

# FISHER HOUSE



## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

The Scholarships for Military Children Program is now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year. Through the generosity of Defense Commissary Agency business partners and others, a total of 9,412 students, all sons or daughters of commissary patrons, have shared \$15,326,000 in scholarship grants. They were selected from a pool of more than 85,000 applicants.

Program is open to sons and daughters of active duty, reserve/guard, or retired military commissary customers. Recipient must be enrolled or planning to enroll full-time in a four-year undergraduate college or university, accredited in the U. S or a two-year community college. They must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 basis.

Fisher House Foundation, Inc., an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) charity, administers the Scholarships for Military Children program. Commissary business partners and others donate to Fisher House Foundation, Inc., which treats each contribution as a “restricted donation.” Fisher House Foundation, in turn, contracts with “Scholarship Managers,” a professional scholarship management firm to evaluate the applications and select the best qualified as recipients.

Every dollar received is given out as a scholarship grant. Fisher House Foundation does not charge for its services, to include the costs of administration and the cost of the scholarship management contract. For school year 2016-17, there will be 700 recipients selected, and each will receive a \$2,000 scholarship grant.

Commissary business partners receive an acknowledgement for their donation from the Fisher House Foundation, with a copy of the acknowledgement sent to the Sales Directorate of the Defense Commissary Agency. Business partners are invited to participate in ceremonies at individual commissaries. The matching of business partners to commissaries is done on a random basis by Fisher House Foundation.

Commissary business partners are recognized by the Defense Commissary Agency Director at an annual event during the Defense Commissary Roundtable. Business partners who donate to the program are encouraged to use the “Proud Supporter” logo in any advertising directed to members of the military and their families. Every commissary displays a large poster that acknowledges the names of the sponsors to the annual scholarship program, and the names are also listed on the scholarship web site, [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org).

Business partner donors are recognized by level, as follows:

Five Star	More than \$200,000
Four Star	\$50,000 - \$199,999
Three Star	\$25,000 - \$49,999
Two Star	\$10,000 - \$24,999
One Star	\$2,000 - \$9,999



For more information, contact Marye Dobson at DeCA (804/734-8000, ext. 52781) or Jim Weiskopf at Fisher House Foundation (202/607-1067), or go to [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org).

### Program History

<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>Number of Commissaries</b>	<b>Number of Applicants</b>	<b>Number of Recipients</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	<b>Total Scholarship Grants Awarded</b>
2001-2002	269	5,076	396	\$1,500	\$594,000
2002-2003	265	5,122	520	\$1,900	\$988,000
2003-2004	265	6,574	550	\$1,500	\$825,000
2004-2005	263	7,041	500	\$1,500	\$750,000
2005-2006	268	6,341	500	\$1,500	\$750,000
2006-2007	259	4,846	500	\$1,500	\$750,000
2007-2008	252	5,002	566	\$1,500	\$849,000
2008-2009	249	5,720	600	\$1,500	\$900,000
2009-2010	244	6,109	625	\$1,500	\$937,500
2010-2011	254	5,938	645	\$1,500	\$967,500
2011-2012	241	4,868	670	\$1,500	\$1,005,000
2012-2013	247	4,618	670	\$1,500	\$1,005,000
2013-2014	242	4,657	670	\$1,500	\$1,005,000
2014-2015	249	5,000	600	\$2,000	\$1,200,000
2015-2016	230	4,000	700	\$2,000	\$1,400,000
2016-2017	238	4,513	700	\$2,000	\$1,400,000
<b>Totals</b>		<b>85,425</b>	<b>9,412</b>		<b>\$15,326,000</b>