



Introduction to Spouse Education and Career Opportunities

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SPOUSE EDUCATION &
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Spouse Education and Career Opportunities landscape



Spouse Education and Career Opportunities is a program offered through the Department of Defense Office of Military Community and Family Policy. The program works hand in hand with the services to promote spouse education and employment resources.



The Spouse Education and Career Opportunities career lifecycle

Explore – MySECO

<https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil>

- Explore career skills, interests and aptitudes
- Find information about today's job market, work opportunities, portable skills, entrepreneurship and federal employment

Learn – My Career Advancement Account Scholarship

- Learn about education options and licensure and credential requirements
- Research, compare and weigh the cost of potential schools and programs

Certified Career Counselors

Connect – Military Spouse Employment Partnership

- Connect with corporations, government organizations and nonprofits
- Leverage resources such as the Military Spouse Employment Partnership, Hiring Our Heroes hiring fairs and USAJOBS

Prepare – Installation Employment Readiness Staff

- Prepare to join or re-enter the workforce
- Receive information and assistance with job search strategies, resume writing, interviews, networking and self-marketing

Career Counseling Center

Provides comprehensive counseling services across the SECO career lifecycle

Military OneSource Spouse Career Center

Call: 800-342-9647

Website: <https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil>

How counselors support military spouses

- ✓ Work one-on-one with military spouses
- ✓ Create and customize individual career plans or training and education plans
- ✓ Offer career support for each lifecycle stage
- ✓ Maintain professional career counseling certifications
 - ✓ All counselors have a master's degree.



Explore: MySECO website

Provides spouses an online forum to access career and education tools, resources, assessment and services

Interactive website and mobile platform

Website: <https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil>

How MySECO supports spouses

- ✓ Access web-based career and education information and support
 - ✓ Self-directed or counselor-led
- ✓ Personalize profile
- ✓ Build resumes and import LinkedIn information
- ✓ Research occupations
- ✓ Search for scholarships
- ✓ Customize a MyICP — individual career plan

Tools and resources

MySECO

Key features and benefits:

- ✓ Create an Individual Career Plan, or MyICP
- ✓ Search for scholarships
- ✓ Build a resume
- ✓ Import elements of your LinkedIn information
- ✓ Research occupations
- ✓ Search by lifecycle stage
 - ✓ Tools and resources
 - ✓ Industry-leading assessments

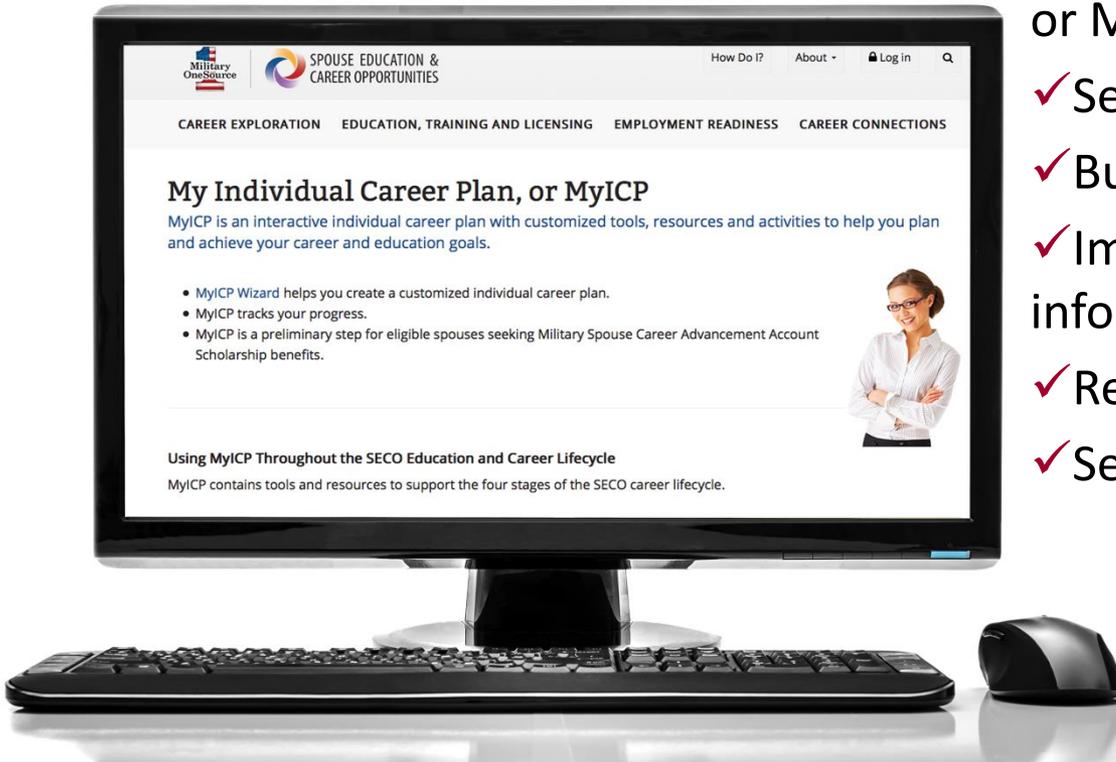


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Tools and resources

“MySECO understands military spouses and the challenges we face. The website offers many resources to help in areas where I struggle — the resume section is particularly helpful.”



