

Free Textbooks for Service Members

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Enid, Okla.

In Enid, Okla., the community surrounding Vance Air Force Base, a scholarship program not only funds college tuitions but pays for textbooks, too.

The Vance Scholarship Program was started in the mid-1990s and is funded by the city. Initially the program began as a solution to fully fund active duty airmen's tuition, paying for 25% of tuition costs the Air Force did not cover.

In 2012, the Air Force began paying 100% of tuition for active duty airmen, so the program was revamped to use the money to fund textbooks and provide scholarships to spouses and children. In 2018, \$45,000 in funding was provided for the scholarship program.



(Above) The Vance Scholarship Program provides tuition and textbook assistance for military spouses and children in addition to service members. Photo by Northern Oklahoma College
