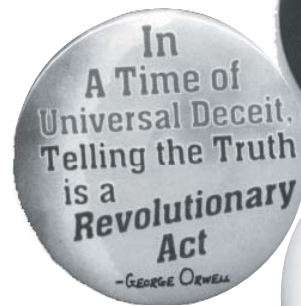
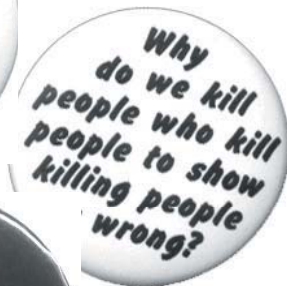




A Resource Guide for Youth: Non-Military Opportunities



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It's Your Future.



You Have Options.

There is nothing with which every man is so afraid as getting to know how enormously much he is capable of doing and becoming. – Soren Kierkegaard

Meeting Basic Needs

Housing, food and medicine are always of concern when individuals set out on their own and begin to make a life for themselves. Whether the choice be further education, apprenticeship, internship or volunteer service, these paramount needs must be met and listed here is some information about how these life-sustaining issues can be covered.

Free or Cheap Housing

Montana offers assistance to low income individuals that make it easy to afford rent or even to buy houses. Check out the Montana Department of Commerce's website at:

<http://commerce.state.mt.us/housing/>

Free and Cheap Medicine and Food

If you are a low income person on your own, you may qualify for Federal money in the form of Medicaid. If you have kids, you may qualify for WIC (food and nutrition subsidies) and CHIPs (children's health insurance). You can also be eligible for free money for food through the Food Stamp program. You can find out about these programs at the Department of Health and Human Services' website, at:

<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/index.shtml>

or, for a list of programs offered by this department:

<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/programs/services/index.shtml>



Free and Cheap Money for Education

Grants, loans and scholarships make higher levels of education possible for any student willing to put in the time and effort to submit an application, interested enough to follow up with the endowing agency and ready to make the commitment to do the required class work. The following list of free and cheap resources is not exhaustive by any means but it provides a sampling of the monetary tools available to people who wish to continue on with a post secondary education.

Pell Grant (Free Money)

The Pell Grant is free money for undergraduate students. It is need-based, and can be worth up to \$4,000 dollars a year. While the award of a Pell Grant does not increase the money you can get from the government, it does replace money that you have to pay back with money that you don't. *Best thing about Pell Grant:* It is FREE money.



Stafford Loan (Cheap Money)

Stafford Loans are loans that are guaranteed by the Federal Government. The money is actually loaned to applicants by local, state or national banks, but because the Federal Government guarantees it, these banks are required to offer an interest rate that is pegged to the Federal Government's interest rate. The interest rate is 'capped' and cannot go above a certain percentage. Usually, these loans offer more generous repayment terms than any loan one could get privately, and credit history is not a consideration. It is the cheapest way to get money, and any citizen without a drug record is eligible. And the poorer you are, and the further you are in your college education, the more money you can get.

Best thing about Stafford Loans: If you stay in school and keep drawing on Stafford Loans, you don't have to begin paying these back until after you finish with ALL your schooling.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

To sign up for these programs, all the Government requires you do is to fill out a form. You can either do a paper version of an online version. The online form is easier because you can keep most of the information in the system to use year after year (saves you a lot of time, especially of several things don't change.)

To get started check out the FAFSA website

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

For more information about money from the Government to go to school, check out the Department of Education's website for college money at:

http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/2004_2005/english/types-stafford.htm

WUE

WUE is the Western Undergraduate Exchange, a program through which residents of western states may enroll in many two-year and four-year college programs in other western states at a reduced tuition level, much lower than non-resident tuition.

