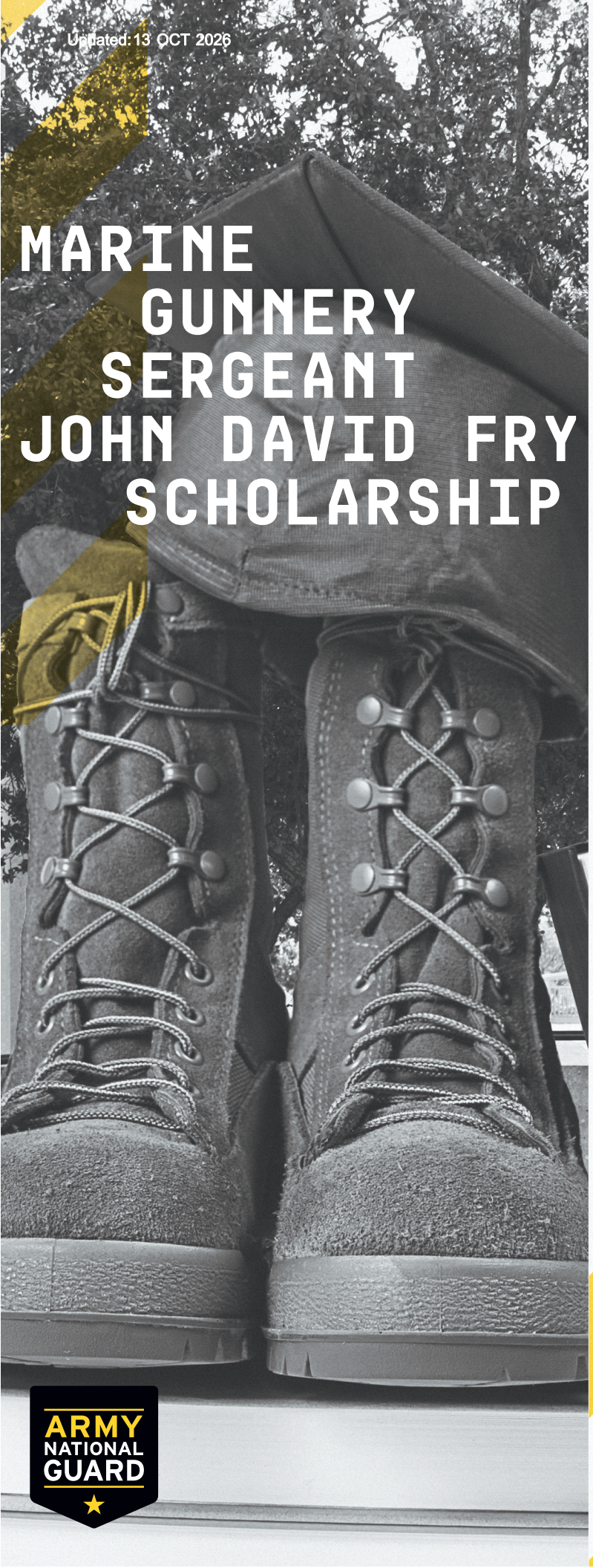


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MARINE GUNNERY SERGEANT JOHN DAVID FRY SCHOLARSHIP

WHAT IS IT?

- The Fry Scholarship is an education program for surviving family members of a Service member who died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001 (Reference: Title 38 USC Chapter 33, DoDI 1341.13).

HOW DO SURVIVING DEPENDENTS QUALIFY?

- Be the surviving spouse or child of a service member who died in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001
  - Spouse may still receive Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) while using the Fy Scholarship.
  - If the service member died prior to August 1, 2011, the child may be eligible for both DEA and the Fry Scholarship:
    - May only use one program at a time,
    - Combined benefits are capped at 81 months.
  - If the child is receiving DIC, they will need to give up those payments.
- Rules for Children who are serving or previously served in the Armed Forces:
  - Must relinquish eligibility to Montgomery GI Bill- Active Duty (MGIB-AD, Chapter 30) or Montgomery GI Bill- Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR, Chapter 1606).
  - Character of Service does not affect Fry Scholarship eligibility.
  - May qualify for 36 months of Fry Scholarships and another 36 months of Post-9/11 based on own service.

WHAT BENEFITS DO SURVIVING DEPENDENTS RECEIVE?

- Up to 36 months of Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits at 100% payment tier
  - Tuition and Fees
    - 100% of in-state tuition if attending a public school
    - Max tuition payment of $30,908.34 per year for private or foreign school (1 Aug 2026)
  - Book and Supply Stipend
    - Up to $1,000 per academic year ($41.67/credit hour)
  - Monthly Housing Allowance
    - Equal to BAH rate - E-5 with dependents
    - Based on zipcode of campus where attending class
    - MUST be attending more than half-time to qualify
    - If attending only online classes: $1,261 per month (1 Aug 2026)
- Timeline/Expiration of Benefits:
  - Spouse's eligibility expires on remarriage
  - Child's eligibility begins depending on when the child turns age 18 or graduates from high school (whichever was first):
    - If the child turns age 18 or graduates high school prior to January 1, 2013, eligibility expires on the child's 33rd birthday.
    - If the child turns 18 or graduates high school on or after January 1, 2013, eligibility never expires.

HOW DO SURVIVING DEPENDENTS APPLY

- Complete the Online Application at: https://www.va.gov/education/apply-for-education-benefits/application/5490/introduction
- Notify the School Certifying Official at your school so they can certify your enrollment.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Contact the Education Support Center: 866-ARNGEDU (276-4338) or ARNG.EDU@army.mil
- Visit us Online: www.nationalguard.com/education
- Contact your State Education Services Office: www.nationalguard.com/select-your-state

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