

Army Scholarship Foundation Inc.

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Scholarship Application Instructions, Academic Year 2017 – 2018

Please read these instructions before completing your application. The deadline for submitting an application is April 15, 2017. You must provide all information, including required documentation, for the application to be deemed complete. Do not staple application materials.

TWO TYPES OF APPLICATION FORM:

There are two separate and distinct application forms, depending on your status.

If you are **the son or daughter of a serving regular active duty, active duty Reserve, or active duty National Guard U. S. Army member in good standing, OR the son or daughter of a former U. S. Army member who has retired, received an *Honorable Discharge or Medical Discharge*, or was killed while serving in the U.S. Army**, complete and return the application entitled ASF Application Form – Child, either the Microsoft Word .doc file or the Adobe .pdf file.

If you are **the spouse of a serving enlisted regular active duty, active duty Reserve, or active duty National Guard U. S. Army member in good standing**, complete and return the application entitled ASF Application Form – Spouse, either the Microsoft Word .doc file or the Adobe .pdf file.

Complete only the one version of the application form for which you qualify.

ELIGIBILITY:

One-year scholarships are awarded annually and are limited to *undergraduate* studies at accredited educational/technical institutions. Scholarships are not automatically renewable. Current scholarship recipients must reapply each year and are limited to a total of four awards.

An Applicant must be:

- **A member of one of the two categories of people listed in bold type in the section entitled *TWO TYPES OF APPLICATION FORM* above;**
- **A U.S. citizen who has not reached his or her 24th birthday (children of soldiers) by the application deadline. Spouses of soldiers do not have an age limit, but must be U.S citizens;**
- **A high school senior, high school graduate, or a registered undergraduate student at an accredited college or post high school vocational/technical institution.**

REQUIREMENTS:

1. CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE:

A **Statement of Good Service** is an attestation on unit letterhead signed by the unit commander or representative, or by the personnel office. The statement should certify that the service member is currently serving honorably on active duty with that unit.

You must submit the **Statement of Good Service** from the Commanding Officer of your parent or spouse who is currently in the Army. If your parent is no longer on active duty, submit a copy of your parent's **Honorable Discharge** from the United States Army or a copy of your parent's **Form DD Form 214 (Certificate of Service)**. Note: The DD 214 must show the "**character of service.**"

If you are now on active duty or have been discharged from the Armed Forces, you must also submit a statement of good service from your commanding officer or a copy of your DD 214 or other official evidence of an Honorable Discharge.

2. FAMILY FINANCIAL INFORMATION -- Student Aid Report (SAR):

You must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. The FAFSA collects financial and other information required by most colleges, universities, and technical schools.

A paper FAFSA is available from high school guidance offices, libraries, college financial aid offices, Army Installation Education Centers, or from the Federal Student Aid Information Center (1-800-4-FED-AID). Completing the FAFSA takes approximately one hour.

You can fill out and submit the FAFSA electronically if you have access to the Internet. Visit the web site at www.fafsa.ed.gov. If you do this, **do not list our name on the FAFSA form to have the information sent to us automatically.** We do not have a federal code number yet, and this may delay the processing of your application.

Once you have submitted the FAFSA, you will receive a **Student Aid Report (SAR)** in a few weeks. **THIS IS THE REPORT YOU MUST SUBMIT TO US.** Make a copy of the **SAR, Part 1 and Part 2 (all pages)**, and include it with this application.

In addition, you must submit a signed copy of the income tax return for 2016 of your family or your spouse (depending on which version of the scholarship application you are filling out). You must submit official documentation showing non-taxable income. If you are independent as defined by Federal Student Aid, you must submit **your own 2016 income tax return** and official documentation showing non-taxable income.

3. SCHOLASTIC RECORD:

If you are just entering college or a post high school vocational/technical school for the first time in the coming fall, submit a copy of your high school transcript(s). **College students with less than 30 hours of college level credit must submit both high school and college transcripts. College students with 30 or more hours of college credits need only submit college transcripts.** Your scholastic record must be included with your application. Do not mail it separately. Do not have the school mail it separately. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable providing they clearly show school, dates, courses and grades. Please indicate your college major if at all possible, as some awards are targeted for specific majors.

4. ESSAY

Submit a 300-word essay, selecting one of the following six topics:

1. What are your values and what do you think is important in life? Why?
2. Describe your community service or other activities, explaining how this involvement has influenced your life.
3. Describe an event that affected you in some way i.e. socially, physically, emotionally or spiritually, giving better insight into you as a person.
4. What does the opportunity for higher education mean to you and what will you do with it?
5. How have America's military values influenced your life?
6. Who is your hero?

5. PHOTOGRAPH

We may display photographs of scholarship winners on our web site or in other Army Scholarship Foundation materials. Submit a photograph of yourself suitable for reproduction. This should be an actual photograph, preferably in color, on photographic paper. Do not staple it to the application. Former Foundation scholarship recipients must send a new photo. Minimum size is 3 ½ by 2 ½ inches. Write your name on the back of the photo; ensure that it does not bleed through to the front of the photo.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Submit any additional information relative to your application that would be of assistance in our evaluation.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: April 15, 2017

Your complete application must be postmarked *no later than* April 15 to be considered.

COMPLETE APPLICATIONS:

Have you submitted your application and all supporting documents **in one envelope**? The scholarship committee **cannot consider** incomplete applications.

Please **DO NOT** staple any of these items together!

- Your completed application signed by you and your parent or you and your spouse.
- Your parent's Statement of Good Service or DD 214, or your spouse's Statement of Good Service
- Your own DD 214 if applicable
- Your parent or spouse's Federal Income Tax Return for prior year
- Your Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Your transcript(s)

- Your essay
- Your photograph, minimum 3 ½ by 2 ½ inches in size, in color, with applicant name on the back

By submitting the application, you agree that the application and all materials submitted with the application become the property of the Army Scholarship Foundation and will not be returned. Submitted photo and information may be used in our marketing activities.

MAIL YOUR APPLICATION TO:

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Due to the large number of applications, ASF can not acknowledge receipt of each application. If you desire confirmation of delivery, please send the envelope via USPS "return receipt requested," or use one of the commercial package delivery services and track the delivery.

ASF will contact all applicants regarding the decision on their applications approximately 100+ days from the submission deadline (April 15).