



Local Education and Financial Information at Pittsburgh IAP



The Family Support Office has designed this brochure to assist Reserve personnel and their families pursue funding and obtain local information about higher education opportunities.

Top Ten Tips for Financial Aid

1. Take advantage of the abundance of information about selecting, applying to, and financing college. There is plenty available at no cost. Your research and perseverance can pay big dividends.
2. Become informed about financial assistance unique to the area in which you reside.
3. Learn all you can about your college financial aid process. Talk to the college financial aid officer. Ninety percent of all financial aid available to students is channeled through their offices.
4. Apply to the number one supplier of financial aid—the Federal government. File your free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1.
5. For additional assistance find out about your local community resources and see what they offer.
6. Save money by taking CLEP and DANTES exams on base or in the case of the university take CLEP exams at a rate reduced below your normal tuition.
7. Apply early. Financial assistance always has deadlines. Meet or beat them!
8. Be wary of scholarship scams! Unfortunately, many dubious scholarship and search offers exist.
9. Scholarships, or free money, should always be sought first—but loans through various sources (state, federal, banks, foundations, etc.) are available. Borrowing for your education might be a necessity, but it may be the investment you will ever make in your life.
10. Plan today! If you have children, it is never too early to start investing for their education.

On Base Education and Training

The Pittsburgh IAP Education and Training office is located in Building 316 at 2475 Defense Avenue. Their number is 412-474-8408. They offer a selection of CLEP and DANTES tests to reservists. They also have information about the GI Bill, and activated and reserve tuition assistance. There are currently no colleges offering courses at the base. The CCAF web sit is: www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf

Active Duty and Reserve Scholarships

Pitsenbarger Grant

Pitsenbarger Awards provide a one-time grant of \$500 to selected top active duty, Guard and Reserve USAF enlisted personnel graduating from the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) who plan to pursue a baccalaureate degree. The grants coincide with the CCAF graduation ceremonies held each spring and fall. <http://www.aef.org/> or 1-800-291-8480

Family Member Scholarships

Air Force Aid Society General H. Arnold Education Grant

The centerpiece of the Society's education initiatives is the General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program which provides **\$1500** grants to selected sons and daughters of active duty, Title 10 AGR/Reserve, Title 32 AGR performing full-time active duty, retired, retired reserve and deceased Air Force members; spouses (stateside) of active duty members and Title 10 AGR/Reservists; and surviving spouses of deceased personnel for their undergraduate studies. Web site is <http://www.afas.org/>

Aerospace Education Foundation Air Force Spouse Scholarship

The Air Force Spouse Scholarship program is designed to encourage Air Force spouses worldwide to pursue associate/bachelor undergraduate or graduate/postgraduate degrees. The applicant must be a spouse of Air Force Active Duty, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve to be eligible. Spouses who are military members or who are in ROTC are not eligible. <http://www.aef.org/> or 1-800-291-8480

The Air Force Sergeants Association

The Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) and the Airmen Memorial Foundation (AMF) join together annually to conduct a scholarship program to financially assist the undergraduate studies of single, eligible, dependent children of Air Force, Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard enlisted members in active duty, retired or veteran status. Applications are screened and verified for eligibility prior to submission to the applicable selection committee(s). The AFSA and AUXILIARY programs have a membership requirement, but there

is none for the AMF or CMSAF programs.

Applications for the upcoming academic year are available between November 1 and March 15. Completed application packages with all required documents can be sent to AFSA Headquarters between January 1 and March 31, but must be received by March 31 if package is to be considered for the coming academic year. Incomplete packages or packages received after March 31 are ineligible for consideration.

AFSA and the AMF (including the CMSAF Scholarship Program) award scholarships valued from \$500 to \$3,000 to students attending an accredited academic institution. The grant amount and total number of scholarships awarded are dependent upon funds available. To date, over \$1,000,000 in scholarships has been awarded to Air Force dependent children.

<http://www.afsahq.org/> 1-800-638-0594 or 301-899-3500

Army Emergency Relief Spouse and Child Education Assistance Program

This web site has down loadable applications for eligible family members. These are for children of active duty or military retired; and spouses of active duty assigned overseas.

<http://www.aerhq.org/education.asp>

Military Officer's Association of America

Interest-Free Loan and Grant Program The interest-free loans are renewable annually for up to five years of full-time undergraduate study. Assistance is available only to students who have not earned an undergraduate degree. The Interest-Free Loan and Grant program provides \$4,000 loans, which are renewable for up to five years of undergraduate study. Students selected as loan recipients and their sponsoring parent must sign a promissory note before funds can be disbursed. Loans are disbursed in two increments: one-half by early August and one-half by mid-December. Children under-age-24, children of MOAA members, and children of active-duty, Reserve, National Guard, or retired enlisted military personnel are potentially eligible for this program. If such a child served in a Uniformed Service before completing college, however, his or her maximum age for eligibility will be increased by the number of years he or she so served, up to five years. <http://www.moaa.org/Default.asp>

DOD Civilians

Federal Employees Education Association

FEEA has awarded over \$3.5 million in college scholarships exclusively to federal and postal employees and their family members. <http://www.feea.org/>

AREA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Allegheny College

Ranked by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top 80 national liberal arts colleges in the country, Allegheny College in Meadville is known for academic quality and its personalized undergraduate program.

