinancialAid@ncwc.edu](mailto:FinancialAid@ncwc.edu) for more information.

### **Corvias Foundation Military Dependent Children**

-A four-year, up to \$50,000 scholarship award open to graduating high school seniors with a minimum 3.0 cumulative unweighted GPA at the time of application. The scholarship is awarded up to \$12,500 per year for four years. Applicants must plan to attend an accredited





four-year college or university and must be the child of an active-duty service member stationed at one of the following installations: •Aberdeen Proving Ground •Fort Bragg •Fort Meade •Fort Polk •Fort Riley •Fort Rucker •Fort Sill •Edwards AFB •Eglin AFB •Eielson AFB •Hurlburt Field •McConnell AFB •Seymour Johnson AFB.

Applications open in mid-November, due by mid-February and announced in late April.

<https://corviasfoundation.org/scholarship-programs/>

**Corvias - Military Spouse:** Applicants must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible: 1) Plan to attend a community, technical, or four-year college (for profit and proprietary schools upon review) as an undergraduate or graduate student for the entire academic year. 2) Be the spouse of an active-duty service member stationed at one of the following U.S. military installations at the time of application or application due date: •Aberdeen Proving Ground •Fort Bragg •Fort Meade •Fort Polk •Fort Riley •Fort Rucker •Fort Sill •Edwards AFB •Eglin AFB •Eielson AFB •Hurlburt Field •McConnell AFB •Seymour Johnson AFB. An independent selection committee will evaluate the applications and select the recipients considering financial need, community involvement, essay content, and academic achievements and records.

<https://corviasfoundation.org/scholarship-programs/>

**Fisher House Scholarship** - Commissaries are an integral part of the quality of life offered to service members and their families. The Scholarships for Military Children Program was created in recognition of the contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and to celebrate the role of the commissary in the military family community. It is the intent of the program that a scholarship funded through contributions be awarded annually for each commissary operated by the Defense Commissary Agency worldwide.



The Scholarships for Military Children Program is primarily funded through the generosity of manufacturers and suppliers whose products are sold at military commissaries, worldwide. We encourage military families to take advantage of their commissary benefits that not only provide a savings of more than 30% on the products purchased, but also support the military community through programs such as this scholarship. The purchase of products from these companies funds the Scholarships for Military Children program

<http://www.militaryscholar.org/>

### **Military Officers of America (MOAA)**

The MOAA Scholarship Fund provides interest free loans, scholarships and grants to students seeking their first undergraduate degree.

Applicants for the programs



must be planning to attend

an accredited college or university during the current school year as full-time students. All loans, scholarships, and grants are for students seeking their first undergraduate degree and are awarded for no more than five school years. No loans, scholarships, or grants are available for graduate-level studies. For further information, <https://www.moaa.org/loans/>

Applicants must be under 24 years old. Applicants must have a parent eligible for MOAA membership or be children of Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, or retired enlisted military personnel. If the applicant served in a uniformed service before completing college, his or her maximum age for eligibility will be increased by the number of years he or she so served, up to five years. Applicants must have a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher. Children attending U.S. military academies and academy prep schools are not eligible. If selected for any Educational Assistance program, the sponsoring parent must have a paid MOAA (officers) or Voices (enlisted) membership throughout the college years and, if applicable, until the loan is repaid. Male applicants must affirm they have registered or will register for the Selective Service (by accepting the terms at the end of the application).

**American Patriot Scholarship:** Limited to students who qualify for the interest-free loan program and whose military parent has died on active service or is receiving Traumatic Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (T-SGLI) payments. Currently, students receive scholarships of \$5,000 each school year.

**Designated Scholar Program:** MOAA considers all loan recipients for this program. Students chosen receive a \$5,000 interest-free loan and a \$500 grant named by the donor. Students must correspond with the donor or their designee each fall.

**Senior Grants:** MOAA will notify current loan recipients entering their final year in college of these grants in January of their junior year. Students who believe they are eligible for these grants and who do not receive an emailed link to the

application should email [edassist@moaa.org](mailto:edassist@moaa.org) for additional information. Recipients of Senior Grants become ineligible for further Educational Assistance programs. The number of grants awarded varies from year to year.

### **General John Paul Ratay Educational Fund**

**Grants:** These grants are limited to children whose military parent retired and subsequently died. Students qualifying for a loan who meet the criteria of a Ratay grant are automatically considered. Students who believe they are eligible for these grants and who do not receive a request for supporting documentation should email [edassist@moaa.org](mailto:edassist@moaa.org). Funding for this grant is limited, so they may not be awarded annually.

