



BE A SMART MARINE: PUMP UP YOUR TA WITH OTHER AWESOME MONEY!

- **FIRST STEP!** Apply online now for federal student assistance via the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Go to: <http://studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa/filling-out> and find step-by-step instructions on how to complete an online FAFSA. This does not automatically obligate you for loans; only your eligibility for aid.
- **Apply for scholarships.** Visit the Education Center (Bldg 220) for information on available scholarships, search tools and applications. Where to start your search? www.fastweb.com and www.scholarships.com (Your effort = free money!) *Note: Some scholarship applications will require your FAFSA Student Aid Report.*
- **Discuss using your GI Bill with an Education Center Counselor.** Important: do not rush into electing your Montgomery GI Bill or Post-9/11 GI Bill without first discussing your options with an Education Counselor. *Warning: Perils abound!*
- **Maximize FREE training offered online and through the Marine Corps.** Military training, including MCIs, may translate into college credit through your JST – Joint Services Transcript (formerly SMART). Log on and review the “Combo Report” to ensure your training is correct and up-to-date. An Education Counselor can review your JST. *This is legitimate credit accepted by many schools.* <https://jst.doded.mil>
- **Take CLEP & DSST exams for FREE college credit.** CLEP & DSST testing is FREE for active duty. Testing is administered weekly in the National Test Center (Classroom 5, Bldg 219, under the Base Library) every Wednesday, 0800-1530. Ask the Education Center how to register to take a CLEP exam. *FREE study materials available at the Education Center & Base Library!*
- **For self-motivated, self-improvement, check out Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)** offered by many universities. This is the newest wave in FREE modern, higher education. The best include:



- ① Coursera: <https://www.coursera.org>
- ② Udacity: <https://www.udacity.com>
- ③ edX: <https://www.edx.org>

