ABOUT THE PROGRAM

For 16 years, Colorado Technical University™ has awarded 50 scholarships annually to positively impact the lives of the extraordinary men and women whose lives have been altered due to injury while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

As of December 31, 2023, CTU has awarded 800 scholarships, totaling over $20 Million.

YOUR EDUCATION, ACCESSIBLE

CTU makes it possible for those serving in the U.S. Armed Forces—along with their families and caregivers—to earn a university degree anywhere, anytime. Scholarship recipients have the option to complete an associate, bachelor’s, master’s or doctoral degree program online or at one of CTU’s campuses in Colorado Springs or Aurora.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Active-duty members or honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces (including Reserves and National Guard) with a service-connected disability
- Spouses and unmarried dependent children of U.S service members with a service-connected disability
- Caregivers/non-medical attendants of a service member with a service-connected disability

RECIPIENTS RECEIVE

- Full tuition to any CTU degree program
- New laptop computer
- All course books, in hard-copy or electronic format
- Dedicated Student Success Coach and specially trained military education advisors
- 24/7 technical support and tutoring
- Option to study online or at one of CTU’s campuses

IMPORTANT DATES

- March 1, 2024: Application Window Opens
- June 30, 2024: Application Deadline
- November 9, 2024: Recipients Announced
- January/February 2025: Recipients Start Class

SUPPORTING PATRIOTS IN COLLABORATION WITH

- Elizabeth Dole Foundation
- Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs
- Yellow Ribbon Fund
- The Chamber of Commerce
- Dixon Center
- Luke’s WINGS
- TBI WARRIOR Foundation
MICHAEL DIAZ IS DRIVEN BY THE NEED TO HONOR THE LEGACY OF HIS VIETNAM VET FATHER AND THE MAN WHO SAVED HIS FATHER’S LIFE IN COMBAT. To Michael, this means being a good person, protecting those he cares about, achieving as much as possible, and always striving to understand the emotional and moral consequences of his own five deployments in the Middle East. According to Michael, CTU and the Patriot Scholarship have had a tremendous impact on his journey. “Attending Colorado Technical University has not just provided educational growth for me but also has provided me with the environment and time to develop, recover, and grow emotionally after my combat experiences,” he says. “The staff has shown me that professionalism does exist outside the military.” Michael plans to put the skills and knowledge acquired during CTU’s doctoral program to use in a leadership role within the IT industry.

SHAMEKA ALEJANDRO HAD TAKEN GREAT PRIDE IN HER ROLE IN THE U.S. AIRFORCE EVER SINCE ENLISTING AT AGE 18. That’s why when PTSD and a back injury forced her to resign, she felt anxious and had little direction. “I didn’t know how to do anything else,” says Shameka. “After enduring some very difficult times in my military career I’ve learned that I’m resilient and I am stronger than I’ve ever imagined myself being.” She began looking forward to her future education and turned to CTU. “Being awarded this scholarship will help me gain the education that I need to become a working professional.” With her degree she plans on returning to work for the federal government, allowing her to further serve her country.

ASHLEY ADAMOVAGE HAS ALWAYS BEEN DRIVEN BY HER DESIRE TO SERVE AMERICA AND ITS HEROES. This sense of moral obligation led her to an executive position in a United States Marine Corps agency. It then further grew when her husband sustained a life-altering injury on the battlefield. “I have witnessed the daily struggles [my husband] faces,” says Ashley. “This experience has profoundly impacted my life, requiring me to adapt, support, and advocate for his well-being. As a caregiver, I have been immersed in a role that demands compassion, resilience, and tenacious dedication.” Having experienced the challenges of caregivers and the families of service members firsthand, Ashley turned to CTU in hopes of making a difference. “I aspire to become an influential and empathetic leader,” she says. “This scholarship will also provide me with a platform to amplify the voices of military spouses and caregivers, advocating for their recognition, support, and empowerment.”