



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 (residing in Bell, Coryell, Lampasas, or Williamson County) of an active duty U.S. military sponsor whose duty assignment immediately following Fort Hood is officially unaccompanied, or (3) the dependent child of a retired or deceased active duty member of the U.S. military forces residing in Bell, Coryell, Lampasas, or Williamson County. "Active duty U.S. military sponsor" is defined as active-duty Regular Army or 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 either be a high school graduate or have received a high school equivalent during the current school year, or have graduated before the end of the year in which the scholarship is awarded. The applicant must be accepted by an accredited institution of higher learning (college or vocational). The applicant must possess a valid military identification card.
- B. **SPOUSE** (1) The spouse of an active duty U.S. military sponsor assigned to Fort Hood and residing in Bell, Coryell, Lampasas, or Williamson County, or (2) the spouse (residing in Bell, Coryell, Lampasas, or Williamson County) of an active duty U.S. military sponsor, whose duty assignment immediately following Fort Hood is officially unaccompanied, or (3) the spouse of a deceased or retired member of the military forces of the U.S. residing in Bell, Coryell, Lampasas or Williamson County. "Active duty U.S. military sponsor" is defined as active-duty Regular Army or 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 spouse must be enrolled in an institution of higher learning (vocational or college). Applicant must be working toward a first undergraduate/graduate degree or a vocational certification and possess a valid military identification card.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS:

- A. Last year, vocational and college 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, 78 high school students and spouses were awarded a total of \$63,450 – 66 high school students received a total of \$53,700 and 12 spouses received \$9750.

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 **18 April 2009** 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 monies.

SELECTION:

- A. A special selection committee, headed by the III Corps Staff Judge Advocate, 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.

APPLICATIONS:

- A. It is highly recommended that applications be downloaded from the following websites and completed electronically (typed):
Fort Hood Area Enlisted Spouses' Club—<http://www.fhaesc.com>
Fort Hood Officers Wives Club--<http://www.forthoodowc.org/>
Fort Hood Education Services Division--<http://esd.hood.army.mil/finaid.htm>
- B. High school applications are also available at high school guidance offices.
- B. Spouse applications are available on Fort Hood at the Lane Volunteer Center, the Casey Library, ACS, the Fort Hood Thrift Shop, the Main Education Center, Oveta Culp Hobby, the 1st Cavalry Division and 4th Infantry Division Soldier and Family Readiness Centers. Applications will also be available at Central Texas College, Tarleton State University-Central Texas, and University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Completed applications must be post-marked by **March 27, 2009** and mailed to FHAMFMSF.

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INFORMATION: Call (254) 286-2334. This is a voice mailbox. Please leave a name and phone number, and we will return your call within 48 hours.