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Educational Opportunities & Support for Milspouses



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**Spouse Education & Career
Opportunities**



Education Resources for MilSpouses

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Military OneSource for Service Providers & Leaders

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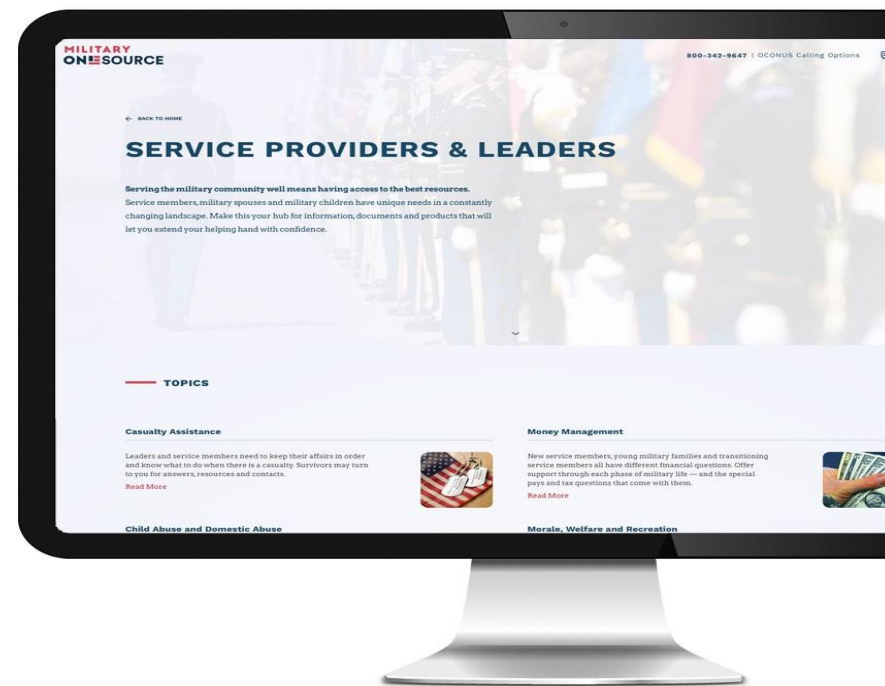
Resources for Military Life



Starting with the Website

Military OneSource delivers easily accessible information and resources you can use to support service members and families who turn to you for assistance.

- Explore the entire site.
- Check out the Service Providers category.
- Create a login so you can download resources of interest.



Tons of Materials to Choose From

The word cloud features the following terms in various sizes and orientations:

- Articles
- Fact Sheets
- Forms
- Brochures
- Infographics
- Toolkits
- E-learning courses
- Flyers
- Pre-recorded webinars
- Guides (PDFs)
- Podcasts
- Free Products
- Links to branch-specific programs
- Reports

Downloadable and Printable Materials

Get resources, information and supportive materials to meet your service members' needs:

- Look for “Quick Access” in the MilitaryOneSource.mil menu and click on “Products.”
- Search products by type (Audio and Video, Books, etc.) and by Category (Financial, Special Needs, etc.)
- Special order products by logging in or creating a Military OneSource account.
- Receive your products 7 to 14 days after the order is placed.



Add More Materials to Your Collection

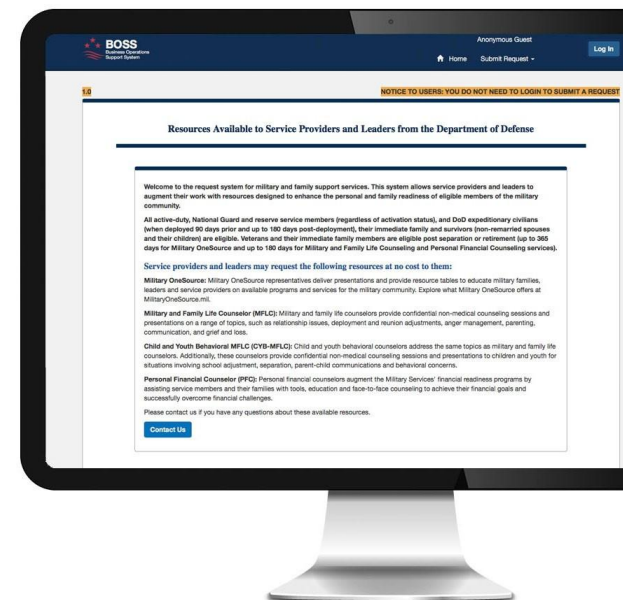
- Get the latest information about timely issues and events that matter to service members and family members by signing up for eNewsletters.
 - Military OneSource
 - Friends & Family Connection
 - Spouse Education and Career Opportunities
 - Exceptional Advocate
- Articles include links to thousands of vetted resources and services.
- No matter which area of military life you want to explore, Military OneSource is a great place to start your search.



