

**DoDEA
2006
Postsecondary Plans
And
Scholarships Report**



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DoDEA 2006 Graduates: Postsecondary Plans and Scholarships

At the end of every school year, each high school in the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) is required to document the postsecondary plans and scholarships of twelfth grade students. This report provides a summary of these data, including the postsecondary plans of students and the monies offered and accepted by these students for scholarships, grants, and financial aid. Data in this report are presented for DoDEA overall, as well as disaggregated by each of the three areas: Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS), including Cuba; Europe; and the Pacific, including Guam.

It should be noted that in SY05-06, changes were made to the procedures and system DoDEA uses to collect student data. These new data collection procedures resulted in missing and invalid data and non-standard data entry. Therefore, caution should be used when interpreting and comparing these results among Areas and against previous years.

Of the 3,191 seniors in DoDEA schools in SY05-06, approximately 99% (N=3,156) were reported as graduated. This is approximately 4% higher than reported in SY04-05; however, this difference may be due to differences in the data collection procedures rather than true differences in the graduation rates between the two years.

Postsecondary Plans

The second semester of their senior year, every DoDEA senior is required to complete a written postsecondary plan indicating their intentions the year after graduation. Of those seniors with valid postsecondary plans (N= 2,875), the majority were planning to continue their education at a 4-year (66%) or junior/community (13%) college or university (Table 1). These numbers are comparable to the postsecondary plans of DoDEA seniors in previous years, with an increase of eight percent in number of students reporting they plan to attend a 4-year college or university (Table 1).

Table 1. DoDEA 2003-2006 Postsecondary Plans

	2003	2004	2005	2006*
	N=2,993	N=3228	N=3204	N=2875
4-year College/University	58%	58%	58%	66%
Junior/Community College ^a	17%	16%	16%	13%
Vocational School/Technical School ^b	2%	2%	2%	2%
Employment	8%	8%	8%	9%
Enlisted Military	9%	8%	8%	6%
Apprenticeship/On the Job Training				1%
Undecided/Other ^c	7%	8%	8%	
Other				4%

Note. Percentages may not equal 100 due to rounding; students with duplicate postsecondary plans not included;; a=Previously reported as 2-year college; b=Previously reported as vocational school; c=Beginning in SY05-06 students were no longer able to select undecided.

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Small differences were noted in the postsecondary plans of seniors by Area. The highest percentage of DoDEA graduates who planned to attend a 4-year college/university was found in

the Pacific (69%), while the highest percentage of DoDEA graduates who planned to enlist in the military (10%) was found in DDESS (Table 2).

Table 2. DoDEA 2006 Graduates' Postsecondary Plans by Area*

	DDESS	Europe	Pacific
	N=440	N=1684	N=751
4-year College/University	58%	64%	69%
Junior Community College	16%	13%	12%
Technical School	5%	1%	1%
Employment	8%	10%	6%
Enlisted Military	10%	6%	6%
Apprenticeship/On the Job Training	0%	1%	0%
Other	3%	5%	4%

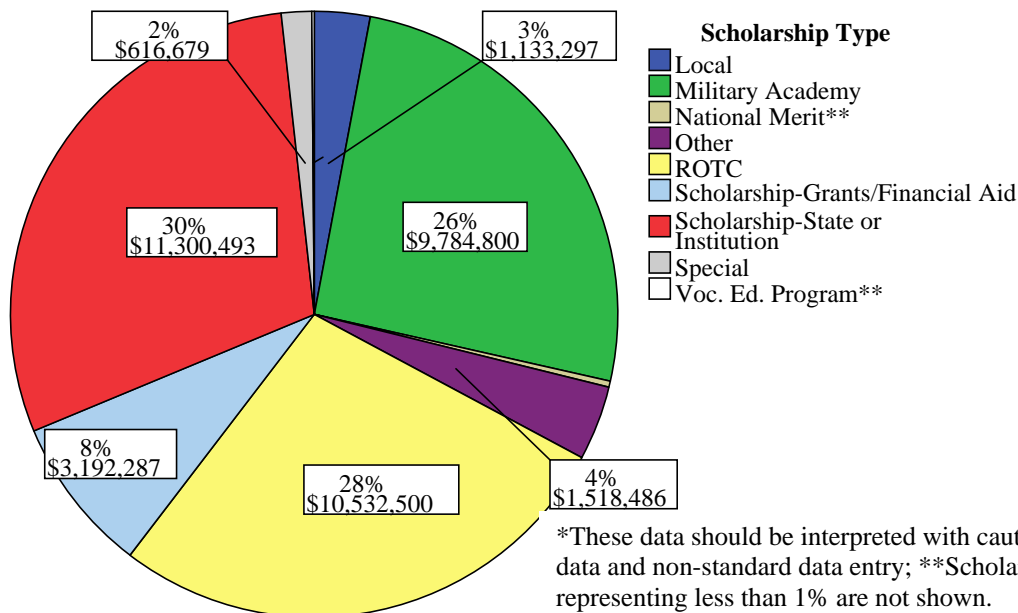
Note. Percentages may not equal 100 due to rounding; N represents the number of graduates for whom a postsecondary plan was reported; Students with duplicate postsecondary plans are not included, *These data should be interpreted with caution due to missing data and non-standard data entry.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

Prior to SY05-06 schools collected data only on the scholarship monies students were awarded. In SY05-06 schools began collecting data on the scholarship monies students were offered and the scholarship monies accepted. No direct comparison should be made between the monies awarded and accepted due to differences in data collection procedures.

