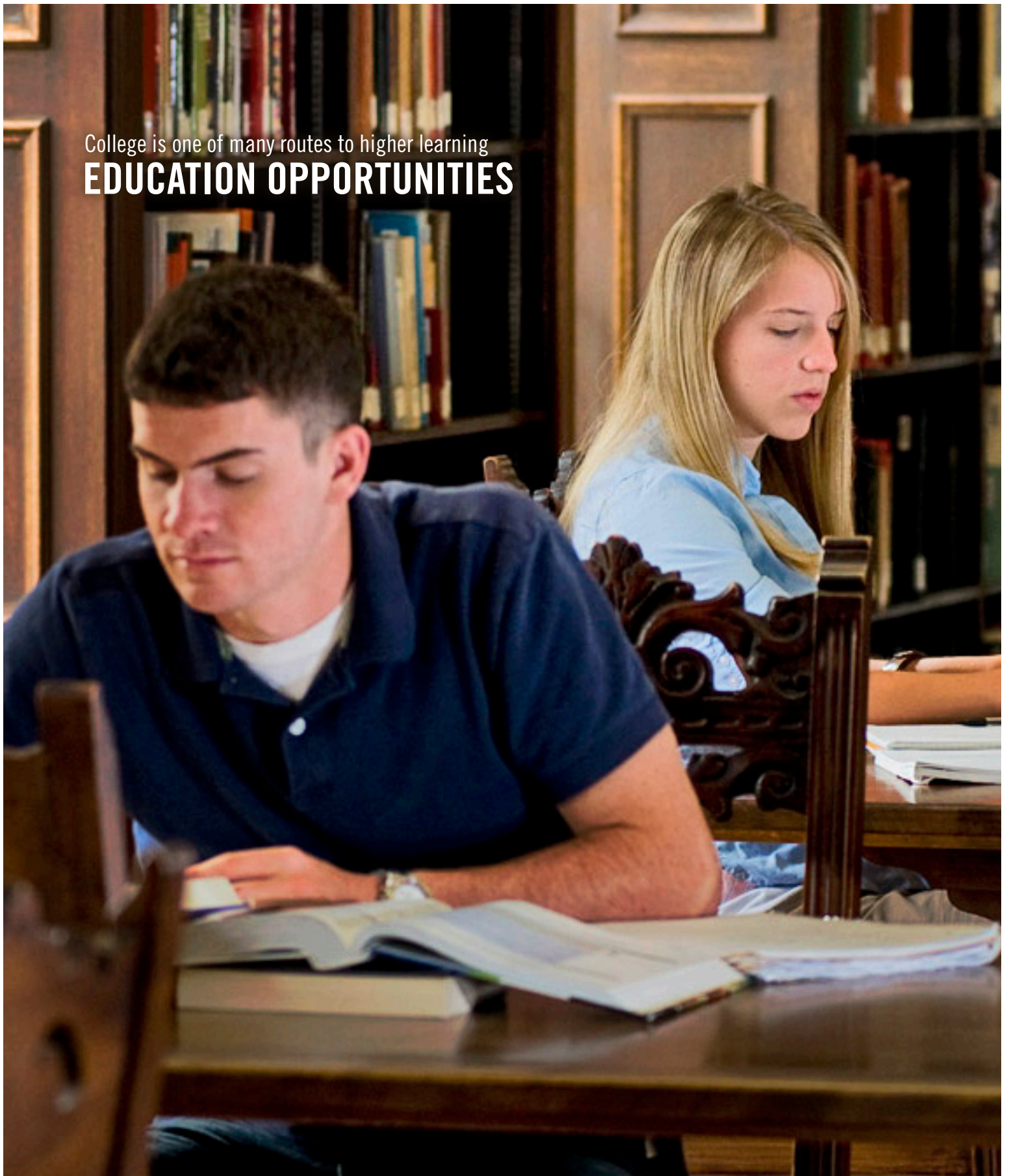


College is one of many routes to higher learning
EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



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In America's Navy, a great deal of emphasis is placed upon education. The high-tech work environment and the complex nature of Navy missions demand it. So when it comes to earning a degree or advancing the level of education you already possess, there are many programs that can help you on your way to a bachelor's, master's or beyond.

Opportunities for those with diplomas or degrees

From a qualifications standpoint, the Navy insists that all Officers have a college degree. With that in mind, initial and continuing education opportunities are available whether you're just out of high school, in the workforce, in college, a recent college graduate or a degreed professional. And whatever your background, you'll be encouraged to pursue your educational goals – and provided with many ways to do so.

Programs for traditional and distance learning

The Navy offers college scholarships and postgraduate scholarships that help cover things such as tuition, books and other expenses. Plus, there are educational savings programs and loan repayment programs available to subsidize your schooling costs. Some of the programs are offered as part of your service. Others require that you meet additional requirements.

Consider all your options

Whether it's scholarships or financial reimbursement, salary advances or sign-on bonuses, educational assistance can take many forms in the Navy. It all depends on where you are now and which of the career areas you're interested in pursuing.