Find out more about WUE and participated universities/colleges:

<http://www.wiche.edu/sep/wue/>

Student Assistance Foundation of Montana

'Provides students with knowledge, understanding, and tools to finance and pursue their higher education.' Search for and compare and email schools, search occupations, and find financial aid.
www.safmt.org

Fast Web Scholarship Guide

will connect you with customized scholarship searches and tips.
www.fastweb.com

Other scholarship searches:

<http://www.scholarships.com/apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearchss/welcome.js>



Travel and Adventure: Service/Volunteer Programs and Internships

Travel and adventure are available in many forms, most of which are much less dangerous than military service and yet provide a valuable contribution to the well being of the people of this country and others around the world. Here is a list of service/volunteer programs and internships. Some projects offer volunteers a living stipend and other compensation for their work while others require a fee for participation.

AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps provides opportunities for volunteers to serve in a number of local, state, and national service programs. Get involved with environmental projects, public health and safety, building projects, or tutoring programs. Serve at home or find a project in other communities all over the country. Full-time volunteers often receive living stipends, and all completed projects reward volunteers with money for education.

<http://www.americorps.org>

1201 New York Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20525

Tel.: (202) 606-5000

TTY: (202) 606-3472

e-mail: questions@americorps.org

Also, see the *Corporation for National and Community Service* for more information about AmeriCorps and other projects like it: www.cns.gov

Amigos de las Americas

This organization offers opportunities for high school and college students to contribute to service projects in Latin American countries. Work together with community members on their building and environmental projects. This is an opportunity to work with grassroots and non-profit organizations and even earn college credit.

<http://www.amigoslink.org>

Amigos de las Am ricas

5618 Star Lane

Houston, Texas 77057

Tel: 713-782-5290

800-231-7796

Fax : 713-782-9267

email : info@amigoslink.org

Where Are You Headed?

This website provides advice and assistance with college and career information, resources for taking time off after high school, summer options, and many alternatives to school.

<http://www.timeoutassociates.com/index.html>



Volunteers for Peace

Volunteers pay a small fee (\$200-\$500) to help cover expenses for service trips all over the world. Work for and learn about peace and social justice issues at international work camps.

<http://www.vfp.org/>

City Year

Opportunities for young people ages 17-24 to spend a year in community service in communities around the country, including one project in Johannesburg, South Africa. Volunteers receive a weekly living stipend and money for education upon completion of their projects.

www.cityyear.org

Dynamy

A residential internship program to get young people ready for college or career. Participants experience independent living and mentored internships in Worcester, MA or Santa Rosa, CA for one year.

www.dynamy.org



Travel and Adventure: Educational Programs

Travel and adventure are also accessible through a number of educational programs where you can combine learning with the practice of more directly applicable work skills. Some of the following listed programs are meant to be used in conjunction with enrollment in high school or college, while others operate independently. Many of these programs charge for enrollment while others may be free of charge or provide sliding scale fees or scholarship opportunities.

National Outdoor Leadership (NOLS)

Learn outdoor skills in programs from two weeks to full semesters in duration. This is a school that teaches students in a number of wilderness environments the world over. Catalog available — request online.

www.nols.edu
284 Lincoln Street
Lander, WY 82520-2848
Tel: (800) 710-NOLS
(800) 710-6657
(307) 332-5300
Fax: (307) 332-1220



Outward Bound

A nonprofit organization that combines education with adventure. Programs range from wilderness expeditions featuring extreme sports to urban experiences. Programs can take participants to locations in five continents.

www.outwardbound.com

Sea-mester and Ocean-mester

Recent high school grads and college students can experience a semester on the ocean living aboard a ship and learning about marine science, seamanship, and communication and leadership skills through college-level learning.

<http://www.seamester.com/#>

Sea-mester Programs
P.O. Box 5477
Sarasota, Florida 34277

Semester at Sea

In cooperation with an accredited university, this program offers students college credit for a year at sea. Stop in different countries and receive college courses on the ship.

www.semesteratsea.com

Peace Corps (for college grads — certain degrees/experience preferred)

Volunteer service positions all over the world. Living expenses furnished. This program is selective, so go online and see if your field of study is in demand.

www.peacecorps.gov

Disney World College Internship Program

Opportunities for college students to intern with Disney World and possibly earn college credit.

