

DoDEA 2001 Graduates' Post-secondary Plans and Scholarships

Summary Report

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At the end of every school year, each high school in the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) and the Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS) is asked to complete a report indicating senior students' plans after graduation for the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Office of System Accountability. This summary provides a look at the aggregate numbers collected from these high schools concerning DoDEA seniors' plans, the monies awarded to these students for scholarships, grants and financial aid, and also the colleges and universities they have chosen to attend.

In 2001, there were 3,066 seniors in DoDEA. The majority (74%) of the DoDEA graduating seniors indicate they will continue their education after graduation at a 4-year (57%), 2-year (15%) or vocational college or university (2%) as shown in Chart 1. Twenty (20%) percent of the 2001 graduates indicate they will enlist in the military or find other employment, while 4% remain undecided. The 2001 post secondary graduation plan percentages are consistent with the past five years as shown in Table 1.

Chart 1: DoDEA 2001 Graduates' Plans After Graduation

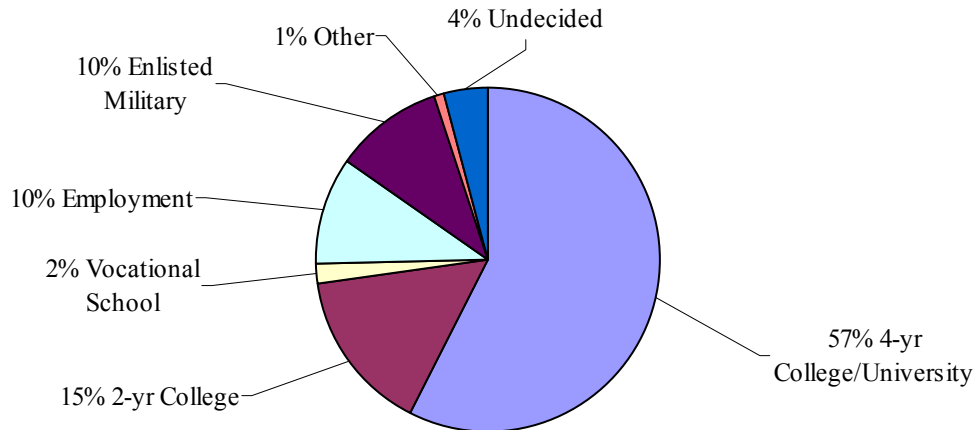


Table 1: Graduates' Post-secondary Plans After Graduation (1997-2001)

Post-secondary Plans	1997 N=3,117	1998* N=3,058	1999 N=2,951	2000 N=2,981	2001 N=3,066
4-year College/University	59%	62%	57%	55%	57%
2-year College/University	14%	15%	17%	15%	15%
Vocational School	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Employment	10%	9%	9%	9%	10%
Enlisted Military	9%	9%	10%	10%	10%
Undecided/Other/Unreported	5%	7%	6%	9%	5%

*Percentages may not equal 100; some students reported plans to attend school and find employment.

When post-secondary plans are considered by Area, some modest differences are noted as seen in Table 2. For instance, the DDESS class of 2001 had a higher percentage of graduates planning to attend a 4-year college or university than either DoDDS-Europe or DoDDS-Pacific, but a higher percentage of Europe and Pacific DoDDS graduates indicated that they would attend a 2-year college or university. A smaller percentage of DDESS graduates, compared to DoDDS-Europe and DoDDS-Pacific graduates, planned to join the workforce immediately after high school. And, a larger percentage of DoDDS-Pacific graduates, compared to both DDESS and DoDDS-Europe, planned to enlist in the military.

