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DoDEA 2005 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 2005, there were 3,395 seniors in DoDEA. Of these, 3,238 received diplomas resulting in a graduation rate of 95%. The majority (76%) of the 2005 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 (2003-2005).

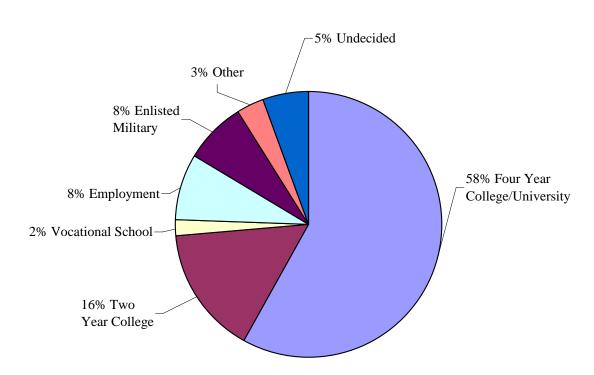


Chart 1: DoDEA 2005 Graduates' Post-Secondary Plans

Post-Secondary Plans

Most DoDEA graduates report that they plan to attend either a 4-year college/university (58%) or a 2-year college/university (16%), as noted in Table 1. These percentages have remained steady for the last three years.

Table 1: DoDEA 2003-2005 Post-secondary Plans

Post-secondary Plans*	2003	2004	2005
	N=2,993	N=3228	N=3204**
4-year College/University	58%	58%	58%
2-year College/University	17%	16%	16%
Vocational School	2%	2%	2%
Employment	8%	8%	8%
Enlisted Military	9%	8%	8%
Undecided/Other	7%	8%	8%

^{*} Percentages may not equal 100 due to rounding **N represents the number of graduates who indicated a post-secondary plan.

Information provided on the 2005 DoDEA graduates indicated some differences in post-secondary plans by Area, as noted in Table 2. The highest percentage of DoDEA graduates (64%) who planned to attend a 4-year College/University was found in the Pacific, while the highest percentage of DoDEA graduates (16%) who plan to attend a 2-year College/University is found in Europe. The highest percentage of DoDEA graduates (10%) who planned to enlist in the military after graduation was found in DDESS.

Table 2: DoDEA 2005 Graduates' Post-secondary Plans After Graduation by Area

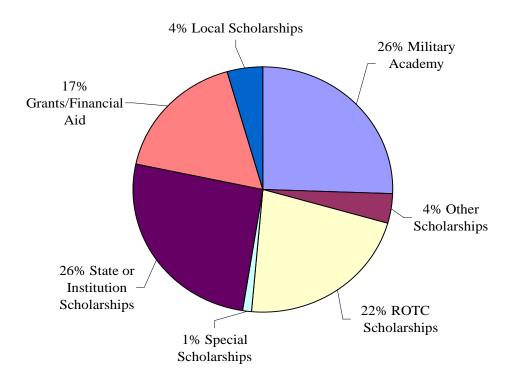
Post-secondary Plans*	DDESS	DoDDS-Europe	DoDDS-Pacific
	N=472	N=1817	N=915
4-year College/University	60%	54%	64%
2-year College/University	15%	16%	15%
Vocational School	2%	2%	1%
Employment	8%	10%	5%
Enlisted Military	10%	7%	7%
Undecided/Other	6%	10%	7%

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

Scholarships and Financial Aid¹

The DoDEA graduating seniors of 2005 earned over 33 million dollars in scholarships, financial aid, and grants (Chart 2). Fifty-two percent (52%) of the money earned in 2005 was through state or institution scholarships and military academies. In addition, 22% percent was earned through ROTC scholarships. An ROTC scholarship is valued at approximately \$70,000 while a military academy scholarship is approximately \$250,000.

Chart 2: DoDEA 2005 Graduates' Scholarships Monies Earned: \$33,422,307



As can be seen in Charts 3, 4, and 5, the source of scholarship earnings varied by Area: the largest source of money for DDESS graduates was state or institution scholarships (40%), while the largest source for DoDDS-Europe graduates was Military Academies (33%), and the largest source for DoDDS-Pacific graduates was ROTC Scholarships.

