College is one of many routes to higher learning

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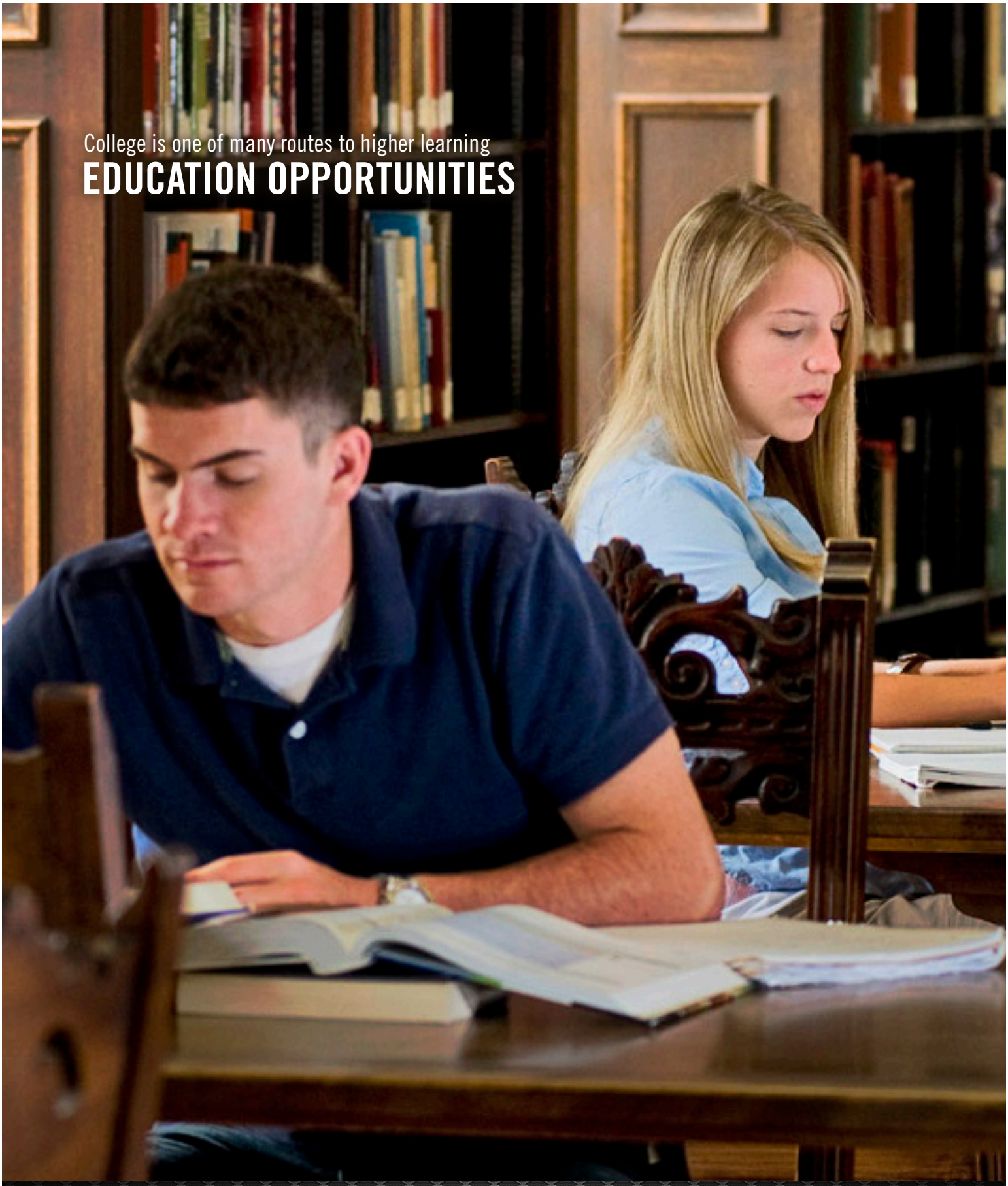

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In America's Navy, a great deal of emphasis is placed upon education. The high-tech work environment and the complex nature of Navy missions demand it. So when it comes to earning a degree or advancing the level of education you already possess, there 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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It takes just two things to succeed in college: academic performance…and money. All too often it's money that gets in the way of graduation. The Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) Scholarship Program can solve the monetary problem – offering up to $180,000 for tuition plus a host of other advantages.

FINANCIAL BENEFITS

The NROTC Scholarship Program does much more than cover most or all tuition costs at dozens of top schools around the country. It also provides:

- All additional education and lab fees
- A stipend for textbooks
- A subsistence allowance each academic month to spend as you wish, which varies according your current year in school.
  - Freshman: $250
  - Sophomore: $300
  - Junior: $350
  - Senior: $400

It all amounts to a college experience unobstructed by financial concern. Allowing you to focus on what matters most: making the most of student life.

