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WGU Washington Salutes Veterans and Military Community with Exclusive Scholarship Opportunity

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Online, competency-based university expands number of military-focused offerings with Salute to Veterans Scholarship

KENT — To honor the service and sacrifice of all who have served in the U.S. military, [WGU Washington](#) has expanded the number of scholarship opportunities for members of the military community who want to earn a bachelor's or master's degree in high-demand fields including IT, business, K-12 education, and health professions, including nursing.

The online, nonprofit university is now accepting applications for the [WGU Salute to Veterans Scholarship](#) — the latest opportunity offered exclusively to active-duty and retired military personnel, veterans, reservists, and military spouses and children. Valued at up to \$2,500 per student, the funds can be applied to any of WGU Washington’s more than 60 degree programs. The deadline to apply is January 31, 2018.

Of the roughly 10,000 students currently enrolled at WGU Washington statewide, about 10% are active-duty military personnel, veterans, or dependent family members of military personnel. WGU Washington is the legislatively-endorsed, locally-based affiliate of nationally recognized Western Governors University (WGU). WGU has been recognized for 10 consecutive years by *Military Advanced Education & Transition* as a “Top School” and for seven consecutive years as a [Military Friendly® School](#).

“WGU Washington has allowed me to earn the bachelor’s degree that for so long has felt just out of my reach,” said Carly Bean, a U.S. Navy veteran and graduate of WGU Washington’s College of Business. “In fact, this school’s model has worked so well for me that I am currently working towards my MBA in Healthcare Management.”

All WGU Washington degree programs are competency-based, providing the flexibility that nontraditional students like veterans and their families need. Designed with employer input to meet the needs of adult learners, competency-based education allows students to take advantage of their knowledge and real-world experience to move quickly through material they already know so they can focus on what they still need to learn. WGU faculty members work one-on-one with students as mentors, offering guidance, support, and individualized instruction. While WGU Washington’s degree programs are rigorous and challenging, competency-based learning makes it possible for students to accelerate their programs, saving both time and money.

In addition to the Salute to Veterans Scholarship, WGU Washington also offers the following scholarship opportunities to the military community:

[Major General Tim Lowenberg Heroes Scholarship](#) (Maximum value \$10,000)

To celebrate the life of Major General Tim Lowenberg and his decades of honorable service to his state and nation, for military personnel, retired military, veterans, or military spouses.

[Don Brunell Tribute Scholarship](#) (Maximum value \$2,000)

For military personnel, retired military, veterans, and military spouses who wish to advance their education in business, education, information technology, or healthcare.

[WGU Military Appreciation Scholarship](#) (Maximum value \$2,000)

WGU has partnered with the National Military Family Association to offer active duty, veteran military personnel, and their spouses an opportunity to advance their education.

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