<http://www.wdwcollegeprogram.com/>

International Study

Study abroad is also a way to find adventure in another land while becoming much better acquainted with a different culture in a harmonious setting. Your current high school or college is probably the best resource for affordable foreign study programs. However the following list details a few independently operating programs which offer yet another type of living experience.

IEE Passport

Search this database for detailed information about tons of study abroad programs. Customize your search to meet your particular interests.

<http://www.iiepassport.org/>

Also see ***Study Overseas***, www.studyoverseas.com for advice on integrating a study abroad program with your college education

United World Colleges

A network of colleges abroad promoting international learning and cultural understanding through higher education experiences.

<http://www.uwc.org/uwchome.html>

EduPass

Resources for foreign students studying/wishing to study in the US.

www.edupass.com

GlobalQuest

Twelve week educational seminar set in Thailand and Ecuador for high school seniors and recent high school grads. Many participants spend their last semester of high school in the program or enroll before embarking on college or career goals.

www.gquest.org

E-Mail: dcreek@gquest.org

Youth for Understanding

Opportunities for study and volunteer work the world over.

<http://www.youthforunderstanding.org/>



International Living

This organization offers many different roads to intercultural learning. They offer language classes, group study trips, opportunities for study abroad, language classes, work exchanges, and community service trips. Look for programs in 25 countries.

www.experiment.org

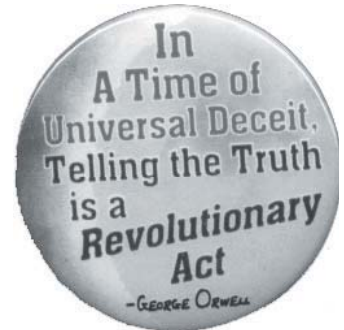
PO Box 6141

Brattleboro, VT 05302 USA

Tel: 1 802 258 3467

Fax: 1 802 258 3427

email: federation@experiment.org



Global Routes

Opportunities for service trips to many countries. Live with local residents in remote rural villages and work with them to improve their communities. Projects take place in countries in Asia, Africa, and South America and are two to three weeks long.

www.globalroutes.org/student-exchange-programs.html

Interim Programs

This organization will help you create a year-long experience that's right for you while you are transitioning into post-secondary education or a career path. Based on your interests and experience, they will match you with an internship or program and help you apply. Choose from volunteer work, language programs, study programs, and more.

www.interimprograms.com

*If you are interested in this program, you may be interested in others like it:

Taking Off (<http://www.takingoff.net/>) is a commercial organization to aid students in developing a transition plan while taking time off between high school and college. ***Taking Time Off*** (<http://www.takingtimeoff.com/>) is a website offering students advice for this period of transition.

Leap Now

Provides young people with opportunities in 129 countries. Choose from internships, work exchanges, volunteer and employment opportunities, credit-earning programs, and experiential college alternative programs.

<http://www.leapnow.org/home.htm>

Student Conservation Association

Service projects and internships for high school and college students interested in gaining leadership and stewardship skills in conservation. Help preserve the environment through hands-on projects.

<http://www.thesca.org/>

Jobs

If a job is the most immediate choice of the person considering their money-making options, the Job Corps and the Montana Job Service can help. These programs/services involve finding and working in entry level employment which can provide not only excellent training but money and career advancement opportunities at the same time.

Job Corps

Residential career training programs through the US Department of Labor for ages 16-24. At Job Corps, students are trained in a marketable, skilled trade for free.

National office (202) 693-3000 <http://jobcorps.dol.gov/>

Sentinel High School Career Page

This webpage is a great resource for careers all over Montana and the US, post-secondary education, scholarships, and many other opportunities.

<http://www.mcps.k12.mt.us/HighSchool/Sentinel/Career.htm>

The Montana Job Service

This is an excellent source of information on entry level jobs to get you started on a career of your own choice, or a quick way to earn cash. Check out the Jobservice online at <https://jobs.mt.gov/jobs/login.seek>. For links to the individual Job Service Workforce Centers' websites, go to <http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/service/officelist.asp>.

