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Children of Fallen Iowa Service Members Scholarship *(A Scholarship of the Branstad-Reynolds Scholarship Fund)*

Background Information

The Children of Fallen Iowa Service Members Scholarship fund was established to provide post-secondary educational scholarships for children of deceased military service members who died while in an active military status after September 11, 2001.

- The Children of Fallen Iowa Service Members Scholarship is funded through the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines.
- The Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs administers, reviews applications and provides guidance to applicants who apply for this program.

Eligibility

The Children of Fallen Iowa Service Members Scholarship will consider those that qualify within these guidelines:

- Children of deceased service member that died while serving in an active military status since September 11, 2001.
 - Qualifying Service Member are any of the following
 - was a resident of Iowa at the time of entering military service
 - was assigned to unit based in Iowa at the time of death
 - was a resident of Iowa at the time of death
 - Death does not have to be combat-related
 - military status includes active federal service in the Armed Forces, National Guard, or Reserves
- Siblings of Iowa Fallen Service Members
- Student is attending or will attend an Iowa post-secondary educational institution

Instructions

Scholarships may be used to subsidize the costs of tuition, books, fees, housing, special tools and equipment required for coursework, school-approved tutoring, and any other required educational expenses. Once all educational expenses are met, any remaining funds will be released to the student in order to cover other expenses as needed.

Before completing this application, please read the instructions and eligibility requirements carefully. If you are unable to provide the information requested, state the reason in the space provided, or attach a letter of explanation. The applicant assumes responsibility for ensuring that all requested information is submitted as a complete packet and is received at Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs no later than the deadline. (***Annual deadline is December 31st of the current year.***)

Unique applications presented to the scholarship committee in writing will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Applicants will be notified via mail or email regarding award decisions in **February 2014**. Applicants should notify the scholarship administrator at the educational institution if their contact information changes.

If the student has received the scholarship and, without reason, decides not to study as planned, the scholarship must be returned in full. If time allows, the next applicant in line may then be awarded the scholarship.

If the student becomes ill and must return home, all efforts should be made by the student to obtain a refund and return the unused portion. The student may apply again at a later date. A letter from the doctor should be sent to the Scholarship Fund.

Submission

Send completed application to: Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs
Attn: Children of Fallen Iowa Service Members Scholarship
7105 NW 70th Avenue, camp Dodge, Building 3465
Johnston, IA 50131

The point of contact for the Children of Fallen Iowa Service Members Scholarship is Melissa Miller, 515-727-3443 or 800-838-4692, email: missy.miller@iowa.gov.

- 2 Attachments
1. Frequently Asked Questions
 2. Application 2014

Colonel Robert C. King (Ret.)
Executive Director,
Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs



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Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the residency requirements for both the deceased service member and for the student?

You must be a current Iowa resident.

2. What cause-of-death stipulations are covered? Are suicides, training accidents, non-combat related deaths such as car accidents, and medical deaths such as cancer or heart attacks covered as part of the benefit?

Service members who gave their lives while on active duty since September 11, 2001

3. What specific dependents qualify in addition to natural children and spouses? Do step-children, siblings, and parents qualify?

Only eligible children and siblings applicants qualify.

4. Does re-marriage automatically remove a spouses's eligibility?

Yes.

5. Do survivors still qualify if they are using any federal benefits such as the *Fry Scholarship*?

Yes – this is a state-funded program in addition to other programs for education.

6. What documents are required for application?

Proof of dependency (birth certificate) and proof of service member's death (death certificate, DD1300)

7. When is the application deadline?

Applications will be considered annually. The annual closing date for applications to be received at the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs will be December 31st. All applications received in this office will be reviewed for eligibility requirements as they are received. The award board will consider and vote on all applications on file meeting eligibility criteria during their first meeting of the New Year.

8. How many students are currently using this program in Iowa?

Currently two applicants have been approved.

9. Who is the best contact for families with additional questions?

**Melissa Miller, Trust Fund Administrator, Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs:
515.727.3443 or 800.848.4692; missy.miller@iowa.gov.**



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Applicant Information

Name _____
Last First Middle

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ Gender Male Female

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Occupation _____ Annual Income _____

Extra-Curricular & Community Accomplishments/Groups _____

Service Member Information

Name _____ First _____ Middle _____

Branch of Service _____ Unit _____

Rank _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Family Information

Living Legal Guardian Name _____
Last First Middle

State _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Occupation _____ Annual Income _____

Number of Siblings 18 and below _____ Number of Siblings Currently Attending College _____

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Personal Essay

The essay may be only one (1) page in length and should include the following:

Paragraph 1: Short Bio (include your hometown, chosen educational institution, and field of study)

Paragraph 2: What would this scholarship mean to you, your academic and career goals, and how will it help you achieve your career goals?

If you do not use this page for your essay, please write and sign a statement exactly like the one below.

I declare that this essay is my own work, and all the information in my application is, to the best of my knowledge, correct.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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Other Information

How did you learn of this scholarship? _____

Names of any siblings who have applied for or received the Branstad-Reynolds Scholarship (Each applicant must submit a separation application):

Name	Applied	Received
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I have read the application instructions and eligibility requirements and understand my responsibility to provide information, follow submission procedures, and meet deadline requirements.

Applicant Signature (Do not print)

Date

Applicant (Printed Name)

Date