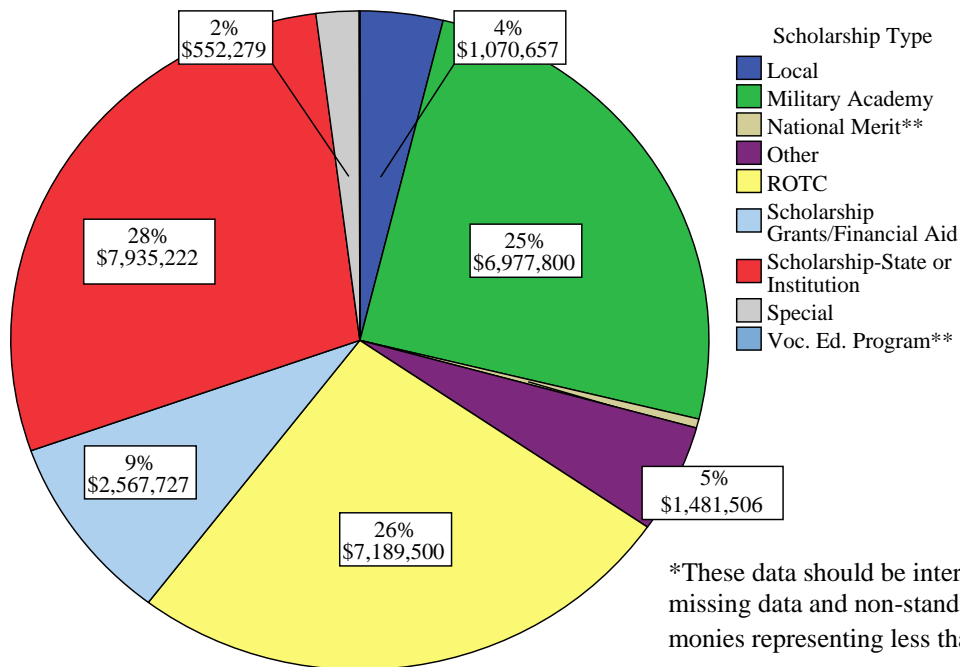
The DoDEA graduating seniors of 2006 were offered over 38 million dollars in scholarships, financial aid, and grants (Figure 1). The majority of the monies offered were through state or institution scholarships (30%), ROTC (28%), and military academies (26%).

Figure 1. DoDEA Scholarship Monies Offered (Total = \$38,250,442)*



Of the 38 million dollars in scholarship, financial aid, and grant monies offered, DoDEA seniors accepted approximately 28 million dollars (Figure 2). The distribution of monies accepted closely parallels that of those monies offered, with the majority through state or institution scholarships (28%), ROTC (26%), and military academies (25%).

Figure 2. DoDEA Scholarship Monies Accepted (Total = \$27,906,591)*



Monies offered and accepted varied by Area (Table 3). While the largest source of money for DDESS and Europe graduates was state or institution scholarships, the largest source of monies for graduates in the Pacific was ROTC.

Table 3. Scholarship Monies Offered and Accepted by Area*

	DDESS (N=140)		Europe (N=606)		Pacific (N=220)	
	Offered \$6,000,548	Accepted \$4,718,912	Offered \$22,832,147	Accepted \$16,446,165	Offered \$9,417,747	Accepted \$6,741,514
Local	1%	1%	4%	5%	3%	4%
Military Academy	24%	31%	28%	27%	20%	17%
National Merit	%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%
Other	11%	14%	2%	2%	5%	7%
ROTC	14%	9%	27%	27%	37%	35%
Scholarship Grants, Financial Aid	5%	4%	5%	6%	19%	20%
Scholarship-State or Institution	40%	36%	34%	33%	13%	13%
Special	4%	5%	1%	1%	2%	3%
Vocational Ed	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%

Note. Percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding; N represents the number of students who were offered at least one scholarship; students with incomplete scholarship information are not included.

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The DoDEA 2006 graduates plan to attend approximately 1,700 different colleges and universities in the United States and around the world. Below is a representative list, which includes only the colleges or universities reported by five or more students.

Arizona State University	Oregon State University
Auburn University	Penn State
Baylor University	Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico
Boston University	Rutgers State University
Brigham Young University	Sacred Heart University of Puerto Rico
California State University	South Carolina State
Coastal Carolina Community College	Texas A&M
Colorado State University	University of Maryland
Cornell University	University of Alabama
East Carolina University	US Air Force Academy
Florida International University	US Naval Academy
Florida State	University of California
Georgia Southern University	University of Hawaii
Hawaii Pacific University	University of Florida
Indiana University	University of North Carolina
Louisiana State University	University of Puerto Rico
Middle Tennessee State University	University of Texas
Montana State University	University of Wisconsin
New Mexico State University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Ohio State University	Virginia Tech
Old Dominion University	West Point