### **National Military Family Association - Military Spouse Scholarships**

NMFA awards an average of \$500 for career funding and \$1,000 for degrees. Up to \$2500 is available for clinical supervision towards licensure in the mental health profession. Spouses are also eligible for funding, typically \$1,000, to build their own businesses. This includes entrepreneurs, LLCs, direct sales, franchises, contractors, and other for-profit ventures. Any spouse with a valid military ID is eligible. Applications are open through June of each year.  
<https://www.militaryfamily.org/programs/spouses-scholarships/>



**Tillman Military Scholarship:** The Pat Tillman Foundation's Tillman Military Scholars program supports our nation's active and veteran service members and their families by removing financial barriers to completing a degree or certification program of their choice. Study-related expenses such as tuition, fees, childcare and housing. To apply go to <https://pattillmanfoundation.org/apply/>.

**NBC Universal SVA Scholarship** - NBC Universal is committed to increasing diversity both on the air and behind the scenes. Doing so provides a secure, powerful, and competitive advantage in the media and entertainment industry. As part of this commitment, Student Veterans of America and NBC Universal have partnered to distribute two (2) \$12,000 scholarships to any eligible student veteran! If you meet the eligibility requirements, please visit the link below to



access the application form. Complete all fields and upload the required documents in a PDF file. The 2018 NBC Universal SVA Scholarship application will remain open until April for the following school year.  
<https://studentveterans.org/programs-events/scholarships/comcast-nbcuniversal-scholarship/>

**Raytheon SVA Scholarship** - Student Veterans of America and Raytheon have partnered to provide two (2) \$10,000 scholarships to student veterans demonstrating a commitment to and passion for their chosen field of study, as well as demonstrated leadership and engagement within their community. The Raytheon Patriot Scholarship is offered exclusively to U.S. Army veterans and is named after Raytheon's Patriot Air and Missile Defense System.

The Raytheon Patriot Scholarship application will remain open until April for the following school year. Student veterans must complete an online application, answer three essay questions, attach the required documents, and have one letter of reference be submitted prior to the deadline to be considered.  
<https://studentveterans.org/programs-events/scholarships/raytheon-technologies-spy-6-scholarship/>

### **NC Scholarship for Children of Wartime Veterans**

North Carolina's Scholarship Program was created to show its appreciation for the services and sacrifices of its war veterans. The scholarship program applies to North Carolina schools. The scholarship is for eight academic semesters and the recipient has eight years to utilize the eight academic semesters. The Scholarship program has been established for the qualifying natural or an adopted child (if adopted before the age of 15) children of certain class categories of deceased, disabled, combat, or POW/MIA veterans. Applicant must be under the age of 25 at the time of application. The veteran's qualifying criteria must have occurred during a period of war. At time of application, applicant must be domiciled and a resident of North Carolina. The deadline to apply is February 14. All paper applications are now obsolete and will be returned to sender. In addition: Veteran parent was a legal resident of North Carolina at time of said veteran's entrance into that period of service in the Armed Forces during which eligibility is established, **OR** the applicant is the natural child or adopted child (if adopted before the age of 15) of an eligible veteran and the child/adopted child was born in North Carolina and has been a resident of North Carolina continuously since birth. <https://www.milvets.nc.gov/services/scholarships>

## National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

The NSDAR awards multiple scholarships to students showing dedication to the pursuit of degrees in diverse disciplines including history, law, nursing, and education.

The DAR Scholarship Committee awards scholarships to qualified applicants regardless of race, religion or sex. All applicants must be United States citizens. All multi-year scholarships, typically renewable up to four years, must be for consecutive years of attendance at an accredited college or university in the United States. The only exception is the American Indian Scholarship that is available for students pursuing vocational training. For more information:

<https://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships>



## VFW's Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship

provides service members and veterans with the financial assistance they need to complete their educational goals without incurring excessive student loan debt. It's just another way for us to say "thank you" to those who fought for our freedoms.

- Scholarships of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to qualified applicants.
- Awarded scholarships are limited to one per family per semester.
- Applications for the fall semester will be accepted January 1 through April 30.
- Applications for the spring semester will be accepted August 1 through November 15.
- Fall semester scholarships will be awarded in August; Spring semester in January.
- Scholarships must be used by the end of the school semester for which the veteran is applying, or they will become null and void.
- Scholarships are restricted for tuition and fees only and will be paid directly to accredited schools.