You can access job services in towns throughout Montana:

Anaconda

307 East Park
Anaconda, MT 59711
Phone: 406-563-3444
Fax: 406-563-7827
Job Hot-Line: 406-563-7826
E-mail: anacondajsc@mt.gov

Billings

2121-B Rosebud Drive
Billings, MT 59102
Phone: 406-652-3080
Fax: 406-652-0444
Job Hot-Line: 406-655-0942
E-mail: billingsjsc@mt.gov

Bozeman

121 North Wilson
Bozeman, MT 59715
Phone: 406-582-9200
Fax: 406-582-9210
Job Hot-Line: 406-582-9205
E-mail: bozemanjsc@mt.gov

Butte

2201 White Blvd.
Butte, MT 59701
Phone: 406-494-0300
Fax: 406-494-5481
Job Hot-line: 406-494-0338
E-mail: buttejsc@mt.gov

Cut Bank

501 East Main
Cut Bank, MT 59427
Phone: 406-873-2191
Fax: 406-873-5393
Job Hot-Line: 406-873-4407
E-mail: cutbankjsc@mt.gov

Dillon

730 North Montana
Box 1300
Dillon, MT 59725
Phone: 406-683-4259
Fax: 406-683-2903
Job Hot-Line: 406-683-4737
E-mail: dillonjsc@mt.gov

Glasgow

74 4th Street North
Glasgow, MT 59230
Phone: 406-228-9369
Fax: 406-228-8793
Job Hot-Line: 406-228-9523
E-mail: glasgowjsc@mt.gov

Glendive

211 South Kendrick
Glendive, MT 59330
Phone: 406-377-3314
Fax: 406-377-5831
Job Hot-Line: 406-377-5823
E-mail: glendivejsc@mt.gov



Great Falls

1018 7th Street S.
Great Falls, MT 59405
Phone: 406-791-5800
Fax: 406-791-5889
Job Hot-Line: 406-453-5556
TDD: 406-791-5882
E-mail: greatfallsjsc@mt.gov

Hamilton

333 W. Main Street
Hamilton, MT 59840
Phone: 406-363-1822
Fax: 406-363-1823
Job Hot-Line: 406-363-2726
E-mail: hamiltonjsc@mt.gov

Havre

160 First Avenue
Havre, MT 59501
Phone: 406-265-5847
Fax: 406-265-1386
Job Hot-Line: 406-265-1587
E-mail: havrejsc@mt.gov

Helena

715 Front Street
Helena, MT 59601
Phone: 406-447-3200
Fax: 406-447-3224
Job Hot-Line: 406-447-3222
E-mail: helenajsc@mt.gov

Kalispell

427 First Avenue E.
Kalispell, MT 59901
P.O. Box 1879
Kalispell, MT 59903
Phone: 406-758-6200
Fax: 406-758-6290
Job Hot-Line: 406-758-6297
TDD: 406-758-6224
E-mail: kalispelljsc@mt.gov

Lewistown

300 First Avenue North
Lewistown, MT 59457
Phone: 406-538-8701
Fax: 406-538-7249
Job Hot-Line: 406-538-5263
E-mail: lewistownjsc@mt.gov

Libby

417 Mineral, Suite 4
Libby, MT 59923
Phone: 406-293-6282
Fax: 406-293-5134
Job Hot-Line: 406-293-6282
Press option 1
E-mail: libbyjsc@mt.gov

Livingston

220 E. Park
Box 1199
Livingston, MT 59047
Phone: 406-222-0520
Fax: 406-222-1593
Job Hot-Line: 406-222-0533

Miles City

12 North 10th Street
Box 1786
Miles City, MT 59301
Phone: 406-232-8340
Fax: 406-232-6270
Job Hot-Line: 406-232-6350
E-mail: milescityjsc@mt.gov

Missoula

539 S. Third Street W
P.O. Box 5027
Missoula, MT 59806
Phone: 406-728-7060
Fax: 406-721-7094
E-mail: msslajsc@mt.gov

Polson

417-B Main
P.O. Box 970
Polson, MT 59860
Phone: 406-883-7880
Fax: 406-883-4564
Job Hot-Line: 406-883-3311
E-mail: polsonjsc@mt.gov

