



SKY SOLDIERS FOUNDATION

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(Formerly 173d Airborne Brigade Association Foundation)



2019 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

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The Sky Soldiers Foundation Scholarship Program awards are a living memorial to the Sky Soldiers of the 173d Airborne Brigade who made the supreme sacrifice in serving their country.

The Scholarship Program recognizes achievement and provides support to applicants pursuing higher education and displaying the potential to earn either technical, associate, undergraduate or post graduate degrees. These degrees can be from a range of accredited educational institutions, including technical schools, community colleges, colleges or universities.

In 2019 the Foundation Scholarship Committee received completed applications from 45 candidates, all of whom are to be commended on their goals and aspirations for higher education. For 2019 the Sky Soldiers Foundation awarded 15 scholarships in the amount of \$1173 each.

In addition to active duty military and spouses, the recipients include students in Vicenza Italy (where the 173d Airborne Brigade is based) and all over the United States, from Maryland to Florida to Washington state. Some students are just beginning their post high school studies, while others are working on advanced degrees. Their areas of chosen study vary widely but their level of commitment is apparent. They are the future of our country and we are proud to support them on behalf of the donors from 173d Airborne Brigade Association and within our Sky Soldier community and beyond.

In order to qualify for a scholarship, the applicant or the sponsor is required to be a member in good standing with the 173d Airborne Brigade Association. A Killed In Action (KIA) Sky Soldier's (Gold Star) spouse or his/her direct descendants are exempt from the Association membership requirement. An applicant must be either be a Sky Soldier on active duty, a Veteran Sky Soldier, fallen Sky Soldier's (Gold Star) spouse or their direct descendant. All other applicants must have a sponsor who is serving or has served with the 173d Airborne Brigade, and the applicant must be the sponsoring Sky Soldier's spouse, child, grandchild or great grandchild.

Applicants may apply for Scholarships each year while pursuing studies. Each application cycle remains a standalone competitive process. Application guidelines, deadlines, forms and other pertinent information should be checked for changes and updates at the beginning of each year and up to the time the applicant files his or her application at: <https://www.skysoldiersfoundation.org/Scholarships>

The process of evaluation of Scholarship applications and selection/determination of the award recipients is done by the Scholarship Committee. Designated members of the committee rate each application on its individual merits without knowing the names of the applicants. Committee members pass their scored evaluations of each qualified application to the Scholarship Chairman and the winners are determined. Depending on the funding available for that cycle, the number of awards are determined. This number varies from year to year based on donations by members and others.

Sky Soldiers Foundation Scholarship Program (Continued)

This important program can only continue to function and expand the scope and scale of opportunities we extend to our Sky Soldiers and their families through the generosity of the members of the Association. Please consider a donation to the Sky Soldiers Foundation Scholarship Fund. A gift of any size is tax-deductible and greatly appreciated. The various donation method options are at the end of this article and we ask you to consider using one or more method/s to contribute to this great cause.

In 2019, six of the 15 scholarships were supported by specific chapters or endowments. The Scholarship Committee wants to recognize and thank these entities that sponsored full scholarships.

- Chapter 1 – 173d Airborne Brigade Association
- Chapter 21 – 173d Airborne Brigade Association
- Charlie Company 1/503rd
- 21st Century Sky Soldier Scholarship Endowment – 3 awards
(This endowment was created by a Vietnam-era Sky Soldier specifically to assist 21st Century Sky Soldiers and their families – earnings determine the number of awards in any given year)
- The remaining Scholarships were funded by the generous contributions of different amounts by numerous Sky Soldiers and their families as well as others through fixed monthly or varying donation amounts throughout the year.

Looking forward to inviting students to the 2020 Sky Soldiers Foundation Scholarship competition and, with your generosity, awarding as many as possible Scholarships to our talented eligible candidates. ***Please note: the 2020 Scholarship application cycle starts on February 1st and ends April 15th***

A challenge to all - encourage your chapter to become involved in this important program. It could sponsor a scholarship that would be designated with your chapter name. Perhaps this goal could focus the efforts of your chapter to support the scholarship fund, which has a significant impact on members and families of the Association and those serving with the Brigade and their families.

Every donation, large or small, helps these deserving candidates pursue their educational goals and allows the Foundation to award the greatest number of scholarships possible.

Anyone can donate to the Sky Soldiers Foundation Scholarship fund plus the other funds in two ways:

- (1) Via check by mail along with a donation form published in the Sky Soldier Magazine or found at the Foundation website <https://skysoldiersfoundation.org/Donation-Mailing-Forms>
- (2) Via credit card online at <https://www.skysoldiersfoundation.org/Donation-Options>

Other donation opportunities to the Sky Soldiers Foundation can be found at:

- (1) Via the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) if an individual or family member is in the United States military, a federal employee or contractor, and if retired from the military or as a federal employee or contractor. The CFC campaign runs a particular length of time within the year. To sign up and donate please visit <https://cfcgiving.opm.gov/welcome> and to learn more about the program please visit <https://www.opm.gov/combined-federal-campaign/>
- (2) You can increase the impact of your donation by filing your employer's matching donation form
- (3) If family shops on Amazon, sign up at <https://smile.amazon.com> , designate Sky Soldiers Foundation as your charity, Amazon will donate 0.5% of every purchase to the Foundation

More information on how to donate, how to establish a designated endowment, or how to become more involved in the Scholarship Fund is available here: www.skysoldiersfoundation.org/Scholarship-Fund and emails can be addressed to scholarship@skysoldiersfoundation.org

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Scholarships of \$1,173 awarded to each of 15 recipients
presented in alphabetical order:



Andy Angrino *
Active Duty



Kevin Curry *
Gold Star Family



Coral Dennison
Silver Spring, MD



Nicholas Eidemiller ****
Philadelphia, PA



Zachary Garcia **
Columbus, GA



Tiffany Latham *
Colorado Springs, CO



Elenia Lin
Carnation, WA



Katherine McKinney
Georgetown, KY



Olivia Morris
Kirkland, WA



Christian Pierce
Fayetteville, NC



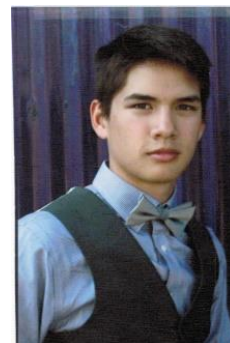
Kayleigh Sharp ***
Active Duty Spouse



Stephanie Smith
Niceville, FL



Stephanie Vargas
Active Duty Spouse



Joshua Wong
McKinney, TX



Emily Woodall
Bethpage.TN

Sky Soldier Scholarship Fund designated awards and full scholarship donor recognition:

- * Scholarship Endowment for 21st Century Sky Soldiers Award
- ** Chapter 1 – 173d Airborne Brigade Association Award
- *** Chapter 21 - 173d Airborne Brigade Association Award
- **** Charlie Company 1/503rd Award