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DoDEA 2004 Graduates' Post-secondary Plans and Scholarships

Summary Report

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 record indicating senior students' plans after graduation. This summary report provides a look at the aggregate numbers collected from these high schools concerning Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) seniors' plans, the monies awarded to these students for scholarships, grants, and financial aid, and also the colleges and universities they plan to attend. Data are displayed in this report for DoDEA and the three areas, DDESS, DoDDS-Europe, and DoDDS-Pacific.

In 2004, there were 3,348 seniors in DoDEA. Of these, 3,206 received diplomas resulting in a graduation rate of 96%. The majority (76%) of the 2004 DoDEA graduates indicated that they would continue their education after graduation at a 4-year (58%), 2-year (16%) or vocational college or university (2%) as shown in Chart 1. Table 1 shows post-secondary plans for three years (2002-2004).

Chart 1: DoDEA 2004 Graduates' Plans After Graduation

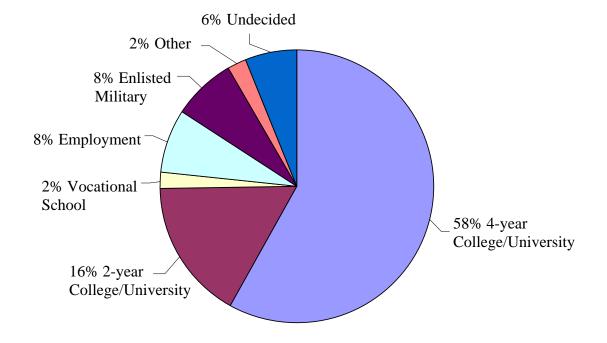


Table 1: DoDEA 2002-2004 Post-secondary Plans

Post-secondary Plans*	2002	2003	2004
	N=2,984	N=2,993	N=3228
4-year College/University	60%	58%	58%
2-year College/University	14%	17%	16%
Vocational School	3%	2%	2%
Employment	7%	8%	8%
Enlisted Military	8%	9%	8%
Undecided/Other	7%	7%	8%

^{*} Percentages may not equal 100 due to rounding

Information provided on the 2004 DoDEA graduates indicated some differences in post-secondary plans by Area, as noted in Table 2. The highest percentage of DoDEA graduates who plan to attend a 4-year College/University (62%) or a 2-year College/University (19%) is found in the Pacific. The highest percentage of DoDEA graduates who plan to enlist in the military (8%) is found in the Pacific and DDESS. The highest percentage of DoDEA graduates who plan to seek employment (9%) after graduation or are undecided (12%) on their plans is found in Europe.

Table 2: DoDEA 2004 Graduates' Post-secondary Plans After Graduation by Area

Post-secondary Plans*	DDESS	DoDDS-Europe	DoDDS-Pacific
	N=496	N=1639	N=1093
4-year College/University	60%	55%	62%
2-year College/University	17%	15%	19%
Vocational School	4%	2%	1%
Employment	6%	9%	6%
Enlisted Military	8%	7%	8%
Undecided/Other	5%	12%	5%

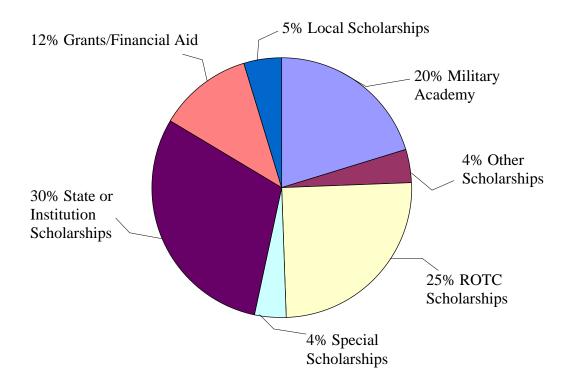
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Scholarships and Financial Aid¹

The DoDEA graduating seniors of 2004 continued the tradition of earning millions of dollars in scholarships and financial aid. Thirty percent (30%) of the money was earned in 2004 through state or institution scholarships. In addition, 25% percent was earned through ROTC scholarships and 20% from military academies. An ROTC scholarship is valued at approximately \$70,000 while a military academy scholarships is approximately \$250,000. In 2004, DoDEA graduates earned over \$34 million dollars in scholarships, financial aid, and grants, as shown in Chart 2.