Shelby

1125 Oilfield Ave.
Shelby, MT 59474
Phone: 406-434-5161
Fax: 406-434-2351
Job Hot-Line: 406-434-5045
E-mail: shelbyjsc@mt.gov

Sidney

211 North Central
Sidney, MT 59270
Phone: 406-433-1204
Fax: 406-433-7453
Job Hot-Line: 406-433-6665
E-mail: sidneyjsc@mt.gov

Thompson Falls

2 Tradewinds Way
P.O. Box 669
Thompson Falls, MT 59873
Phone: 406-827-3472
Fax: 406-827-3327
Job Hot-Line: 406-827-4562
E-mail: ThompsonFallsJSC@mt.gov

Wolf Point

201 Main Street
Wolf Point, MT 59201
Phone: 406-653-1720
Fax: 406-653-1196
Job Hot-Line: 406-653-1194
E-mail: wolfpointjsc@mt.gov



Colleges, Trade Schools and Apprenticeship Programs

For your convenience we've tried to list here as many of the Montana resources as we were able to find. Any of these facilities and programs when considered in conjunction with the other monetary, basic needs and educational options listed previously will give you the opportunity for learning, earning and advancing without the dependency and inherent danger associated with military service.



Union Apprenticeship Programs

Billings Carpenters JATC P.O. Box 671 Billings, MT 59103 406-259-6911

Billings Painting Trades JATC #167 530 S. 27th St. Billings, MT 59101 406-259-6911

Billings Piping Industry JATC #30 P.O. Box 30616 Billings, MT 59107 406-252-9371

Boilermakers Local P.O. Box 1406 East Helena, MT 59635 406-227-8747

Bozeman/Helena Carpenters JATC P.O. Box 821 Helena, MT 59624 406-442-4326

Bricklayers & Allied Craftsmen #3 P.O. Box 1568 Plains, MT 59859 406-256-3016

Butte Carpentry Trades JATC 156 W. Granite Butte, MT 59701 406-782-8542

Great Falls Carpentry Trades JATC 1112 Seventh S. RM 23 Great Falls, MT 59405 406-453-1301

Helena Auto Trades 1315 Prospect Helena, MT 59601

Kalispell/Missoula Carpenters JATC 208 E Main St. Missoula, MT 59802 406-549-8067

Laborers AG.C (heavy, highway construction) 3100 Horseshoe Bend Helena, MT 59601 406-442-9964

Missoula Plumbing Trades JATC 1026 5th St. W. Missoula, MT 59801 406-549-3479

Montana Carpenters JATC 780 Carter Dr. Helena, MT 59601 406-453-1301

Montana Dept. of Labor & Industry P.O. Box 1728 Helena, MT 59624 406-444-4500

Montana Electrical JATC P.O. Box 4177 Helena, MT 59604 406-449-7173

Montana Ironworkers JATC P.O. Box 671 Billings, MT 59103 406-259-1703

Montana State Sheet Metal Workers JATC P.O. Box 4048 Butte, MT 59702 406-533-0112

MTN States Line Constructors JATC 7001 S. 900 E. Ste. 240 Midvale, UT 84093 800-942-7472

Plumbers and Pipe-fitters Local #41 P.O. Box 3172 Butte, MT 59701

U.S. Department of Labor 301 S. Park, Drawer 10055 Helena, MT 59626 406-449-5261

West Central Montana Painting Industry P.O. Box 666 Great Falls, MT 59403 406-452-0889

Western States Boilermakers JATC P.O. Box 1406 East Helena, MT 59635 406-227-9005

Montana Colleges (also see www.Montanacolleges.com)

