



SKY SOLDIERS FOUNDATION

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(Formerly 173d Airborne Brigade Association Foundation)



2021 Sky Soldiers Foundation Scholarship Awards

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 while in service to our country.

The Scholarship Program recognizes achievement and supports applicants pursuing higher education and demonstrating potential to earn degrees at accredited educational institutions, including technical schools, community colleges, colleges or universities.

2021 continued as another challenging year for so many. Even though the coronavirus continued to disrupt many educational programs, applicants persevered and demonstrating their abilities to not yield to adversity.

The Sky Soldiers Foundation is pleased to announce this year's recipients

In 2021 the Foundation's Scholarship Committee received 25 completed applications, all of whom are to be commended on their goals and aspirations for higher education. They are the future of our country. Some students are just beginning their college careers, while others are working on advanced degrees. Their areas of chosen study vary widely but their level of commitment is apparent.

The scholarship sponsor is required to be a member in good standing with the 173d Airborne Brigade Association or KIA serving with the Brigade. The Scholarship Committee rates each application on its individual merits without knowing the names of the applicants. Committee members pass their decisions to the Scholarship Chairman and, 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 of the Association.

Application guidelines, deadlines, and updates can be found at: www.skysoldiersfoundation.org/Scholarships

This year the Sky Soldiers Foundation awarded 14 scholarships, each in the amount of \$1,173.00

All fourteen scholarships in 2021 were supported by specific donors and an endowment. The Foundation and the Scholarship Committee want to recognize and thank these sponsors of full scholarships.

- **Charles P. L. Hill (Charlie Company 3/503d) Memorial Award** – family requested donations to fund
- **Charlie Company 1/503rd Memorial Award** – Sky Soldiers served together 1966/67
- **Michael Constantino (Charlie Company 2/503d) Memorial Award** - Anonymous Donor 1966/67
- **Robert L. McKee, Jr.-Lou (Delta Company 3/503d) Memorial Award** - James D. Quisenberry 1968
- **Sky Soldiers Foundation President's Award** - Rimantas Ray Saikus HHC 1/503d & Brigade 1968/69
- **21st Century Sky Soldier Scholarship Endowment – 9 awards**

(Endowment was created by Sky Soldier who served in Vietnam 1966/67, specifically to assist 21st Century Sky Soldiers and their families – earnings determine number of its awards in any given year)

Donations are critical to continue the Sky Soldiers Foundation Scholarship program

This important program can only continue and expand the scope and scale of opportunities we extend to our Sky Soldiers and their families through the generosity of the members and families of the Association. Please consider a donation to the Sky Soldier Foundation Scholarship Fund. Any gift is tax-deductible and greatly appreciated.

More information on ways 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

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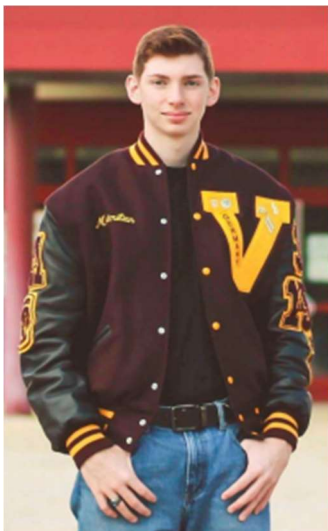


2021 Sky Soldiers Foundation Scholarship Recipients

- * *Scholarship Endowment for 21st Century Sky Soldiers Award*
- ** *Charles P. L. Hill (Charlie Company 3/503d) Memorial Award*
- *** *Charlie Company 1/503d Memorial Award*
- **** *Michael Constantino (Charlie Company 2/503d) Memorial Award*
- ***** *Robert L. McKee, Jr. (Lou) (Delta Company 3/503d) Memorial Award*
- ***** *Sky Soldiers Foundation President's Award*