Chart 3: DDESS 2005 Graduates' Scholarships
Monies Earned: \$4,594,520

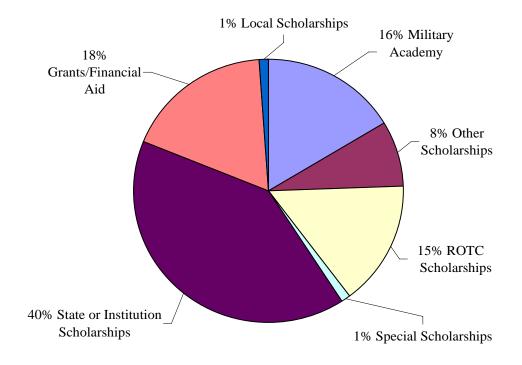


Chart 4: DoDDS-Europe 2005 Graduates' Scholarships Monies Earned: \$17,905,212

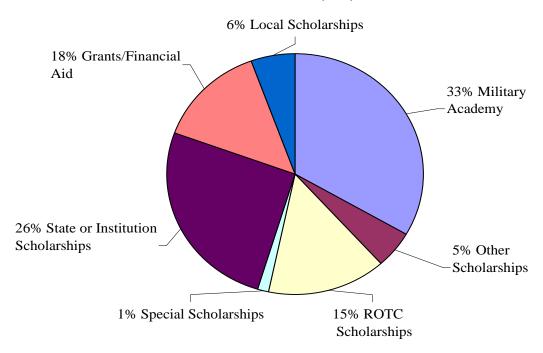
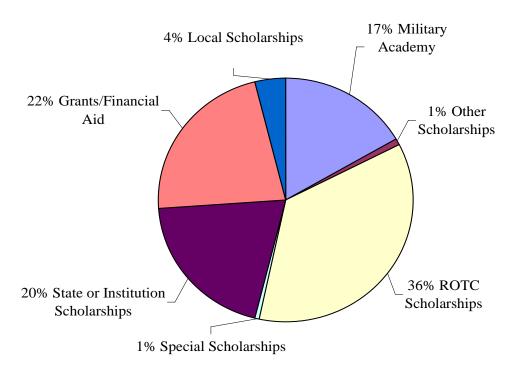


Chart 5: DoDDS-Pacific 2005 Graduates Scholarships

Monies Earned: \$10,922,575



The DoDEA 2005 graduates plan to attend over 775 different colleges and universities in the United States and around the world. Below is a representative list, which includes only the colleges or universities selected by more than five graduates.

American University Auburn University

Austin Peay State University

Baylor University Boston University

Brigham Young University California State University

Cameron University Central Texas College Clemson University

Coastal Carolina Community College

East Carolina University

Elizabethtown Community College

Florida A & M University Florida Community College Florida State University

Full Sail College

George Mason University Georgia Southern University

Hillsborough Community College

Inter American University Jacksonville University James Madison University

Liberty University
Murray State University

New Mexico Military Institute

North Carolina A & T State University Northern Virginia Community College

Norwich University Old Dominion University Pennsylvania State University Pensacola Community College

Purdue University

Savannah College of Art & Design

Shippensburg University State University of New York

Syracuse University
Texas A & M University

United States Air Force Academy United States Military Academy United States Naval Academy

Universidad del Este University of Alabama University of California University of Central Florida

University of Colorado
University of Dubuque
University of Florida
University of Guam
University of Hawaii
University of Houston
University of Louisville
University of Maryland

University of Missouri University of Nebraska

University of Nevada University of North Carolina

University of North Carolina
University of North Texas
University of Puerto Rico
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida

University of Tampa University of Tennessee University of Texas University of Virginia University of Washington University of West Florida

Virginia Commonwealth University Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State

University

Virginia State University Washington State University Western Kentucky University Western Washington University

Summary

Large percentages of the DoDEA 2005 graduates continue their education at a college, university, or vocational school, and earn millions of dollars in scholarships and financial aid.