Blackfeet Community College P.O. Box 819 Browning, MT 59417-0819 406-338-5421 Ext. 243
Carroll College 1601 N. Benton Ave. Helena, MT 59625-0002 800-992-3648
Chief Dull Knife College P.O. Box 98 Lame Deer, MT 59043-0098 406-477-6215
Dawson Community College P.O. Box 421 Glendive, MT 59330-0421 406-377-3396 Ext. 28
Flathead Valley Community College 777 Grandview Dr. Kalispell, MT 59901-2622 406-756-3846
Fort Belknap College P.O. Box 159 Harlem, MT 59526-0159 406-353-2607 Ext. 219
Fort Peck Community College P.O. Box 398 Poplar, MT 59255-0398 406-768-5551
Little Big Horn College P.O. Box 370 Crow Agency, MT 59022-0370 406-638-2228 Ext. 50
Miles Community College 2715 Dickinson Miles City, MT 59301-4799 406-234-3513
Montana Bible College P.O. Box 6070 Bozeman, MT 59771 406-586-3585
Montana State University - Billings 1500 University Dr. Billings, MT 59101-9984 406-657-2158
MSU - Billings College of Technology 3803 Central Ave. Billings, MT 59102 406-656-4445
Montana State University - Bozeman P.O. Box 172190 Bozeman, MT 59717-2640 406-994-2452
MSU - Great Falls College of Technology 2100 16th Ave. S. Great Falls, MT 59405 406-771-4300
Montana State University Northern P.O. Box 7751 Havre, MT 59501-7751 800-662-6132
Mountain States Baptist College 216 9th St. N. Great Falls, MT 59401 406-761-0308
Rocky Mountain College 1511 Poly Dr. Billings, MT 59102-1796 406-657-1026
Salish-Kootenai College P.O. Box 117 Pablo, MT 59855-0117 406-675-4800 Ext. 265
Stone Child College RR1 P.O. Box 1082 Box Elder, MT 59521 406-395-4875 Ext. 222
University of Great Falls 1301 20th St. S. Great Falls, MT 59405 406-791-5200
U of M - Montana Tech & College of Technology - Butte 1300 W. Park St. Butte, MT 59701-8997
406-496-4178
U of M - Helena College of Technology 1115 Roberts St. Helena, MT 59601 406-444-6800
University of Montana - Missoula 32 Campus Dr. Missoula, MT 59812-0002 406-243-0211
U of M - Missoula College of Technology 909 S. Ave. W. Missoula, MT 59801 406-243-7882
University of Montana - Western 710 S. Atlantic Dillon, MT 59725-3598 406-683-7331
Yellowstone Baptist College 1515 Shiloh Rd. Billings, MT 59106 800-487-9950

Montana Trade Schools

Academy of Cosmetology 133 W. Mendenhall Bozeman, MT 59715 406-587-1265
Academy of Nail & Skin Technology, LLP 928 Broadwater Ave. Ste. C Billings, MT
59101 406-252-3232
Anaconda Job Corps Center 1407 Foster Creek Rd. Anaconda, MT 59711 406-563-3476



Benefi s Healthcare Sch. of Medical Tech. P.O. Box 5013 Great Falls, MT 59403 406-455-5439

Benefi s Healthcare Sch. of Radiologic Tech. 500 15th Ave. S. Great Falls, MT 59405 406-455-2146

Big Sky Somatic Institute P.O. Box 1262 Helena, MT 59624 406-442-8998

Blanco Blanco Cosmetology School 901 24th St. W. Billings, MT 59102 406-652-2700

Butte Academy of Beauty Culture, Inc. 303 West Park Butte, MT 59701 406-723-8565

College of Coiffure Art 1423 Wyoming Ave. Billings, MT 59102 406-656-9114

Connole Morton Real Estate School 415 N. Higgins Missoula, MT 59802 406-543-3269

Crevier’s School of Cosmetology 134 First St. W. Kalispell, MT 59901 406-257-2525

Dahl’s College of Beauty 716 Central Ave. Great Falls, MT 59401 406-454-3453

DAVRON Telco Training, LLC 3012 L Drive Helena, MT 59602 406-227-1194

H&R Block Income Tax Schools (7 locations in MT - www.hrblock.com to find a school near you)