Non-medical Counseling

Confidential non-medical counseling:

- For service members and military families
- Private, at no cost
- Short-term, up to 12 sessions
- Connects service members – or immediate family members – to counseling from licensed mental health clinicians
- Helps with issues such as:
 - Improving relationships at home and work
 - Stress management
 - Marital and communication issues
 - Adjustment and deployment difficulties
 - Parenting skills
 - Grief or loss



In-Person Support at Your Request

Military OneSource state consultants come in person to explain the benefits, services and resources available to the military community

- Anyone who serves the military community can request a visit from a state consultant, including:
 - Military leaders from every branch
 - Military service providers
 - Civilian and community organizations that serve military populations





Educational Opportunities and Support for MilSpouses

Kristen Silverman

Spouse Education and Career
Opportunities





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Introduction and Agenda

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- MyCAA school and program search tools
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Overview of the MyCAA Scholarship

Get the Credentials You Need To Achieve Your Career Goal

The My Career Advancement Account Scholarship is a workforce development program that provides up to **\$4,000 in financial assistance** to eligible military spouses for the **pursuit or maintenance (including continuing education courses) of a license, certification, or associate's degree** necessary to gain employment in an occupation or career field.

GET STARTED →

MyCAA Eligibility

Who is eligible for the My Career Advancement Account Scholarship?

- Spouses of service members on active duty in pay grades E-1 to E-6, W1 to W2 and O1 to O-3 who have successfully complete high school and have the ability to request tuition assistance while their military sponsor is on Title 10 military orders are eligible
 - In Fiscal year 23, MyCAA expanded eligibility to spouses whose Service member is in the pay grades of E6 and O3. Funding for these expanded pay grades is limited to approximately 1,250 spouses each fiscal year.
- Spouses married to members of the National Guard and reserves in these same pay grades are eligible
- Spouses remain eligible for financial assistance if their sponsor is promoted above the eligible pay grades as long as the spouse has a previously approved education and training plan

MyCAA School Search Tool

Where Can I Go?

You can search a listing of participating, approved schools using a keyword search. For a more accurate search avoid typing in words such as "The," "University" or "College".

SEARCH

RESET

Filter

MyCAA Participating Schools (2,089 Found)

Accreditation Type

All Not Reported Regional National State Other

Tax Status

All Not Reported Public - Non Profit Private - Non Profit Private - For Profit

Teaching Method

All Not Reported Classroom Only Online Only Both Classroom and Online

MyCAA Program Search Tool

School Program Search

You can search a listing of programs offered by participating schools using a program name keyword, program type or by selecting a specific school. For a more accurate search avoid typing in generic words such as "The" or "Program".

Type three characters to see results...

 Filter

MyCAA Participating Programs (27,477 Found)

Degree Type

- All Associate of Arts Associate of Science Associate of Applied Science Associate (Other) License, Certification or Technical
 Continuing Education Unit (CEU)

When Choosing a School

- **Coaches are not affiliated with any school and will help you:**
 - Identify the program that best meets your needs and goals
 - Ensure the credential you earn meets state and federal requirements for working in that field
- **Be your own best advocate**



MySECO Website

Major components of the SECO Program.

Who is eligible? What's behind the login?
Explore topics on SECO.