Address: 520 Main Street, Meadville, PA 16335

Phone: (814) 322-3100

Web Address: www.allegeny.edu

Butler County Community College

This community college offers a wide range of programs, including Business Administration, Humanities, Social Science, Science and Technology and nursing programs

Address: 3182 Innovation Way, Hermitage, PA 16148

Phone: (814) 322-3100

Web Address: www.bc3.edu/asbout/armstrong.htm

Carnegie Mellon University

Ranked as the #1 most wired university in the U.S., CMU is renowned for its computer science, robotics, business, and drama programs. It was founded in 1900 by Andrew Carnegie, and is now ranked among the country's top universities.

Address: 5000 Forbes Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15282

Phone: (412) 268-2000

Web Address: www.cmu.edu

Carlow College

Founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1929, Carlow College is a Catholic, women-centered four-year Liberal Arts College located in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh.

Address: 3333 Fifth Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15213

Phone: 1-800-333-carlow

Web Address: www.cmu.edu

Chatham College

Chatham is home to 950 undergraduate and graduate students on 32 acres in the Shadyside area of Pittsburgh. It is a private institution which offers undergraduate degrees only to women. Graduate programs are open to women and men.

Address: Woodland Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15282

Phone: (412) 365-1100

Web Address: www.chatam.edu

Duquesne University

Located in the heart of Pittsburgh, Duquesne is one of the leading major private, Catholic universities in the U.S. It's 9400 students come from 90 nations around the world. It is recognized as one of the safest urban campuses in the U.S. by USA Today.

Address: 600 Forbes Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15282

Phone: (412) 396-6000 or 1-800-456-0590

Web Address: www.duq.edu

Geneva College

A private Christian college of liberal arts and sciences located in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, 35 miles northwest of Pittsburgh. Student body enrollment is a little over 2000.

Address: 3200 College Ave, Beaver Falls, PA 15010

Phone: (724) 846-5100

Web Address: www.geneva.edu

Grove City College

Since its founding in 1876, Grove City College, provides a high-quality liberal and professional education with an emphasis on Christian principals.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania IUP, the smallest BIG public university in Pennsylvania, is located northeast of Pittsburgh in Indiana, Pennsylvania. Known affectionately as a "Public Ivy" school, IUP is has three campuses and an annual enrollment of 14,000.

Address: 100 Campus Drive, Grove City, PA 16127

Phone: (724) 458-2000

Web Address: www.gcc.edu

LaRoche College

Ranked as the 13th safest four-year college in the United States in a recent APB news poll, La Roche is a co-educational Catholic college located in Pittsburgh.

Address: 9000 Babcock Boulevard, Pittsburgh PA 15237

Phone: (412) 536-1272 or 1-800-838-4572

Web Address: www.laroche.edu

Point Park College

An independent, co-educational college with an enrollment of approximately 2500 students located in the heart of downtown Pittsburgh. It is best known for its programs in: theatre, dance, business, education, and journalism and communications.

Address: 201 Wood Street, Pittsburgh PA 15222

Phone: 1-800-321-0129

Web Address: www.pointpark.edu

Robert Morris College

An independent, co-educational institution offering undergraduate and graduate degree programs. The 230 acre Moon Township campus has over 3000 students, while the Pittsburgh campus features a college atmosphere in a business setting.

Address: 6001 University Boulevard, Moon Township PA 15108

Phone: (412) 227-6472 or 1-800-762-0097

Web Address: www.rnu.edu

Saint Vincent

A four-year Catholic, Benedictine, liberal arts college located in the Laurel Highlands region near Latrobe, PA (about 40 miles from Pittsburgh). SVC has been named by several leading magazines as one of the best college buys in the U.S.

Address: 300 Fraser Purchase RD, Latrobe PA 15650-2690

Phone: (724) 532-6600

Web Address: www.stvincent.edu

Seton Hill

Seton Hill College, located in Greensburg, PA, east of Pittsburgh is a small liberal

arts school with an excellent student/teacher ratio. Offers the opportunity to design your own major!

Address: One Seton Hill Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601

Phone: (724) 834-2200 or 1-800-826-6234

Web Address: www.setonhill.edu

Slippery Rock

It is one of the largest campuses in western PA. SRU is a public university located on 600 acres just 50 minutes north of downtown Pittsburgh. This liberal-arts school enjoys an enrollment of some 7,600 students in more than 100 degree programs.