A special thank you to all of the Scholarship sponsors

Total of 14 awarded – 9 Endowment for 21st Century Sky Soldiers Awards



Maximilian Belanger - *
Home: APO Germany
Occupation: Student
Sponsor: Damon Belanger
173d Airborne Bde – 2006-2008
Relationship: Child
Liberty University
Field: National Security



Aaron Butera - **
Home: Ft. Meade, MD
Occupation: Student
Sponsor: Wayne Tuttle
173d Airborne Bde – 1966-1967
Relationship: Grandchild
Chowan University
Field: Business & Graphic Design



Nicole Darland - *
Home: APO Italy
Occupation: Student
Sponsor: Ralph Darland
173d Airborne Bde – 1998-2021
Relationship: Child
University of Kentucky
Field: Kinesiology-Exercise Science

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Castille Dennison - ***
Home: Silver Spring, MD
Occupation: Student
Sponsor: Daniel DiGregorio
173d Airborne Bde – 1967-1968
Relationship: Grandchild
Cornell University
Field: Computer, Electrical/Aerospace Engineering



Travis Doyle - *
Home: Fort Campbell, KY
Occupation: Student
Sponsor: Peter Doyle
173d Airborne Bde – 2012-2015
Relationship: Child
University of Texas, San Antonio
Field: Biology & Kinesiology



Paige Evans - *
Home: APO Italy
Occupation: Food Service Worker
Sponsor: William Evans
173d Airborne Bde – 2018-2021
Relationship: Child
Methodist University
Field: Science & Nursing



Ashton Ingle - ***
Home: Cumberland, VA
Occupation: Student
Sponsor: Frank Williams
173d Airborne Bde – 1969-1970
Relationship: Grandchild
Virginia Tech
Field: Spanish



Richard LaFratta - *
Home: APO S. Korea
Occupation: Student
Sponsor: James LaFratta, Jr.
173d Airborne Bde – 2016-2019
Relationship: Child
Texas A & M University
Field: Secondary Education – Biology



Katelynn Lands - *
Home: Harrisburg, IL
Occupation: Student
Sponsor: Kyle Lands
173d Airborne Bde – 2010-2014
Relationship: Child
Bradley University
Field: Nursing

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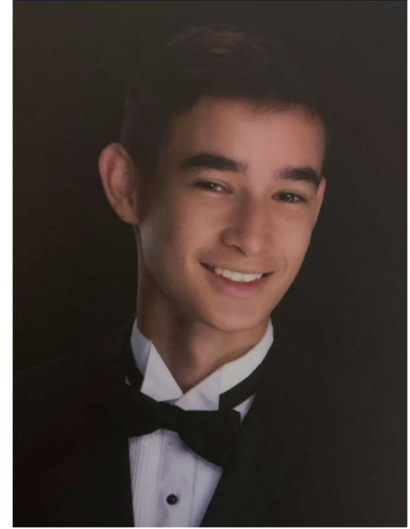
Noah Nickell - *

Home: Rogers, AR
Occupation: Student/Restaurant
Sponsor: Justin Jackson
173d Airborne Bde – 2008-2011
Relationship: Child
Northwest Arkansas Community College
Field : Business/Marketing



Elena Omerini - *

Home: Henderson, NV
Occupation: Student
Sponsor: Roddy Rieger
173d Airborne Bde – 2000-2009
Relationship: Spouse
West Texas A&M University
Field: Business Administration



Edmond Phillips - *****

Home: Farmers Branch, TX
Occupation: Student
Sponsor: Alan Phillips
173d Airborne Bde – 1966-1967
Relationship: Grandchild
Texas A&M University
Field: Chemical Engineering



Carmin Rougle - *

Home: West Valley City, UT
Occupation: Student
Sponsor: Larry Rougle (KIA 2007)
173d Airborne Bde – 2004-2007
Relationship: Gold Star Child
Utah State University
Field: Biochemistry & Psychology



Sarah Scott - *****

Home: Shiloh, GA
Occupation: Student
Sponsor: Michael Scott
173d Airborne Bde – 1970-1971
Relationship: Grandchild
Auburn University
Field: Building Construction