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Greetings:

Patriot Foundation is appreciative of the great work that Veterans Services Offices do to support the needs of our Veterans and their families throughout North Carolina. We are excited to share with you the scholarship opportunities available through a partnership between Patriot Foundation and the North Carolina State Legislature that can be of additional support to North Carolina Veterans and their families.

Since our founding in 2003, Patriot Foundation has supported the educational goals of military and Veteran families through scholarships. In 2020, Patriot Foundation and the North Carolina Legislature entered a public/private partnership. The allocations from the State allow Patriot Foundation to increase scholarship support of North Carolina military families attending North Carolina post-secondary institutions.

Patriot Foundation administers two scholarship programs using NC state and federal funds: **The NC Patriot STAR Family Scholarship Program** and the **NC Patriot Star Family RECOVERY Scholarship Program**. These scholarships are available to the children and spouses of fallen or disabled Veterans, children of injured active-duty service members, and qualifying disabled Veterans. Applicants must be **NC residents** accepted to or attending **NC post-secondary** institutions. Disabled Veterans must have a VA disability rating of **at least 50%**. Scholarships for the Star Program are up to \$3,250 per semester and up to \$5,000 per semester for the Recovery Program. Funds may be used to **cover the cost of attendance**. Applicants must have qualifying expenses not met by other grants, stipends, or scholarships.

The scholarship application for the Fall 2023 term is April 1st – May 31st. Applications can be completed online at patriotfoundation.org.

Enclosed you will find flyers with additional information on the two programs along with information regarding eligibility criteria and the application process. It is our hope that you will find this information helpful and can assist Patriot Foundation with making Veterans and their families aware of these scholarship opportunities. I will be glad to email an electronic version of the flyer (pdf or jpg) should you want it for email communication with interested applicants.

If you have questions or would like further information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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NC Patriot Star Family Scholarship Programs



Scholarship Programs Overview

Patriot Foundation supports the educational goals of military and veteran families through scholarships. Since its inception in 2003, Patriot Foundation has utilized donations from corporate partners, private foundations, and individual donors to fund these scholarships to our military communities throughout the country.

In 2020, Patriot Foundation and the North Carolina Legislature entered a public/private partnership. **The allocations from the State allow Patriot Foundation to increase scholarship support of North Carolina military families attending North Carolina post-secondary institutions.** Patriot Foundation currently administers two scholarship programs using North Carolina state and federal funds.

NC Patriot Star Family RECOVERY Scholarship

The Recovery Scholarship Program is funded through the American Rescue Plan with the goal of remediating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is a need-based scholarship that includes specific household income requirements.

NC Patriot STAR Family Scholarship

The Star Scholarship Program is funded annually through the North Carolina Legislature and has the same eligibility criteria as the Recovery Program, except it does not have specific household income requirements.



Scholarship Programs Eligibility Requirements

Who is Eligible

- Children of fallen or disabled Veterans or injured active-duty service members
- Spouses of fallen or disabled Veterans
- Disabled Veterans with a Veteran disability rating of 50% or greater

Applicant Criteria (must meet each of the following)

- Resident of North Carolina
- Accepted to or attending a North Carolina post-secondary institution
- Registered for Selective Service, if applicable

Sponsoring Veteran/Service Member Criteria

- Must be one of the following:
 - Resident of North Carolina
 - Was a legal resident of North Carolina upon entrance to the armed services
 - Was stationed in North Carolina at time of their death
 - Active-duty service member is permanently stationed in North Carolina
- And, must be one of the following:
 - Killed in the line of duty
 - Died from service-connected injury or illness
 - Veteran living with a disability rating of 50% or greater
 - Active-duty service member incurred traumatic wounds or illness

Income Criteria (for Recovery Program only)

- Total household income is less than 350% of the federal poverty level, excluding Veteran disability payments and related compensation

Application Information

Applicants will use one online application to apply for consideration for the two scholarship programs. The eligibility of the applicant will determine the scholarship program for which the applicant will be considered.

Apply online at patriotfoundation.org. Use QR Code to learn more!

Fall 2023 Application | April 1, 2023 - May 31, 2023

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