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New sites offer comprehensive, un-biased information on educational options

HQMC (MR), QUANTICO, VA – The Marine Corps Lifelong Learning Program has launched two new web enabled databases to provide easily accessible information on post-secondary education options, scholarship and financial aid opportunities. These new sites were developed to help Marines, family members, and Lifelong Learning Program staffs avoid the overwhelming amount of information provided by generic, often biased, web-based search engines.

The Academic Explorer (AeX) and Scholarship and Financial Aid Explorer (SFeX) can be found online at www.mcaex.net and www.mcsfex.net, respectively.

AeX currently contains comprehensive information on more than 7,000 certificate and degree program offerings from 125 regionally and nationally accredited academic institutions. AeX provides information in a standardized structure eliminating the need for users to navigate the institution websites. AeX also does not require users to register with the system or provide any personal information. Once users identify the certificate or degree programs, course offerings, and institutions that meet their criteria, they can

then explore course descriptions, number of credits, prerequisites, and other related information.

The SFeX provides access to over 100 military friendly scholarships and financial aid options. Users can quickly and efficiently locate the scholarships and financial aid offerings that best meet their needs. Once users identify the scholarships and/or financial aid offerings that meet their criteria, they can then explore the descriptions, deadlines for applications, eligibility criteria, and a host of other relevant information.

To make these sites even more useful, they have been integrated to allow users to search degree programs and related Scholarships side-by-side. The AeX/SFeX Integrated Search application--which can be accessed from either site, allows users to search for both degree/certificate programs and scholarship opportunities, side-by-side, at the same time, with one set of search criteria. This feature allows students and counselors to search for a degree or certificate program that matches the skills and interest of the student and simultaneously display any scholarship opportunities that might be available to help them complete that program offering, in addition to their Tuition Assistance and Montgomery GI Bill benefits.

For more information visit the sites at www.mcaex.net and www.mcsfex.net or contact your installation Lifelong Learning program Education Services Officer.