



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

For 17 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 31st, 2024 CTU has awarded 850 scholarships totaling over 21M dollars.

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 the CTU Colorado Springs campus.



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 the CTU Colorado Springs campus.

IMPORTANT DATES

- March 1, 2025**
Application Period Opens
- June 30, 2025**
Application Period Closes
- November 10, 2025**
Recipients Announced
- January/February 2026**
Recipients Begin Courses

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PATRIOT SPOTLIGHT

Featured Award Winners



GRACE DE ANGELOU

Doctorate of Management in Organizational Development and Change

Grace De Angelou has always been fueled by a deep sense of duty to her community and country, a conviction that led her to enlist in the U.S. Army. Her military service came with challenges, including PTSD and traumatic brain injury, but her inner strength and adaptability allowed her to thrive, and her sense of duty only grew stronger.

Now a veteran, Grace is determined to make a lasting impact by pursuing a Doctor of Management in Organizational Development and Change degree. **"The degree will provide me with the education I need to empower others to achieve financial independence and personal fulfillment,"** she explains. **"Receiving the Patriot Scholarship will make it all possible."**

With her degree, Grace aims to specialize in entrepreneurial development, life-leadership coaching, and therapy for veterans.

LEO AND CHLOE MORALES

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Twins Leo and Chloe Morales, shaped by their military upbringing, are committed to honoring their family's patriotic ideals through their actions. For Leo, supporting his father and grandfather—both now disabled veterans—has fostered an understanding of resilience and dedication. **"This experience has taught me that true service involves sacrifice,"** he explains. With his degree, Leo aims to aid veterans, participate in community service initiatives, contribute to the Boy Scouts of America, and further embody the values of valor and selflessness that define his life.

Chloe too, has been profoundly affected by military life. Frequent moves, coupled with assisting her father and grandfather have cultivated a sense of understanding, respect, and gratitude. **"I have a strong desire to improve myself and my community,"** she shares. **"The Patriot Scholarship will allow me to focus on my education and giving back, rather than on student debt."**



VILAKONE MANIVONG

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Vilakone Manivong's journey from a first-generation immigrant to a distinguished U.S. Army soldier is the epitome of resilience. After escaping the Lao Civil War with his mother and siblings, he enlisted in 2000, following his brother's footsteps. Over 22 years, he faced numerous challenges, earning accolades like the Bronze Star Medal and multiple Meritorious Service Medals.

Now, Vilakone is pursuing a degree that will equip him with the tools to empower others while prioritizing self-care. **"The Patriot Scholarship will provide the foundation I need to focus on my education and personal growth,"** he explains. This support will help him turn his experiences into practical strategies for tackling challenges head-on.

After graduation, Vilakone plans to use his military experience to support veterans and create community programs that build resilience.

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