### Eligible Applicants Must:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Be retired, honorably discharged, active duty, or a member of the National Guard or Reserve.
- Completed Basic Training and follow-on training
- Separated with/current military rank of E-5 or below.
- Demonstrate a need for financial assistance.
- Participate in, be accepted to or currently enrolled in a VA-approved program or school at an accredited post-secondary institution.

<https://www.vfw.org/Scholarship/>

**Women's Overseas Service League** Scholarship awards are based upon the decisions of the Scholarship Committee of the Women's Overseas Service League Board of Directors. Scholarships average \$500.00 to \$1000.00 annually and may be renewed for a second year if the recipient maintains and reports satisfactory progress as delineated in the scholarship award criteria.



Scholarship granted to women who:

- Are committed to advancement in military or other public service careers.
- Demonstrated commitment through life experiences.
- Have successfully completed at least 12 semester (or 18 quarter) hours of study in any institution of higher education with a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Are admitted for study in an institution of higher learning in a program leading to an academic degree (Associate Degree or higher). The program may be professional or technical in nature.
- Agree to enroll for a minimum of six semester (or nine quarter) hours of study each academic period.
- Agree to maintain academic standards.

Applicants must complete the Scholarship Application form in its entirety and include all documentation, including resume, transcripts, essays and references as specified on the application form. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1 for consideration for the next academic year. <http://wosl.org/scholarships/>

**AMVETS** Two scholarships are specific to Veterans, Active Duty, Guard/Reserves:

- The AMVETS Scholarship: \$4,000 – (\$1,000 awarded annually over four years). (3) per year.
- The Dr. Aurelio M. Caccamo\* Family Foundation Memorial Scholarship: \$12,000 (\$3,000 awarded annually over 4 years), 2 awarded each year



Two scholarships are specific to children/grandchildren of Veterans, Active Duty, Guard/Reserves who are currently High School seniors:

- The AMVETS Scholarship: \$4,000 (\$1,000 awarded annually over 4 years) 6 awarded each year
- The JROTC Scholarship: \$1,000 – (one payment of \$1,000), one (1) awarded each year -JROTC only. Proof from JROTC instructor must be included with application.

The AMVETS Scholarship application cycle is January 21 through April 30. <http://amvets.org/scholarships/>

**Military Order of the Purple Heart** The Purple Heart Scholarship Program is a competitive scholarship program that awards scholarships to Purple Heart recipients and their spouses, children, and grandchildren each year. To be eligible to apply for a Purple Heart Scholarship, each applicant needs to be a member of one of the following categories:

1. A Purple Heart recipient who is also a member of MOPH, or
2. Spouse of a Purple Heart recipient who is a Member of MOPH, or
3. The direct lineal descendant (child, stepchild, adopted child, grandchild or step grandchild) of a Purple Heart recipient/Member of MOPH, or
4. Spouse, widow/widower, or direct lineal descendant as defined above of a service member killed-in-action or who died of wounds. If the Purple Heart recipient is listed as killed-in-action or died of wounds, supporting documentation must accompany the application.

In order to receive a Purple Heart Scholarship, applicants must meet the following three requirements:

1. Be a graduate or upcoming graduate (current senior) of a high school or GED program, and
2. Accepted by or enrolled as a FULL-TIME undergraduate student at an accredited U.S. college, university, or trade school at the time the scholarship is awarded, and
3. Maintain a 2.75 cumulative Grade Point Average based on an un-weighted 4.0 grading system. Graduate students are not eligible to apply.

**Veterans United Foundation** -The Veterans United Foundation Scholarship creates opportunities for family members of service members and Veterans to achieve their educational dreams. The scholarship program, launched in 2012, is funded by contributions from Veterans United Home Loans and its employees. The Veterans United Foundation Scholarship will be awarding up to 10 one-time scholarships for up to \$50,000 for this upcoming semester.

<https://www.enhancelives.com/scholarships>

### **Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts**

**Program (MyCAA)** A component of the Department of Defense's (DoD) Spouse Education and Career Opportunities (SECO) program, MyCAA is a career development and employment assistance program. MyCAA helps military spouses pursue licenses, certificates, certifications or Associate's Degrees (excluding Associate's Degrees in General Studies, Liberal Arts, and Interdisciplinary Studies that do not have a concentration) necessary for gainful employment in high demand, high growth Portable Career Fields and Occupations. To be eligible, you must be a spouse of a service member on active duty in pay grades E-1 to E-5, W-1 to W-2, and O-1 to O-2 who can start and complete their coursework while their military sponsor is on Title 10 military orders, including spouses married to members of the National Guard and Reserve Components in these same pay grades.