LIFE AS AN NROTC STUDENT

Student Life

Too many good college experiences are spoiled by massive student debt or the need to take a job on the side. But when it comes to money matters, students in the NROTC program can take it easy.

NROTC students find time to pursue hobbies. Hang out with friends. Join student groups and intramural teams. And, of course, focus on their academic performance. The NROTC program gives them the flexibility to truly turn their education into the opportunity of a lifetime.

Navy Life

NROTC students also gain valuable skills, learning leadership experience from a Navy perspective. This includes taking a Naval Science course each semester, participating in drills at least once a week, and wearing your Navy uniform (provided at no cost to you) once a week. You'll also have opportunities to participate in community service projects. These activities will prepare you for your upcoming career as a respected Navy Officer.

Another highlight for NROTC students is Summer Cruise Training, where you'll spend a portion of your summers alongside Navy Officers in the field, in a variety of capacities, including:

Nuclear Power – Assigned to nuclear submarine or nuclear surface vessels
Afloat Aviation – Assigned to train aboard a carrier, including flight time if feasible
Ashore Aviation – Assigned to train with a Navy Aviation squadron, including flight time if feasible
Foreign Exchange – Assigned to train with navies of other countries

Your Summer Cruise Training will not only give you on-the-job experience as a Navy Officer, but it will also help you choose which area of emphasis you want to pursue.

WANT TO KNOW MORE? GET INFORMED

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Nurse Program

If you're interested in nursing, the NROTC is an outstanding way to pay for a top school and set yourself up for an exceptional career. Once you've graduated from nursing school, usually debt-free, you'll embark on a career as a nurse and Navy Officer. Proudly attending to the men and women of the Navy and Marines – as well as their families. Counting yourself among some of the most respected professionals in the medical world. And finding opportunities for clinical hands-on training and accelerated advancement.

Colleges & Universities

The NROTC Program provides scholarships to more than 160 top colleges and universities all across the country – many of which offer eligible nursing programs as well. Chances are, at least one of them is on your short list.

After Graduation

After you graduate, forget about looking for a job. You'll be all set for a ready-made position of leadership and responsibility.

Degree in hand, you'll then be commissioned as an Ensign in the Naval Reserve and committed to a minimum of five years of Active Duty service (four years for nurses). You'll pursue your career in one of several areas:

- Surface Warfare
- Naval Aviator (Pilot)
- Naval Flight Officer (Aviator)
- Submarine Officer
- Explosive Ordnance Disposal Officer
- Special Warfare Officer
- Nurse Corps Officer

Regardless of which career path you take, be prepared for a quantum leap in personal growth, leadership ability and professional development.

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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.

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SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)

Civil Engineer Collegiate Program (CECP)

If you are interested in pursuing important civil engineering projects around the world right out of school, look into the CECP. It offers up to $113,100 while finishing your degree, providing a regular monthly income ranging from $2,575 to $4,700 for up to two years prior to your graduation. That includes a generous military salary, a food allowance, plus a housing allowance that is based upon the location of the school you attend. You'll also enjoy comprehensive military health-care benefits – with no uniforms, no drilling requirements and no service obligation until you graduate.

To learn about financial programs for medical, dental and nursing students, visit navy.com/healthcare

Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate (NUPOC) Program

If you are interested in being part of one of the top nuclear programs on earth, look into the NUPOC program. It offers up to $168,300 while finishing your degree, providing a regular monthly income ranging from $3,280 to $5,610 for up to 30 months prior to your graduation. That includes a generous military salary, a food allowance, plus a housing allowance that is based upon the location of the school you attend. You'll also enjoy comprehensive military health-care benefits – with no uniforms, no drilling requirements and no service obligation until you graduate.

From there, you'll begin the process of being commissioned as a Navy Nuclear Officer and take on unrivaled training and professional responsibilities. Through this highly competitive program, there are opportunities in any of four career focus areas:

- Submarine Officer (Nuclear Submarines)
- Surface Warfare Officer (Nuclear Aircraft Carriers)
- Naval Reactors Engineer
- Naval Nuclear Power School Instructor

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GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL – ACTIVE DUTY OFFICER

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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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CHAPLAIN EDUCATION PROGRAM

If you are interested in pursuing your religious calling in the Navy, the Navy Chaplain Candidate Program (CCPO) offers a whole new dimension of faith-based service.

Through this program, you can be commissioned as a Navy Officer while you finish your theological studies at an accredited seminary or graduate school. Completing this program qualifies you for significant pay advantages once you enter Active Duty. You'll also receive on-the-job training under the direct supervision of a Navy Chaplain.

HEALTHCARE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Navy offers some of the most generous and comprehensive assistance programs available to prospective physicians, dentists and other health-care students. Learn more about these opportunities by visiting **navy.com/healthcare** or **navyreserve.com/healthcare**.

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