¹Scholarship and financial aid data collection processes were revised in 2004 to allow researchers to conduct more detailed analyses than had previously been possible. Therefore, direct comparisons between 2004 scholarship and financial aid data and previous years may result in inaccurate inferences.

Chart 2: DoDEA 2004 Graduates' Scholarships
Monies Earned \$34,064,441



As can be seen in Charts 3, 4, and 5, state or institution and ROTC scholarships made up a large percent of monies earned by the 2004 DoDEA graduates. Fifty percent (50%) of DDESS graduates earned monies from state or institution scholarships, while graduates in DoDDS-Europe and DoDDS-Pacific earned 27% and 28% respectively in ROTC scholarships.

Chart 3: DDESS 2004 Graduates' Scholarships Monies Earned \$6,649,632

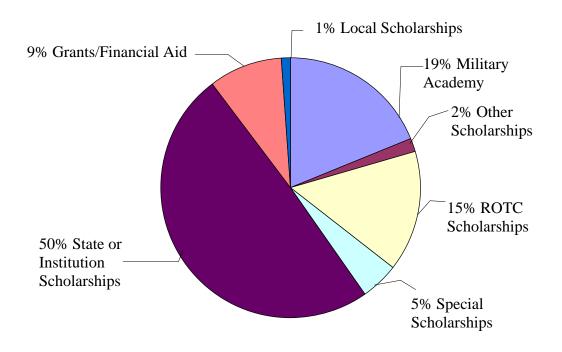


Chart 4: DoDDS-Europe 2004 Graduates' Scholarships Monies Earned \$18,481,148

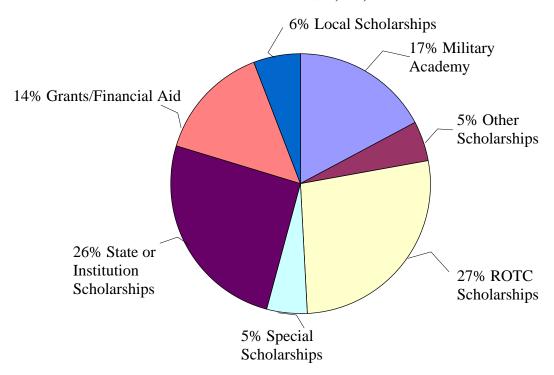
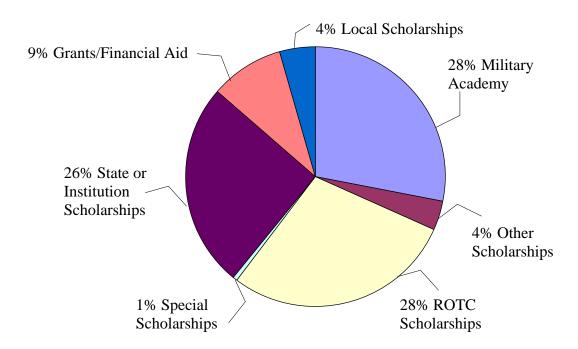


Chart 5: DoDDS-Pacific 2004 Graduates Scholarships Monies Earned \$8,933,661



The DoDEA 2004 graduates plan to attend over 900 different colleges and universities. Below is a representative list, which includes only the colleges or universities selected by more than five graduates.

Appalachian State University Austin Peay State University

Baylor University Boston University

Brigham Young University California State University Central Texas College

Coastal Carolina Community College

Colorado State University Concordia University East Carolina University

Elizabethtown Community College Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Fayetteville State University Florida Community College Florida Institute of Technology

Florida State University Full Sail: Florida

Georgia Southern University Hopkinsville Community College

Inter-American University
James Madison University
Louisiana State University

McGill University North Carolina A & T

North Carolina State University

Northern Virginia Community College

Norwich University Oglethorpe University Old Dominion University Pennsylvania State University **Purdue University**

San Diego State University South Carolina State University

Southwestern College Texas A & M University Texas Tech University

United States Air Force Academy United States Military Academy

Universidad Politecnica
University of California
University of Central Florida
University of Dubuque
University of Florida
University of Guam
University of Louisville
University of Maryland
University of Nevada

University of North Carolina
University of Puerto Rico
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Tennessee
University of Texas
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of West Florida

Virginia Commonwealth University

Virginia Tech

Washington State University Weber State University Western Kentucky University

Large percentages of the DoDEA 2004 graduates continue their education at a college, university, or vocational school and earn millions of dollars in scholarships and financial aid.