Learn: My Career Advancement Account Scholarship

Assists military spouses in pursuing licenses, certificates, certifications and associate degrees necessary for employment in transferable career fields and occupations

Website: <https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa/default.aspx>

Call: 800-342-9647

Military OneSource Spouse Career Center

How My Career Advancement Account Scholarship supports spouses

Provides up to \$4,000 of tuition assistance to eligible military spouses who have completed high school

✓ Spouses of service members on active duty in pay grades **E-1 to E-5, W-1 to W-2 and O-1 to O-2**

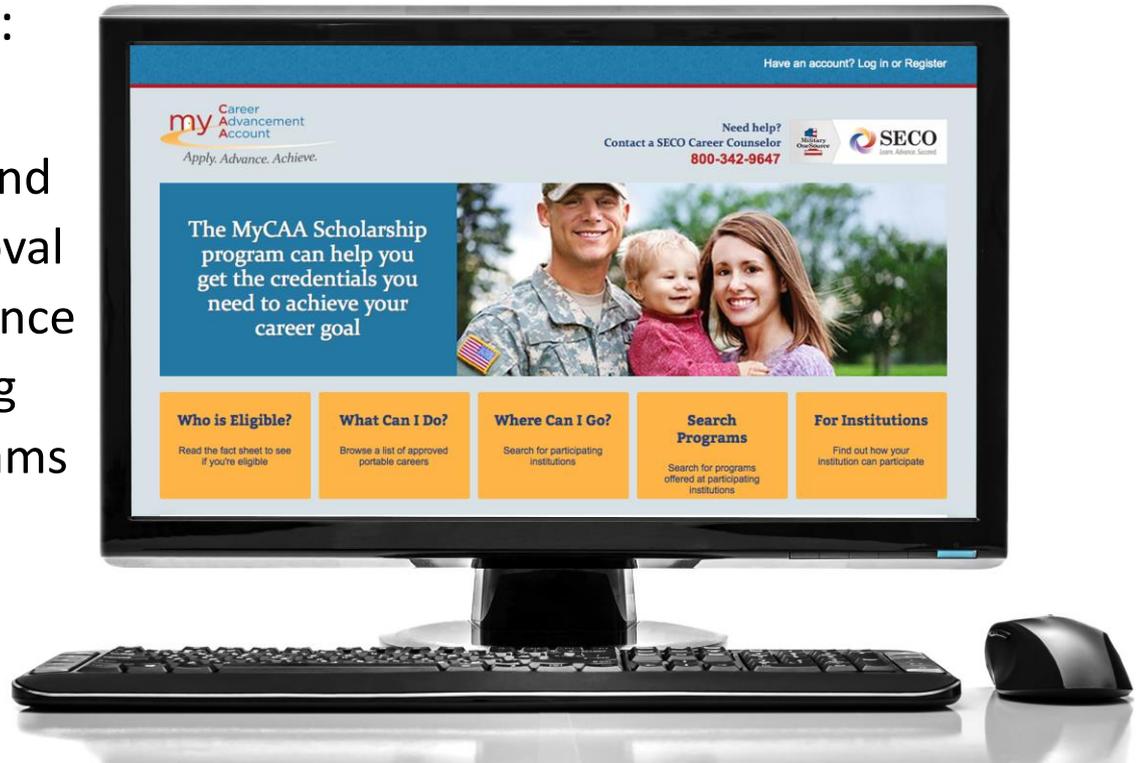


Tools and resources

My Career Advancement Account Scholarship Spouse Portal

Key features and benefits:

- ✓ Create an account
- ✓ Submit an Education and Training Plan for approval
- ✓ Request tuition assistance
- ✓ Search for participating institutions and programs



Tools and resources

“I was able to earn a Principles of Marketing Research Certificate... this would not have been possible without the assistance of MyCAA. I am happy knowing that I have a new skill to use in my tool belt that is of value to the community, offers flexibility and can help provide needed income to my family.”



Prepare: Installation employment readiness staff

Connects spouses to the service-led employment readiness efforts that help spouses prepare to join or re-enter the workforce

Face-to-face support

How service providers support spouses

Educate, guide and train spouses on —

- ✓ Job search strategies
- ✓ Resume writing
- ✓ Interviewing
- ✓ Networking and mentoring
- ✓ Federal applications

Connect: Military Spouse Employment Partnership

Connects employers with military spouses who possess 21st century workforce skills

Website: <https://msepjobs.militaryonesource.mil/>

How Military Spouse Employment Partnership supports military spouses

Connects spouses to more than 325 partner employers who have committed to —

- ✓ Recruit
 - ✓ Hire
 - ✓ Promote
 - ✓ Retain
- military spouses in portable careers



Tools and resources

MSEP Career Portal

Key features and benefits:

- ✓ Customize a job search
- ✓ Post a resume
- ✓ Learn about MSEP companies and organizations
- ✓ Connect with MSEP job opportunities

Companies and organizations can search resume pool and connect directly with spouses.



Tools and resources

“I never could have imagined that I would secure a career-relevant position while being stationed with my active-duty husband overseas, but I did.”



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<http://linkedin.com/groups/Military-Spouse-Employment-Partnership-MSEP-4159976>



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