Address: 1 Morrow Way, Slippery Rock, PA 16507

Phone: 1-800-778-91111

Web Address: www.sru.edu

University of Pittsburgh

Founded in 1787, the Pittsburgh Academy was located in a log cabin near Pittsburgh's three rivers. It is now a state-related, public research university with 32,300 students and 9,600 faculty members, research associates, and staff.

Address: University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA 15260

Phone: (412) 624-4141

Web Address: www.pitt.edu

Washington and Jefferson

Founded in 1781, W&J is one of America's oldest, national liberal arts colleges. It is internationally known for its pre-law and pre-health programs. This college is located in Washington, Pennsylvania, about 40 minutes southwest of Pittsburgh.

Address: 605 Lincoln Street, Washington, PA 15301

Phone: 1-800-926-3529

Web Address: www.wasjeff.edu

Westminster College

Founded in 1852 and related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Westminster College is ranked first in the country in graduation rate performance among national liberal arts college, according to U.S. News & World Report, and is the most affordable national liberal arts college in Pennsylvania.

Address: New Wilmington, PA 16172-0001

Phone: 1-800-942-8033

Web Address: www.westminster.edu

Distance Learning Sites (Warning verify that credits offered through these sources are regionally accredited)

<http://www.lifelonglearning.com/>

<http://www.au.af.mil>

<http://www.apus.edu/>

<http://www.acq.osd.mil/dau/>

<http://www.gradschool.com>

<http://www.gradschools.com>

<http://www.otn.navy.mil/>

<http://www.dli.army.mil/>

<http://www.degree.net/>

<http://www.grad.usda.gov/>

<http://www.nps.navy.mil/>

<http://www.otn.navy.mil/>

<http://www.asymetrix.com/>

<http://www.tradoc.army.mil/schools.htm>

<http://www.umuc.edu/>

<http://www.otn.navy.mil/>

<http://www.acq.osd.mil/dau/>

<http://www.grad.usda.gov/>

<http://www.nps.navy.mil/>

<http://www.asymetrix.com/>

<http://www.phoenix.edu>

<http://www.caso.com/>

<http://www.petersons.com>

<http://petersons.com/airforce/>

Scholarship & Financial Aid Search Engines (Disclaimer: This information is for information only and is not intended as an endorsement, links may be discontinued or changed without notice)

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

<http://scholarships.salliemae.com/>

<http://www.FEEA.org>

www.fastweb.com

www.gibillexpress.com

<http://www.wiredscholar.com/>

www.srnexpress.com

www.collegenet.com

www.collegequest.com

www.students.gov

www.mapping-your-future.org

www.freshinfo.coml

www.collegescholarships.com

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/express.html>

www.review.com

<http://www.scholarship-page.com/>

www.collegeboard.org

www.collegeispossible.org

www.back2college.com/

www.ed.gov

www.salliemae.com

www.scholarships.com

www.guaranteed-scholarships.com

www.rhodesscholar.org

www.scholarshipscanada.com

www.gates.scholarships.cam.ac.uk

www.woodrow.org/mellon

www.truman.gov

www.iie.org/fulbright

www.marshallscholarship.org

www.jamesmadison.com

www.pdsoros.org

www.iie.org

www.aed.org

www.commissaries.com

www.ed.gov/prog_info/SFA/FYE

www.nmcrcs.org/education.html

www.fra.org

www.troa.org/education/default.asp

<http://www.lesko.com/help/EducationandTrainingHelp.htm>

www.RonBrown.org

www.JackieRobinson.org

www.project-excellence.com.

www.sciserv.org/sts

www.nacme.org

www.qmsp.org/SOW4/

www.aicpa.org/members/div/career/mini/smas.htm

www.coca-colascholars.org/.

www.rotary.org/

www.mcdonalds.com/

www.xerox.com

www.akaef.org/

www.excellence.org/programs.html

www.truman.gov

<http://www.scholarshipcoach.com/>

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

<http://www.ajeffsvending.com/2IDA/index.htm>

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

<http://www.srnexpress.com/>

<http://www.ed.gov/thinkcollege/>

<http://www.college-scholarships.com/100college.htm>

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wt/g-wtl/career/>

<http://www.hhs.gov/>

http://www.ed.gov/prog_info/SFA/FYE/FYE01/

<http://www.epa.gov/students/careers.htm>

<http://www.ed.gov>

www.wilsonfund.org

www.apa.org/mfp

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/edcams/scholarship/index.html>

[http://www.freschinfo.com,](http://www.freschinfo.com)

[National Merit - http://www.nationalmerit.org/](http://www.nationalmerit.org/),

[AbsolutelyScholarships - http://www.absolutelyscholarships.com/](http://www.absolutelyscholarships.com/),

