

Cheat Sheet for Education Benefits

ACTIVE DUTY TUITION ASSISTANCE (TA):

- All Marines earn **\$4,500** every fiscal year to pay for academic/vocational courses at the certificate, associate's, bachelor's or master's degree level!
- Your TA money is completely separate from your GI Bill benefit. The more academic credit you earn while you're active duty, the further you'll be able to stretch your Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefit
- **TA 101 Brief every Wednesday 1130-1230 at the Education Center - Building 220**

MASP – MILITARY ACADEMIC SKILLS PROGRAM:

- Think of MASP as an Academic Boot Camp! MASP is a four-week, daytime, in-the-classroom course that delivers 120 hours of writing, reading comprehension, and math curriculum.
- MASP can be taken for work performance improvement, advancement, qualification for lateral MOS moves, application to specialized schools, officer candidacy, preparation for college-level courses, and/or as an academic “refresher.”

COOL – CREDENTIALING OPPORTUNITIES ON-LINE:

- COOL will assist you in exploring opportunities in high-demand civilian certifications and licenses related to your MOS. These certification and licensure exams can be very expensive - HQMC will pay for a variety of them!
- Familiarize yourself with your options by visiting the website and searching within your primary MOS. There's also a special section for “Leaders.” You must have at least six months remaining prior to your EAS date to apply for the voucher that will pay for your certification exam.



USMAP – UNITED SERVICES MILITARY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM:

- Of all your USMC career/education benefit programs, USMAP offers the highest return on investment for the least amount of effort!
- This is a career training program that provides eligible Marines the opportunity to improve job skills and to complete their civilian apprenticeship requirements while on active duty.
- The U.S. Department of Labor awards the very valuable and nationally-recognized “Certificate of Completion of Journeyman Apprenticeship” when you finish.
- Visit the website to research available programs, discover the required trade hours, and enroll in the program.



CLEP & DSST CREDIT-BY-EXAM:

- Earn college credit through the College Level Exam Program (CLEP) and DANTES Subject Standardized Test (DSST) programs.
- You can take every exam once completely free-of charge.
- MCB Hawaii conducts CLEP & DSST testing in **Bldg. 220, Classroom B** with the National testing Center



JOINT SERVICES TRANSCRIPT (JST):

- College credit based on your JST (every Marine has one!)
- Your professional military education and training is evaluated and accredited by an outside civilian organization called the American Council on Education (ACE).
- When you apply to your school, do not forget to have that school evaluate your official JST for transferable academic credit. **You earned it! Take advantage of it!**



SPOUSEWORKS SCHOLARSHIP (formerly MyCAA):

- This free, career-focused grant provides a total tuition benefit of \$4,000 with an annual fiscal year cap of \$2,000, and can be used for an associate's degree, certification or licensure.
- Military spouse grant program is available to spouses of service members on active duty in pay grades E-1 to E-9, W-1 to W-3 and O-1 to O-3, who have successfully completed high school.
- A SpouseWorks (formerly SECO) career coach can provide additional guidance. Contact Military OneSource at 1-800-342-9647 or scan QR code for website.



TESTING:

- Interested in taking the Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT)? The AFCT is held in the Education Center twice a month. Please visit or contact the Education Center for information on how to apply for the AFCT.
- DLAB assesses a Marine's potential to learn a new language, serving as a prerequisite for language training and certain specialties.
- DLPT measures a Marine's existing fluency in a specific foreign language through reading and listening skills.
- Stop by the Education Center to learn more about each exam and how to schedule a test date!