Look into the NROTC, undergraduate, graduate and professional programs outlined here to identify the program or programs that best fit your needs. And be sure to talk with a recruiter for further details or clarification or just to make sure you have the latest information to consider.

READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEPS?

Once you're inspired, better informed and seriously interested, here's how to proceed:

1. TALK TO YOUR RECRUITER

- Find a local recruiter at navy.com/locator
- Ask questions
- Discuss your long-term goals
- Review your qualifications
- Go over relevant financial incentives and bonuses

2. APPLY FOR THE POSITION

- Go to navy.com/apply, follow the link at the bottom and complete the online application
- Provide personal information that includes your birth certificate, social security card and professional details (if applicable)
- Take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) to help assess your skills and interests
- Pass a full medical examination
- Participate in a precommitment interview

3. BEGIN YOUR TRAINING

- Complete your undergraduate/graduate schooling
- Attend either Officer Candidate School (12 weeks) or Officer Development School (5 weeks) in Newport, R.I., depending on your career track
- From there, you're ready to start serving as an Officer and respected leader

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UNDERGRADUATE



In a world where the cost of attaining an education is continually on the rise, the Navy is both a practical and rewarding option. For those putting graduate- and post-graduate success front and center, the Navy offers programs to do just that.

GENERAL PROGRAMS

Many jobs in the Navy do not require a college degree to start. Regardless, education is an important part of service in one way or another. There are several programs that encourage your career development through on-the-job training or by way of more formalized schooling.

Navy Tuition Assistance

Considering advancing your education while you serve? The Navy Tuition Assistance program pays up to 100% of the cost of courses taken at accredited institutions on your own time, while in an off-duty status.

This program is available to both Enlisted Sailors and Officers but are typically geared toward Enlisted servicemembers (those without a college degree).

Post-9/11 GI Bill

For Navy servicemembers, veterans and their dependents, paying for a college education is easier than ever.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill provides up to 100% tuition and fee coverage, up to \$1,000 a year for books and supplies, and a potential monthly living allowance. You may potentially transfer this valuable benefit to a dependent, and you may use it for up to 15 years after completing your service commitment. To qualify for assistance, you need at least 90 days of Active Duty military service.*

*Contact a Navy Recruiter for details.

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

The Navy also offers generous financial assistance programs for students currently in college — with options for those studying just about anything. These are programs that can help pay your way through school, that allow you to continue enjoying a normal college life, and that enable you to focus on your studies before launching your future in the Navy.

Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC)

If you are interested in a collegiate scholarship program that not only pays for school but also generates some of the country's most capable leaders, start by looking into the NROTC Scholarship program. It offers up to \$180,000 to cover the cost of earning your degree at any one of more than 160 leading colleges and universities, providing money for tuition, lab fees, textbooks — even a monthly spending allowance — for up to five years of college. And it's possible to apply while in high school or as a college student.

For more information about the NROTC, see page 3 or visit navy.com/nrotc.

WANT TO KNOW MORE? GET INFORMED

Go to navy.com/education for additional information about how to take advantage of the many education programs provided by the Navy.

Or visit [facebook.com/USNavyLife](https://www.facebook.com/USNavyLife) to interact with Navy personnel of all backgrounds. Ask questions. Get answers.

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Being part of America's Navy doesn't mean giving up your plans for a master's, doctorate or other graduate degree. What it does mean is you'll have access to additional ways to reach those goals, working in an environment where advanced education is both supported and encouraged.

Now more than ever, the Navy needs highly educated individuals to carry out critical research, strategic planning and other initiatives that are vital to its overall mission. Continuing education and postgraduate programs exist to help qualified servicemembers keep on the leading edge in their respective fields. That could mean attending an accredited institution operated by the Navy. It could involve conducting graduate study elsewhere with the help of Navy funding. Either way, the end goal is the same: empowering individuals like you while strengthening today's Navy.

NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL (NPS)

If you're an Active Duty Officer in the Navy, you may be able to take advantage of anything from master's-level coursework to Ph.D. programs to fellowship opportunities available through the world-renowned Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif.

From operations and logistics management to oceanography, information sciences to national security affairs, the Naval Postgraduate School offers first-class graduate degree programs in a variety of disciplines, in multiple departments, administered through four primary graduate schools:

- Graduate School of Business and Public Policy
- Graduate School of Engineering and Applied Sciences
- Graduate School of Operational and Information Sciences
- School of International Graduate Studies

LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

If you are interested in practicing law for one of the world's most exclusive law firms, becoming a lawyer and Officer in the highly esteemed Navy Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps is an opportunity like no other.

And the rewards go beyond the distinguished experience of practicing law with global impact. By your fifth year of service, you can potentially receive up to \$60,000* over and above the competitive salary and benefits you'll already earn. This is money that many JAG Officers use to pay off student loans. In addition, the Navy may even pay for you to get your master of laws degree (LL.M.) in any of four specialties that range from criminal law to military law to trial advocacy.

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