[National Academy of American Scholars - http://www.naas.org/](http://www.naas.org/),

[The Scholarship Page - http://www.scholarship-page.com/](http://www.scholarship-page.com/)

[Arkansas Scholarship Information Service \(ASIS\) - http://scholarships-ar-us.org](http://scholarships-ar-us.org),

[U.S. Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation - http://www.marine-scholars.org/](http://www.marine-scholars.org/),

[College Connection Scholarships - http://collegescholarships.com](http://collegescholarships.com),

[Morris K. Udall Foundation - http://udallfoundation.org](http://udallfoundation.org),

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

[The Scholastic, Inc. Art and Writing Awards - http://www.scholastic.com/artandwriting](http://www.scholastic.com/artandwriting),

[Collegexit.com- http://www.collegexit.com](http://www.collegexit.com),

[Indian-American Scholarship Fund - http://www.iasf.org/](http://www.iasf.org/)

<http://www.walmartfoundation.org>

[CollegeFunds.Net - http://www.collegefunds.net/free-scholarships.htm](http://www.collegefunds.net/free-scholarships.htm),

[Scholarships-Ar-Us.com - http://www.scholarships-ar-us.com](http://www.scholarships-ar-us.com),

[Actuarial Scholarships - http://www.actuaryjobs.com/sform.html](http://www.actuaryjobs.com/sform.html)

[WinScholarships.com - http://www.winscholarships.com](http://www.winscholarships.com)

[Children's Scholarship Fund - http://www.scholarshipfund.org/index.asp](http://www.scholarshipfund.org/index.asp),

[Walter Beale Scholarship Foundation - http://www.fraprpscholarships.org](http://www.fraprpscholarships.org),

[GeoScholarships.com - http://www.geoscholarships.com](http://www.geoscholarships.com),

[The Scholarship Workshop - http://www.scholarshipworkshop.com](http://www.scholarshipworkshop.com),

[Taiwanese American Foundation of Boston - http://www.taf-boston.org](http://www.taf-boston.org)

[ScholarshipShop.com - http://www.scholarshipshop.com,](http://www.scholarshipshop.com)

<http://singleparents.about.com/library/weekly/aa010701a>

<http://www-rotc.monroe.army.mil/>

<http://www.heic.org>

<http://www.collegenet.com/mach25/>

<http://www.collegequest.com>

<http://www.embark.com>

<http://www.collegeview.com/>

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

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

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

<http://www.collegelink.com/>

<http://web.jccc.net/academic/nars>

<http://iiswinprd01.petersons.com/GradChannel/>

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/>

<http://riceinfo.rice.edu/Internet/>

<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/home.htm>

<http://www-net.com/univ/list.html>

<http://www1.kaplan.com/>

<http://www.FEEA.org>

<http://www.collegesource.org/home.asp>

<http://www.calstate.edu>

<http://www.collegegrad.com/>

[http://campus.monster.com/.](http://campus.monster.com/)

<http://www.microsoft.com/traincert/default.asp>

<http://www.propoint.com>

www.ed.gov/pubs/collegcosts/cover.html

http://www.ed.gov/prog_info/SFA/StudentGuide/

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/collegcosts/cover.html>

Students with Special Scholarship Needs

www.ncaa.org/cbsa/

www.hsf.net

www.blackexcel.org

www.aihec.org

<http://www.va.gov>

[http://www.dantes.doded.mil.](http://www.dantes.doded.mil)

[www.uncf.org/programs.](http://www.uncf.org/programs)

www.nsbe.org/scholarships

www.ncaa.org/about/scholarships.html

[www.nahj.org/student.html.](http://www.nahj.org/student.html)

www.nabj.org/html/studentsvcs.html NABJ

[www.artsawards.org.](http://www.artsawards.org)

www.e-rchitect.com/institute/scholar.htm

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

<http://www.cgspouses.net/clubs/scholarship.shtml>

www.nmcrcs.org/education.html

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

http://www.military.com/MilitaryReport/?file=MR_AFAS_Deadline

www.fra.org

<http://www.fisherhouse.org>

<http://www.cgmahq.org>

Tests by Examination

CLEP- <http://www.collegeboard.com/splash>

DANTES – <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>. (Active duty only)

REGENTS – <http://www.regents.edu>

College Entrance Exams

ACT- <http://www.act.org/aap/index.html>

GMAT- <http://www.gmat.org>

GRE- <http://www.gre.org>

SAT- <http://www.collegeboard.com/splash>

Sites with Self Assessment Tests

Keirsey – <http://www.keirsey.com>

MAPPS – <http://www.assessment.com>

Holland Test- <http://jobs.esc.state.nc.us/soicc/planning/c1a.htm>

Other

Foreign transcripts - <http://www.voled.doded.mil>