

FAQs for AT&T Military Children Scholarship Program

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Background:

AT&T and Udacity are continuing their partnership and providing Nanodegree scholarships to military spouses, military-connected children ages 14-23 and veterans. As part of this program, 50 Nanodegree scholarships will be funded by AT&T and provided to students and adults through an application process facilitated by the [Military Child Education Coalition](#). Interested learners accepted into the program will work on their Nanodegree program in the Fall of 2019. The FAQs below provide more details on Udacity, Nanodegrees, and this exciting scholarship program.

Who is Udacity?

Udacity began as an experiment in online learning, when Stanford instructors Sebastian Thrun and Peter Norvig elected to offer their “introduction to Artificial Intelligence” course online to anyone, for free. Over 160,000 students in more than 190 countries enrolled. The potential to educate at a global scale was awe-inspiring, and Udacity was founded to pursue a mission to democratize education. It would take several years of intensive iteration and experimentation to clarify our focus on career advancement through mastery of in-demand skills, but today, Udacity proudly offers aspiring learners across the globe the opportunity to participate in – and contribute to – some of the most exciting and innovative fields in the world.

What is a Nanodegree program?

Nanodegree programs, are tech-focused, job-relevant, online training courses. Udacity developed [Nanodegree programs](#) in response to employer demand for efficient, focused, and job-relevant training for technical talent. Nanodegree programs are designed with industry experts to ensure what is taught is exactly what a student needs to do a particular job. To progress through their program, students build a portfolio of projects that mirror the real-world work they would do if they had a job in that field. Nanodegree programs are available for students of all experience levels. Beginners can learn to program, make apps or design webpages. More advanced students can study artificial intelligence, data analysis and more.

Which Nanodegree programs are available for Military Child Education Coalition scholarship students?

Scholarship recipients are eligible to participate in one of these four Nanodegree programs:

- [Intro to Programming Nanodegree program](#): teaches the foundational skills all programmers use, whether they program mobile apps, create web pages, or analyze data. Students will learn the basics of programming through HTML, CSS, and Python. This program is a great fit for beginners who want to learn new skills, make informed choices about career goals, and set themselves up for success in career-track Nanodegree programs. No prior experience with programming is required.

- [Programming for Data Science Nanodegree program](#): teaches the programming fundamentals required for a career in data science. By the end of the program, students will be able to use Python, SQL, the terminal, and git. This is a great program for someone who has an interest in starting a career in data science and wants to learn the tools used in data science. No prior experience with programming is required. Familiarity with descriptive statistics is a plus but not required.
- [Business Analytics Nanodegree program](#): teaches data analysis skills and tools that will help you throughout your career, whether you're in engineering, sales, marketing, operations, etc. Students will learn to use Excel, SQL, and Tableau to manipulate, analyze, and visualize data with the end goal of making better, data-informed decisions. This program is an excellent program for non-technical people who want to make more data-driven decisions. This program is also great preparation for more advanced programs, such as the Data Analyst or Business Analyst Nanodegree programs. There are no prerequisites for this program, aside from basic computer skills.
- [Digital Marketing Nanodegree program](#): teaches how to create marketing content, use social media to amplify your message, make content discoverable in search, run Ads campaigns and advertise on Facebook. Additionally, teaches how display and video ads work and how to market with email, and measure and optimize with Google Analytics. Digital marketers are in high demand, and in this unique introductory program, students learn the skills needed to succeed in the field. This program is a great fit for someone who wants to embark on a successful career as a digital marketer. There are no prerequisites for this program, aside from basic computer skills.

How do you complete a Nanodegree program?

Students complete Nanodegree programs by finishing a series of required projects based on focus areas from the lessons. Expert mentors review projects and provide tailored feedback on each submission.

Can I choose when to take the Nanodegree program or are there specific months when I'll need to participate?

Scholarship recipients will all begin their Nanodegree at the same time and have 4 months to progress through their program.

How many hours a week should students expect to spend on their coursework in order to succeed in the program?

That can vary on level of experience. Between instructional content, quizzes, projects, and other course-related activity, we estimate that investing 10-15 hours/week will enable students to proceed through the program to successfully finish before the scholarship ends. However, this is just a guideline.

How long does it take to complete a Nanodegree program?

The Nanodegree programs available for participants in the AT&T Military Child Education Coalition Scholarship program take approximately 4 months to complete (based on a minimum of 10 hours a week of learning and working on projects).

How do I apply?

The application can be accessed on the Military Child Education Coalition website at <https://www.militarychild.org/udacity>

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must be a military spouse, a veteran, or a military-connected child aged 14-23.

What are the deadlines to apply?

Applications must be submitted to Military Child Education Coalition by November 1, 2019 so that scholarship recipients can begin working on the Nanodegree program by November 15, 2019.

What type of support is available to students?

Scholarship recipients will be individually matched with an expert mentor who will provide technical support and answer general questions through direct messages in Udacity's online classroom and through weekly 1-on-1 video calls. In addition, students will be able to interact with and get support from other students progressing through the same Nanodegree program in Udacity's online "student hub."

Is there any career support?

Yes. Scholarship participants will be able to get expert feedback on their LinkedIn profiles, and have their resumes and cover letters reviewed by experts.

Where do the Nanodegrees take place?

The program takes place 100% online. You can work from wherever you want to, as long as you have a working internet connection.

What tech do students need in order to access the Nanodegree program?

A complete list of tech requirements can be found at <https://www.udacity.com/tech-requirements#>
To participate in Udacity Nanodegree programs and courses, please make sure your computer or mobile device meets the following minimum requirements. Certain programs and tools may have additional requirements. Please view the respective overview page for those details.

- **Browser:** An up-to-date version of Chrome is strongly recommended. We also support the latest versions of Firefox, Safari, Opera and Microsoft Edge. At this time, most features, including Classroom, Knowledge, and Student Hub, are supported on mobile web.
- **Internet Connectivity**
Download: 2+ Mbps recommended; minimum 1 Mbps.
Upload: 0.5 Mbps.

Mobile Data: Reliable Wi-Fi or cellular data connection.

- **Operating System**

PC: Windows 7 or higher with the latest updates installed (note: Internet Explorer is not supported).

Mac: OS X 10.11 or higher with latest updates installed.

Linux: Any recent distribution that has the supported browsers installed.

Ubuntu: 17.10+ or 14.04 LTS+.

- **Hardware:** Each course and program has its own specific hardware requirements in terms of processing power, hard drive space and any external hardware. Please refer to the program's individual overview page for additional info.

- **YouTube:** Ability to watch YouTube videos is required. If YouTube is blocked on your network, please contact your IT support or internet provider. If you do not use the HTML5 player, we recommend Adobe Flash Player v28.

- **Google Account**

Required for Webcasts, one on one appointments, and exit interviews.

You can sign up for Google account at

<https://accounts.google.com/signup/v2/webcreateaccount?flowName=GlifWebSignIn&flowEntry=SignUp>.

If you have a Gmail or YouTube account, that same login can be used to access all of Google's features.

Will students be charged if they don't complete the course?

No. There are no charges or fees associated with this program for any scholarship recipient. But we do kindly request that applicants consider their ability to dedicate the time (10-15 hours per week) required over the next 4 months to complete their Nanodegree. As we have limited resources for scholarships, we would hope that all recipients are able to fully engage and complete the program.