Table 2: 2001 Graduates' Post-secondary Plans After Graduation by Area

Post-secondary Plans	DDESS N=555	DoDDS-Europe N=1742	DoDDS-Pacific N=851
4-year College/University	68%	57%	52%
2-year College/University	8%	16%	16%
Vocational School	5%	2%	1%
Employment	5%	10%	13%
Enlisted Military	9%	8%	15%
Undecided/Other/Unreported	4%	6%	3%

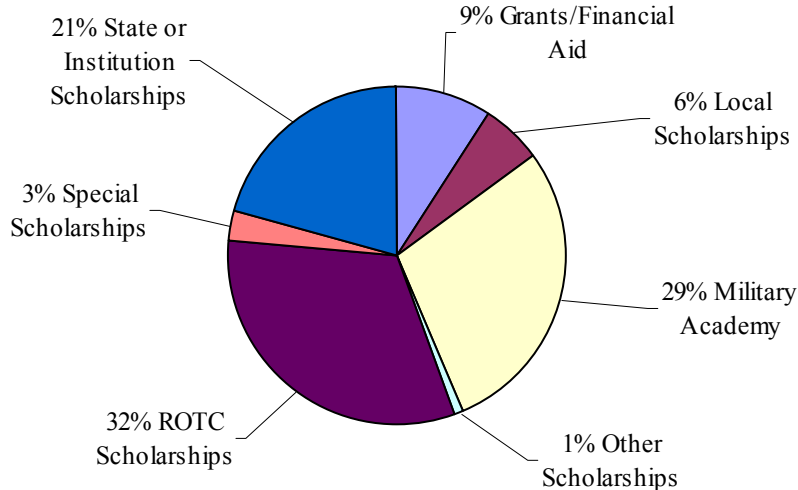
*Percentages may not equal 100 due to rounding.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

The DoDEA graduating seniors of 2001 continued the tradition of earning millions of dollars in scholarship and financial aid monies. Much of the money earned is due to the large numbers of graduates who attend the military academies. An academy scholarship is approximately \$250,000 for a 4-year education. Additionally, a large percentage of DoDEA graduates receive ROTC scholarships, each of which is approximately \$70,000. In 2001, the DoDEA graduates earned over \$29 million dollars in scholarships, financial aid and grants, as shown in Chart 2.

Chart 2: DoDEA 2001 Graduates' Scholarships

Monies Earned: \$29,191,163



As can be seen in Charts 3, 4, and 5, the military academies and the ROTC scholarships make up the largest percent of monies earned by the graduating seniors in each of the Areas. Indeed, almost half of the monies earned by graduates in the DoDDS-Pacific Area was through the ROTC scholarship program and forty percent (40%) of the monies earned by DDESS graduates was through the military academies. However, DoDDS-Europe graduates earned a large proportion, a fourth, of their money through state or institution scholarships this year.