From left to right: Alerts, SECO Events Calendar, Live chat, Global Search, and Account Menu.

Contact a Career Coach.

Keyword search and category search options.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the MySECO website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Military One Source logo, the text 'SPOUSE EDUCATION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES', and menu items: 'About', 'Getting Started', and 'Contact'. A callout box points to the 'Contact' link with the text 'Contact a Career Coach.'. Below the navigation bar is a large blue banner with the text 'Welcome Military Spouses' and a description of the program. A search bar is located at the bottom of the banner, with a callout box pointing to it that says 'Keyword search and category search options.'. The search bar includes a text input field for 'Keyword', a dropdown menu for 'All', and a green 'Search' button. Below the search bar, there is a small example text: 'Example: MSEP Job Search, Assessments'.

MyCAA Coaching Session

- SECO career coach will meet for a 45-minute one-to-one session over the phone
- Discuss your education and career goals
- Review education, training, certification and licensure requirements for your career path
- Explore MyCAA school and program options
- Get connected to tailored resources and services through SECO
- Learn about next steps and ask any questions you might have



Start Your Research




Use resources such as the **Occupational Outlook Handbook** and the **MySECO Research Occupations Tool** to learn more about occupations, including:

- Pay
- Work duties
- Job outlook
- Work environment
- Education and training requirements
- Certification and/or licensing requirements
- Similar occupations

SECO Scholarship Finder

Find financial assistance resources offered specifically to military spouses.

Search **59 scholarships** for Military Spouses and their families.

Example: MyCAA
Resource Type
All 
Search

Do you know of an organization that sponsors education assistance or career development options?

Submit a Resource

LinkedIn Premium



Military spouse access to
one-year, free upgrade to
LinkedIn Premium

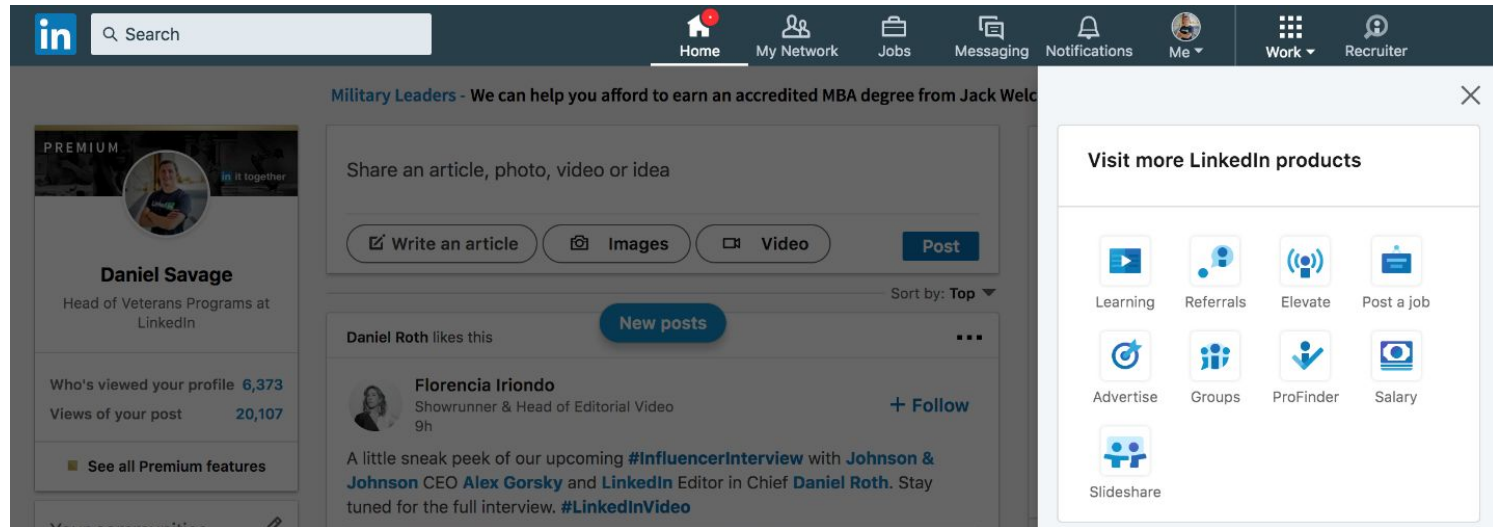


<https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/article/linkedin-premium-for-military-spouses>

