



## The Fort Hood Area Military Family Member Scholarship Fund

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**PURPOSE:** To provide information on The Fort Hood Area Military Family Member Scholarship Fund (FHAMFMSF).

**BACKGROUND:** The FHAMFMSF was established at Fort Hood in 1985. It is a type three private organization under the supervision of the Garrison Commander. It was designed to be the focal point for all family member scholarship activities on Fort Hood.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- A. **HIGH SCHOOL** (1) The dependent child of an active duty U.S. military sponsor assigned to Fort Hood and residing in Bell, Coryell, Lampasas or Williamson County; or (2) the dependent child of an active duty U.S. military sponsor whose last duty assignment was Fort Hood and residing in Bell, Coryell, Lampasas or Williamson County; or (3) the dependent child of a retired or deceased active duty member of the U.S. military forces and residing in Bell, Coryell, Lampasas, or Williamson County. “Active duty U.S. military sponsor” is defined as active duty Regular Army, an Army Reservist who is activated at the time of application for scholarship, or a National Guardsman who is activated at the time of application for scholarship. The applicant must be a 2012-2013 high school senior, hold a high school equivalent for the current school year, or graduate before the end of the year in which the scholarship is awarded. The applicant must be accepted, or expect to be accepted, by an accredited institution of higher learning (i.e., college or vocational) for his/her first undergraduate degree or vocational certification. The applicant must possess a valid military identification card.
- B. **SPOUSE/DEPENDENT CHILD** (1) The dependent spouse or dependent child college student of an active duty U.S. military sponsor assigned to Fort Hood and residing in Bell, Coryell, Lampasas or Williamson County; or (2) the dependent spouse or dependent child college student of an active duty U.S. military sponsor whose duty assignment immediately following Fort Hood is officially unaccompanied and residing in Bell, Coryell, Lampasas or Williamson County; or (3) the spouse of a retired or deceased member of the military forces of the U.S. and residing in Bell, Coryell, Lampasas or Williamson County. “Active duty U.S. military sponsor” is defined as active duty Regular Army, an Army Reservist who is activated at the time of application for scholarship, or a National Guardsman who is activated at the time of application for scholarship. The applicant must be accepted, or expect to be accepted, by an accredited institution of higher learning (i.e., college or vocational) for his/her first undergraduate degree or vocational certification. The applicant must possess a valid military identification card.

## **SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS:**

- A. Last year, college and vocational scholarship awards ranged from \$500 to \$2500. The size and number of scholarship awards are dependent upon the dollars donated to the scholarship fund.
- B. Last year, 59 high school students and college age dependents were awarded a total of \$66,850 - 46 high school students received a total of \$58,300 and 13 spouses received \$8,550.

## **FUNDING:**

- A. The largest donations come from on-post organizations. Military units, military associations, local businesses, civic organizations and individuals (many of them senior leaders) are also very generous in their support.
- B. Typically, 96% of the donations are used for the scholarships; less than 4% are used for administrative costs.
- C. Donations must be received by **April 15, 2013** to be distributed in the same year. All donations received after this date will be applied to scholarships for the following year.
- D. Awards are paid directly to the college or vocational school. Recipients of a full, four-year scholarship that covers room, board, tuition and books are not eligible for this scholarship and must decline the scholarship award.

## **SELECTION:**

- A. A special, outside selection committee selects scholarship winners. All identifying information (name, address, telephone number, age, sponsor's rank, etc.) is removed from the photocopies of the applicant's file.
- B. Applicants are selected on the basis of academic merit, participation in school and community activities, letters of recommendations and brief essay. Financial need is not considered.

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

Completed applications must be post-marked by **March 18, 2013** and mailed to FHAMFMSF.

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**INFORMATION:** Email us at [forthoodamfmsf@gmail.com](mailto:forthoodamfmsf@gmail.com) or phone (254) 286-2334 to leave a message with your name, phone number and a brief statement. We will return your call as soon as possible.