Chart 3: DoDDS-Pacific 2001 Graduates' Scholarships

Monies Earned: \$9,788,125

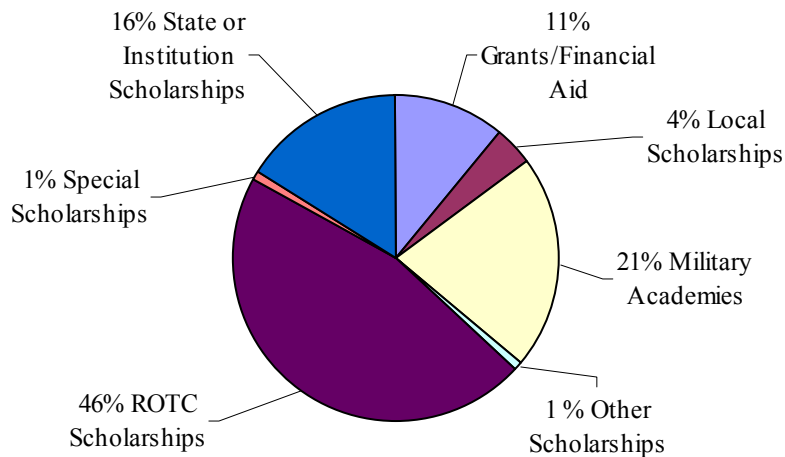


Chart 4: DDESS 2001 Graduates' Scholarships

Monies Earned: \$5,617,022

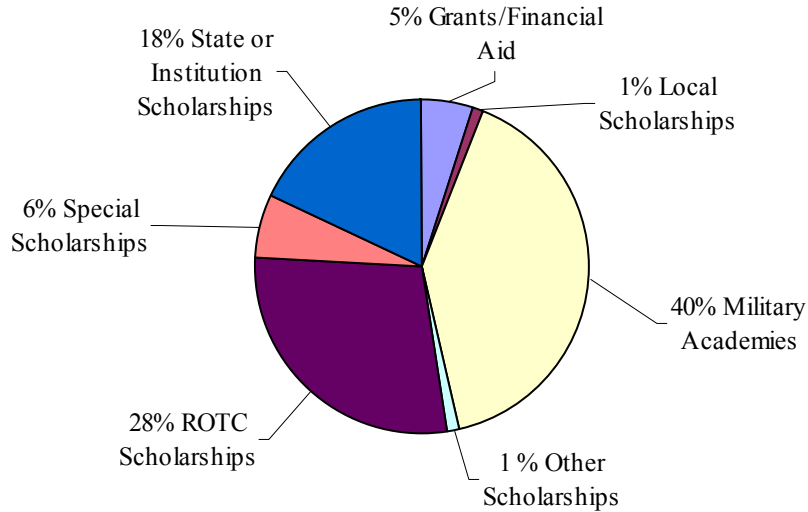
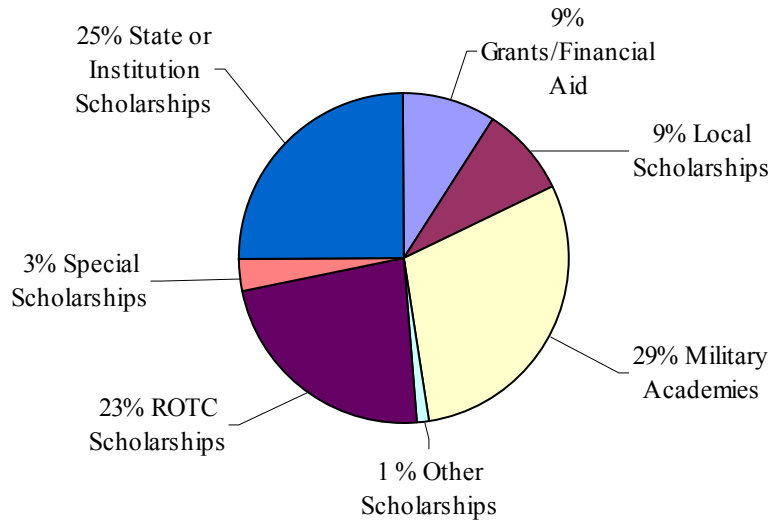


Chart 5: DoDDS-Europe 2001 Graduates' Scholarships

Monies Earned: \$13,786,016



The 2001 graduates planned to attend 762 colleges and universities. Below is a representative list, which includes only the colleges or universities selected by more than five graduates.

Alabama State University
American University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Austin Peay State University
Brigham Young University
California State University
Central Texas College
Chowan College
Coastal Carolina Community College
College of William & Mary
Colorado State University
East Carolina University
Elizabethtown Community College
Florida A&M University
Florida Community College
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida State University
George Mason University
Georgia Southern University
InterAmerican University
Iowa State University
James Madison University
Kansas State University
Louisiana State University
Mesa Community College
North Carolina A&T State University
North Carolina State University
Northern Arizona University
Northern Virginia Community College
Norwich University
Okaloosa-Walton Community College
Old Dominion University
Pennsylvania State University
Pensacola Junior College
Purdue University
Richmond University
San Diego State University
Southern Illinois University
State University of New York

Stephen F. Austin University
Tennessee State University
Texas A&M University
Texas Tech University
United States Air Force Academy
United States Military Academy
University of Maryland
University of Arizona
University of California
University of Central Florida
University of Colorado
University of Florida
University of Hawaii
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts
University of Missouri
University of Nebraska
University of Nevada
University of North Carolina
University of North Florida
University of North Texas
University of Puerto Rico
University of Rochester
University of Sacred Heart
University of San Diego
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee
University of Texas
University of Utah
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of West Florida
Utah State University
Virginia Tech University
Western Kentucky University
Wright State University

As can be seen from this report, the DoDEA graduates continue to excel in many ways. Very large proportions continue their education at a college, university or vocational school and earn millions of dollars of scholarships and financial aid to help them achieve their goals.