

# Air Force Family Education Programs

The Air Force offers the following Education Programs for its Spouse and Family members.

**Servicemember's Opportunity Colleges (SOC)** colleges and universities are dedicated to helping your family and you get college degrees. You can take courses in your off-duty hours at or near military installations in the United States, and overseas.

Visit the [official SOC website](#) for more details.

Air Force Aid Society (AFAS)

## **General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program**

The centerpiece of the Air Force Aid Society's education initiatives is the General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program which provides 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. The value and success of this program, is demonstrated in the 74,679 grants disbursed since the first awards were made for the 1988-1989 academic year. In recognition of escalating college costs, the award amount for grants is now **\$2,000 for all qualifying applicants**.

This grant program remains competitive in its need-based selection criteria, uniquely tailored to recognize the proper weighing of family income and education cost factors, and is administered by ACT Recognition Program Services. ACT, located in Iowa City IA, is an independent, not-for-profit organization with over 40 years experience in providing support services to scholarship sponsors.

Awards for each academic year are announced in June each year. Use of funds is limited to tuition, books and fees, or other direct educational expenses.

See the [official General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program website](#) for more details and to learn how to apply.

## **General George S. Brown Spouse Tuition Assistance Program (STAP)**

The purpose of the Spouse Tuition Assistance Program (STAP) is to provide partial tuition assistance for spouses of Active Duty airmen or officers, who accompany members to overseas locations and will be attending college programs. The focus of the program is on the completion of degree or certificate programs that provide increased occupational opportunities for spouses.

The program provides tuition Assistance (TA) at a rate of 50% of unmet tuition charge per course, with a maximum of \$1,500 per academic year and a term maximum, which is calculated by dividing the annual maximum (\$1,500) by the number of terms within the academic year. For purposes of this program, "academic year" is defined as the 12-month period beginning August 1 through July 31 of each year.

Visit the [official General George S. Brown Spouse Tuition Assistance Program \(STAP\) website](#) for more details on how to apply.