Kickinghorse Job Corps 2000 Mollman Pass Trail Ronan, MT 59864 406-644-2217

Missoula Valley School of Taxidermy P.O. Box 1169 Thompson Falls, MT 59873 406-827-3170

Modern Beauty School of Cosmetology 2700 Paxson, Suite G Missoula, MT 59801 406-549-9608

Montana Guide Training Center 22 Swamp Creek Rd. Trout Creek, MT 59874 406-847-5582

Montana Law Enforcrcement Academy 2260 Sierra Road E. Helena, MT 59601 406-458-2070

Montana School of Taxidermy & Tanning 3280 Green Meadow Dr. Helena, MT 59601 406-443-0022

Royal Tine Enterprise, LLC P.O. Box 809 Philipsburg, MT 59858 406-859-5138

Rtech College of Cosmetology, Inc. 618 Helena Ave. Helena, MT 59601 406-495-8324

Sage Technical Service 3044 Hesper Rd. Billings, MT 59102 800-545-4546

SkillTrain 1121 E. Broadway, Ste. 136 Missoula, MT 59802 406-541-7545

St. Vincent Hospital School of Radiology P.O. Box 35200 Billings, MT 59107 406-237-4353

Trapper Creek Job Corps Center 5139 West Fork Rd. Darby, MT 59829 406-821-3286

It’s About Choices . . .

What if I don’t want to be recruited by the military?

Military enlistment is currently voluntary but many public tax dollars are paying for extraordinary recruiting materials and strategies to reach potential enlistees and get them to sign them up.

You are under no obligation to have contact with military recruiters at schools, in the community or at home. While our government has passed laws which require public schools to give recruiters student directory information (name, address, telephone), schools must also give parents a date by which they can indicate their wish to ‘opt out’ of this information release. If this is what you want to do, contact your school district for their deadline to receive written opt-out requests. Most high schools provide an Opt Out Form but the law also allows families to provide their own (serach the web for generic forms).



First Amendment Rights

Remember that all U.S. citizens have First Amendment rights to express their opinions, hand out leaflets, circulate petitions, set up information tables, organize clubs–forums–rallies and wear buttons or other insignia (schools have the right to legally put limits on some student activities at school).



Is a draft just around the corner?

The U.S. Selective Service System keeps track of all eligible citizens for possible conscription in case emergency military ‘manpower’ (unskilled or trained professionals) is called for by the U.S. Congress and President. Virtually all U.S. males between the ages of 18-25 must be registered with them. Registrants could be called up by lottery and year of birth, and examined for fitness for military service. Congress has also been asked to start registering women, but this is not in place.

The Department of Defense (DOD) is also working with ‘Joint Advertising and Market Research and Studies’ (JAMRS) to compile a massive database on 30 million Americans between the ages of 16- 25 (including their Social Security number, ethnicity, grade point average, areas of study, height, weight, postal and email addresses, Selective Service registration, phone number and more). The DOD claims a legal right to both collect and release this information without consent. But many disagree and see that its existence indicates that the Pentagon is desperate to recruit every eligible young citizen of this country.

Any student 18 or older (or their parent/guardian) can elect to have their name and contact information ‘suppressed’ from the JAMRS database by submitting a written request to JAMRS (request the courtesy of a confirmation) to Captain Moe Brown, Joint Advertising and Marketing Research and Studies (JAMRS), Attention: “Opt out”, 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Ste. 200, Arlington, Va. 22203

What if I am not willing to join the military?

Then start thinking about this issue now, and carefully explore your feelings. If your ‘unwillingness’ is a matter of conscience, such objection is best documented well ahead of a possible draft notice.

What is a conscientious objector?

A **conscientious objector** – a **CO** – is someone who is opposed to participating in a war, any war, on principle. This becomes a much larger issue when a military draft is activated. Right now this issue comes up mainly in connection with the legal requirement that young men register with the Selective Service.

A conscientious objector may refuse to register as a matter of principle and as a form of civil disobedience, which entails legal risks. If you think this may apply to you, or you would like to explore this issue further, you can get more information and assistance from the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors, whose web site is www.objector.org.

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