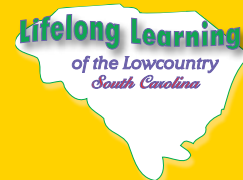


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Spotlight On:

Scholarship and Financial Aid Explorer (SFeX)

As many of you already know, spouses and dependents of active duty members do not receive tuition assistance through the military while stationed in CONUS. This time of year many scholarship opportunities open with deadlines around the February/March timeframe.

A growing number of military friendly organizations are offering scholarships and other financial aid to active duty Service Members, former Service Members, and their dependants. Scholarships and financial aid are often based on need and merit, not just prior education. Interested in discovering and applying for scholarships and financial assistance tailored to your specific needs? Have you heard of certain financial assistance options and just don't know how to get started?

Welcome to the United States Marine Corps' Scholarship and Financial Aid Explorer (SFeX), brought to you in cooperation with Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) and its **Lifelong Learning Program (LLP)**.

SFeX users can quickly and efficiently locate the Scholarships and Financial Aid offerings that best meet their needs, thereby avoiding the overwhelming amount of information provided by generic web-based search engines.

While SFeX has been deployed in cooperation with the USMC Lifelong Learning Program, it is an open platform and can be used by other services of the Department of Defense, or for that matter, by any member of the general public. SFeX is a fully open platform and there is no fee to users to access and use the system. Equally important, SFeX does not require users to register with the system, or provide any personal information whatsoever.

SFeX is easy to use and presents information in a clear and helpful manner. Once users zero in on the scholarships and/or financial aid offerings that meet their criteria, they can then explore the details for each option right down to detailed descriptions, deadlines for applications, eligibility criteria, and a host of other relevant information.

See for yourself!

www.mcsfex.net

JUST A REMINDER:

Spring classes begin in January! Please visit the Education Office at either MCAS Beaufort or MCRD Parris Island soon to begin the necessary paperwork to get enrolled for the spring semester. First time tuition assistance users must have an ASVAB GT score of 100 or above to use tuition assistance. Those who have a score of 99 or below must take a TABE placement test in order to determine if you are eligible to access tuition assistance funding. Call MCAS at 228-7484 or MCRD at 228-2152 to speak with an Ed Tech.

New students should visit their education office prior to registering for classes at any local or distance learning institution.

LOCAL COLLEGE CONTACT NUMBERS	
EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY	228-7585
PARK UNIVERSITY	228-7052
TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY	228-7494
UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX	228-7102
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA BEAUFORT	228-7499
WEBSTER UNIVERSITY	524-1851
WHEELOCK COLLEGE	522-1183

For the latest in local education news, always visit our website: <http://www.mccssc.com/lifelong/>

*The strength of the United States is not the gold at Fort Knox or the weapons of mass destruction that we have, but the sum total of the education and the character of our people.
Claiborne Pell (1918 -)*

JANUARY 2009 TESTING SCHEDULES

MCRD Parris Island 228-2086/3889

SAT
January 5 • 0800

TABE
January 6, 8, 13, 20, 22, 27 & 29
0800

CLEP/DSST
January 7, 14, 21 & 29
0800 & 1400

ASVAB
January 12 & 26 • 0800

DLAB/DLPT
January 15 • 0800

ACT
January 23 • 0800

Testing
requires a prior
appointment.
Please call at
least two days
in advance to
schedule.

MCAS Beaufort 228-7474/7421

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ACT
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For free, full length practice tests on the SAT, ACT, ASVAB, and CLEP General and Subject tests check out www.nko.navy.mil and follow the directions below:

Log in:

>select Learning >Scroll to mid page, right side> to DOD MWR Libraries (Petersons)>register> select College Success Tools>choose practice test (be aware it may take a moment to load)

New News!!!!

Rosetta Stone

Rosetta Stone, online foreign language lessons are available throughout the Marine Corps community. Active Duty, Reservists, and CAC holders may access Rosetta Stone through MarineNet's program at <https://www.marinenet.usmc.mil/marinenet/>, "Recently Activated Courses on MarineNet." Any eligible library patron who cannot use MarineNet to sign up for Rosetta Stone may register through the MCCS-SC Libraries at MCAS Beaufort and MCRD Parris Island. Call 228-6131 (MCAS) or 228-1672 (MCRD).