



## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

The Scholarships for Military Children Program is now in its 19<sup>th</sup> year. Through the generosity of Defense Commissary Agency business partners and others, a total of 10,814 students, all military children, have shared \$18,126,000 in scholarship grants. They were selected from a pool of nearly 95,000 applicants.

Program is open to students who possess a US Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 173), and whose parent or parents serve or served in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force or Coast Guard. 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 2019-20, there will be 500 recipients selected, and each will receive a \$2,000 scholarship grant.

Commissary business partners receive a receipt/acknowledgement for their donation from the Fisher House Foundation. Business partners are invited to participate in ceremonies at individual commissaries. The matching of business partners to commissaries is done 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:

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|------------|----------------------|
| 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    |

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### Program History

| Academic Year | Number of Commissaries | Number of Applicants | Number of Recipients | Amount Awarded | Total Scholarship Grants Awarded |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| 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                    | 4,487                | 702                  | \$2,000        | \$1,404,000                      |
| 2017-2018     | 231                    | 4,880                | 700                  | \$2,000        | \$1,400,000                      |
| 2018-2019     | 232                    | 4,523                | 700                  | \$2,000        | \$1,400,000                      |
| 2019-2000     |                        |                      |                      |                |                                  |
|               |                        |                      |                      |                |                                  |
| <b>Totals</b> |                        | <b>94,802</b>        | <b>10,814</b>        |                | <b>\$18,126,000</b>              |