<https://mycaa.militaryonesource.mil/mycaa/get-started>

**Patriot Foundation** – Supports the educational goals of military and veteran families through scholarships. Since its inception in 2003, Patriot Foundation has utilized donations from corporate partners, private foundations, and individual donors to fund these scholarships to our military communities throughout the country. In 2020, Patriot Foundation and North Carolina Legislature entered a public/private partnership. The allocations from the State allow Patriot Foundation to increase scholarship support of North Carolina Military families attending North Carolina post-secondary institutions.

Patriot Foundation currently administers two scholarship programs using North Carolina state and federal funds:

NC Patriot Star Family RECOVERY Scholarship and the NC Patriot Star Family Scholarship. For more information on these scholarships, visit

<https://patriotfoundation.org/nc-patriot-star-family-recovery-scholarship-program>





# Veterans Advisory Committee

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The NCWU Veterans Advisory Committee formed in Fall 2017, is comprised of NC Wesleyan staff, faculty, students and community leaders all of whom are either Veterans, military family members or who work with Veteran students. The purpose of the Committee is to support Veteran students by increasing services and promoting military-connected student awareness on campus.



**Laura Brown**

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Laura has worked with students at NCWU as an academic advisor since 2000. She currently serves as School VA Certifying Official assisting students with their veteran benefits. In 2017, she formed the NCWU Veterans Advisory Committee comprised of faculty, staff, students and community leaders who are veterans or military-related. The mission of the Committee is to advocate for Veteran support and services on Wesleyan campuses. Brown is a long-time US Air Force military spouse and volunteers as Key Spouse for the 414MXS reservist squadron at Seymour Johnson AFB. An adult studies student, she earned her MA.Ed. in Adult Education at Central Michigan University.



**Rep. Allen Chesser**

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Allen Chesser is a Christian, a husband, a father, a combat veteran and is the newly elected member of the NC State House of Representatives serving District 25, Nash County. Allen joined the military at 17 years old, he saw our country being attacked on 9/11 and felt called to do something; to serve. Allen deployed to Iraq with B. Bttry. 5/113 Field Artillery from 2005-2006, where he completed over 100 combat missions as turret gunner. Allen returned to continue in service to his community as a police officer with the Town of Nags Head and the City of Raleigh. Allen married his wife, Jessica, in 2009 and together they are raising their five wonderful children. He graduated with a B.S. in Computer Information Systems from North Carolina Wesleyan University in Spring 2019.



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Lt. Col. James Mercer was born in Edgecombe County and raised in Nash County. He joined the US Army after graduating from North Edgecombe High School. He retired with 30 years of military service in the US Army, US Army Reserve and the Army National Guard. During his distinguished civilian career, he served in multiple roles including: police officer and firefighter for the City of Rocky Mount, Deputy Fire Marshal for Nash County Emergency Services, Public Safety Instructor at Nash and Edgecombe Community Colleges, Director of Public Safety Training for Nash Community College, Director of Emergency Management and Fire Marshal for Edgecombe County, Director of Emergency Management for Fayetteville State University and later for the City of Raleigh, where he retired in 2012.



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Gena Messer-Knode is the Director of the Eastern NC Center for

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**SSG Bryant Perez**

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A native of Queens, NY, SSG Perez graduated from Pemberton High School, NJ in 2013 and joined the Army shortly after to gain structure in his life. He completed Basic Training

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Mr. Pleasant served in the U.S. Army Security Agency from 1969 to 1972 as a Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) Specialist and joined the U.S. National

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Elliott Smith is the Director of Student Activities here at NCWU.

He manages all student organizational programming, Greek life programming, and on campus

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## Acronym Guide

BAH	Basic Allowance for Housing	TOE	Transfer of Eligibility
COE	Certificate of Eligibility	VA	Veteran Affairs
FAFSA	Free Application for Student Aid	VAC	Veterans Advisory Committee
NCTAP	North Carolina Tuition Assistance Program	VRE	Veteran Readiness and Employment
SCO	School Certifying Official	XF	Failure due to lack of Attendance
SSC	Student Success Center	YR	Yellow Ribbon
SVA	Student Veterans of America		
TA	Tuition Assistance		

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