



SKY SOLDIERS FOUNDATION

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(Formerly 173d Airborne Brigade Association Foundation)



Scholarships are a living memorial to our fallen Sky Soldiers from the Vietnam War, Iraq War, Afghanistan War and the Global War on Terror

Invitation to Apply for a Scholarship

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The Sky Soldiers Foundation (formerly the 173d Airborne Brigade Association Foundation and The Herd Foundation) Scholarship Fund seeks to provide support to applicants embarking in post high school education and displaying the potential to earn either technical, associate, undergraduate or post graduate degrees from accredited educational institutions, community colleges, colleges or universities.

Scholarship Application Guidelines Summary

The applicant or the sponsor is required to be a member in good standing with the 173d Airborne Brigade Association or was up to their death, fallen Sky Soldier's (Gold Star) spouse or their direct descendants are exempted from the Association membership requirement. To qualify for a Scholarship from the Foundation you 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 is either the sponsoring Sky Soldier's spouse, child, grandchild or great grandchild. Relationship proof required. Can apply for Scholarships each year while pursuing studies, remains a competitive process each application cycle.

Scholarship Application Format Overview

The most recent versions of Guidelines and Scholarship Application can be viewed and downloaded from the Sky Soldiers Foundation website www.skysoldiersfoundation.org through the link [Scholarship](#). The timeline for the Scholarship Application process and awards are also posted and part of this form. All potential applicants should check at the beginning of each year to verify if the timeline has changed.

Instructions for filling out the application are with the Scholarship application

PART I - PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please provide all the requested information to fully complete your personal profile, make sure that your Social Security Number (SSN) last 4 numbers are on every page where asked for anonymous tracking.

PART II - ESSAY

There is no right or wrong answer to the questions. Please answer all four questions, provide your most significant facts and achievements first, present information requested in the space provided. If more space is needed, copy questions blank cover page, insert, mark continued and fill out.

PART III – SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Please provide a list of the supporting documentation that you are including with the scholarship application. After listing all included documentation, you can use this area to expand your answers or provide further clarification on any of the questions asked. Put a reference to Part and page number

PART IV - ACADEMIC EVALUATION

THE PROCESS - All applicants will get a receipt with the serial number their application was assigned. Parts II and III are then extracted from the application and are tracked using the SSN last 4 numbers to guarantee fairness in the application evaluation. All packets are then assigned to at least three educators to independently assess, rate and rank in order of merit all applications Part II and III. The Foundation establishes the funds available for awards and then the funds are allocated per the ranking.



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IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

Check the Foundation website at the beginning of each year
for any changes to this schedule (Revised 11/18/2018)

February 1 – Applications cycle starts, Foundation’s Scholarship Committee begins accepting Scholarship Applications

April 15 - Scholarship Application Deadline. Applications should be have been received by the Scholarship Committee chairman plus applicant should have received an email from the Foundation confirming receipt and serial number; applicant to safeguard the receipt as proof of submission. Email with Application should have email time stamped by Applicants email provider no later than by 23:59 on April 15. Be advised that earlier is better if there are shortcomings that result in automatic rejection, allowing time to resubmit.

Foundation will not give advice how to improve your application

*** If within 24 hours of submission no receipt is received by applicant for submitted Scholarship Application from the Foundation - forward your original email with Scholarship Application PDF file attachment to the Scholarship Committee scholarship@skysoldiersfoundation.org, in subject enter “*Sky Soldiers Foundation – Scholarship Application receipt question*”

May 1 - Applications are sent to the Scholarship Committee for review.

June 1 - Scholarship Committee reports ranking of applicants to the Scholarship Committee Chairman.

July 1 - Final scholarship recipients’ selection for awards is communicated to the Foundation Board.

July 15 - Official announcement of scholarship recipients will be made after the completion of the 173d Airborne Brigade Association Reunion and the Sky Soldiers Foundation annual meeting.

August 1 - Scholarship checks or gift cards are mailed to the selected scholarship recipient