<https://socialimpact.linkedin.com/programs/veterans/milspouses>

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LinkedIn Learning



Business Software and Tools * Career Development * Customer Service * Marketing
Education and Instructional Design * Finance and Accounting * Human Resources
Professional Development * Project Management * Sales
Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Get Ahead As a Military Spouse

LinkedIn Learning Path for Military Spouses

The image shows a screenshot of the LinkedIn Learning website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the LinkedIn Learning logo, a search bar, and navigation icons for Home, In Progress, Saved, My Org, and Me. Below the navigation bar, a user profile for Daniel is visible with a message: "Good afternoon, Daniel! Let's learn something new today!". To the right of the message are statistics: 38 In Progress, 10 Saved, 1 Collection, and 5 History. Below the message are tags for "Skills I'm interested in": Business Planning, Business Strategy, Organizational Leadership, and New Business Development. The main content area features a "Continue learning" section with a large illustration of a military spouse and a "LEARNING PATH Get Ahead as a Military Spouse" card. The card shows the current item "Managing Your Career" with 38m 59s left and a "Watch now" button. To the right, there is a "COURSE Leading Yourself" card with a "Current video · 3m 53s" indicator. On the far right, a smartphone displays the course "Project Management Fundamentals" with a "Watch Preview" button and course details including the instructor Bonnie Biafore and 121,498 viewers.

Free Udemy Membership

Specialized learning platform

- **More than 5,000 on-demand, flexible, online, self-paced courses**
 - Learn new skills
 - Enhance current skills
 - Stay up-to-date on the latest industry trends
- **Courses taught by leading experts**
- **Pathways to certification in areas including:**
 - Amazon web services
 - Microsoft Azure
 - CompTIA, Cisco, CISM, Salesforce
 - Project Management Professional
 - National Association of State Boards of Accountancy
 - And more!



Onward to Opportunity

- Free career skills program that supports transitioning service members, veterans and military spouses.
- Offers flexible learning pathways aligned to more than 30 industry certifications, professional certificates or in-demand fields.
 - Information technology, business management, customer service excellence



<https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/article/career-training-courses>

Military Spouse Employment Partnership

- Apply for jobs with MSEP partners through the MSEP Job Search tool on the MySECO website
 - *More than 700 military-friendly employers*
 - *More than 250,000 spouses hired*

Find a job through the Military Spouse Employment Partnership

Search **597,071 active jobs** for Military Spouses.

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| <input type="text" value="Job Title or Keyword"/> <small>Example: Program Manager, Nursing</small> | <input type="text" value="Location"/> <small>Example: City, State, or ZIP Code</small> | <input type="button" value="Search Jobs"/> |
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<https://msepjobs.militaryonesource.mil/msep/>

SECO Coaching Packages

Free, unlimited career coaching sessions for military spouses!

Industry-specific Coaching Packages

- Helping Professions
- Freelancing in a Gig Economy
- Intelligence and Cybersecurity
- Entrepreneurship
- Health Care
- K-12 Education
- Federal Employment
- Information Technology

Career Transitions Coaching Packages

- Part-time Employment
- Transitioning Spouse
- Working Overseas
- Gaining Experience
- Working Remotely
- Career Readiness
- Re-Entering the Workforce
- New Spouse
- Career Pathways (Exploration)
- Permanent Change of Station



Questions? Feedback?

We'd like to hear from you!

Connect with us:

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/DoDMilSpouse>

Twitter – <https://twitter.com/DoDMilSpouse>

LinkedIn – <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4159976>

SECO Career Center: 800-342-9647
Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. EDT
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT

SECO Events Calendar:

<https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/events>





Questions?





Session Evaluation

We want to hear from you!

