



**Northwest Iowa Community College (NCC)** is a Home Base Iowa designated college committed to meeting the needs of Veterans and their families through ongoing support and assistance. The **Home Base Iowa Certified Higher Academic Military Partner Program** ensures Iowa is an attractive place for transitioning military members who choose to pursue education first or in addition to private sector employment. Together, each component of Home Base Iowa is one element of a comprehensive effort to make Iowa the smart and strategic choice for service members as they transition to civilian life.

**Incentives include, but are not limited to:**

- Veteran services expert on campus with individualized assistance in developing an educational plan
- Consistent credit honored for all established military training and schools
- Automatic in-state tuition for former active-duty service members National Guard and Reserve members and spouses and children domiciled in Iowa—regardless of residency requirements
- Personalized advising from financial aid counselors with deferred billing options to ensure timing of benefits does not hinder success
- Veteran Services Support Group including staff who are veterans or who come from military (NCC has 45 self-identified veterans or family members of veterans on staff.)
- Veteran new student orientation activities
- Dedicated Veteran center/study space (fully accessible)
- Veteran students may be considered preferentially for entrance into programs
- Lifelong Learning & Recreation Center (LLRC) student membership

Veterans are able to apply for many established scholarships. NCC also offers two specific scholarships dedicated to transitioning service members and/or their dependents:

The first is the Wolff, Whorley, De Hoogh, and Schreurs PLLC Scholarship, recognizing the sacrifices of our Armed Forces, which awards \$1,000 annually to a full-time student. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a veteran or retiree of the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, or U.S. Coast Guard.
- Have completed active duty with an honorable discharge.
- Or be an active member of the reserves from any branch of the armed services listed above.
- Or be an active member of a state National Guard unit.
- Maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (G.P.A.) while attending NCC.
- Submit a short narrative summarizing your military experience.

The second scholarship is the American Legion of Iowa Foundation Scholarship which awards two \$1,000 scholarships to students who have served in the military and are eligible for educational benefits from the Veterans Administration. Applicants must meet the following criteria to receive the scholarship:

- Must have a “verifiable veteran” status.
- Must be a full-time or part-time student.
- Must have a 2.0 cumulative G.P.A. from high school or college.