

SOLDIERSTRONG SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the SoldierStrong Scholarship award is to enable people who have served in the United States Armed Forces the opportunity to further pursue or to continue their education. The award must be put towards full-time study in pursuing an undergraduate degree, a graduate degree, or a certification/degree from an accredited technical/trade school. The Scholarship will be awarded predominately based upon financial need. Applicants must meet all of the eligibility requirements listed below. The recipient of the scholarship will be selected by either the Board of Directors of Soldier Strong Inc. or by a Scholarship Committee comprised of members of the Board of Directors of Soldier Strong Inc. Employees, officers, directors and their family members and relatives are not eligible to participate in this scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be a United States citizen.
- Applicant must serve or have served in the United States Armed Forces.
 - Includes: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, service in the National Guard and Army Reserve
- Applicant must have been honorably discharged or is currently in good standing.
- Applicant must demonstrate financial need.
- Applicant must use scholarship towards full time study and course-load.
- Once enrolled, applicant must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0, stay on schedule towards their expected graduation date and meet expectations of high moral character and leadership.
- Application must be completed and received by August 15, 2017.
- The winning applicant will be notified by *mail/email* by August 31, 2017.
- Applicant must agree to authorize SoldierStrong to publicize the scholarship, if selected.
- The award will be paid directly to the school upon notification from said school that the applicant has enrolled and registered for courses.

PRIVACY

In the spirit of The Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. & 552A, as amended, protecting your privacy is important to us. SoldierStrong will use the personal information you provide for the sole purpose of evaluating your scholarship application. It will not be shared, sold or otherwise made available to any individual, corporation or organization. Disclosure is voluntary. However, failure to provide information could preclude your consideration for this scholarship.

**COMPLETED APPLICATION AND REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS
MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 15, 2017.**

SOLDIERSTRONG SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Personal Information:

Name of Applicant: _____
(First, Middle, Last)

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Cell phone: (_____) _____ - _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Military Information:

Applicant is/was a Member of:

- Army
- Navy
- Air Force
- Marine Corps
- Coast Guard
- National Guard
- Army Reserve

Applicant Served From: _____ To: _____
(mm/yyyy) (mm/yyyy)

Military Rank: _____

Tour(s) of Duty: _____

***Discharged service members, attach a copy of most recent DD-214 to application. Active service members, attach alternative military service verification forms/records. All info will be validated.**

Academic Information:

High School Graduation Date: _____
(mm/yyyy)

***Attach a copy of high school transcript to application, if no college experience.**

Has applicant attended college?

- Yes
- No

If applicant has attended college but not graduated, when was the last date of attendance?

Date of Attendance: _____
(mm/yyyy)

If applicant has graduated from college, provide graduation date.

Graduation Date: _____
(mm/yyyy)

***Attach a copy of college transcript to application.**

Employment Information:

Submit employment history for the previous years (if applicable).

***Provide: name of employer, position held, and dates of employment.**

Financial Information:

Applicant's Adjusted Gross Income: _____

Is the Applicant Independent? (Residing separately from parents/guardian and earning own living)

Yes

No

Number of Dependents being Supported by Applicant: _____

Other Outside Sources of Income/Support: _____

Essay (Optional):

In 400 words or less, describe your motivation for pursuing a degree, as well as who or what inspired you to seek a degree.

***Attach typed response to application.**

Certification:

In submitting this application, I hereby certify that:

- I am in need of this scholarship to further my education.
- The information submitted in this application is true and accurate.
- I agree to let the committee know if my financial situation changes.
- I agree to the rules provided by SoldierStrong and understand that the selection committee's decision is final.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Checklist for Application Packet:

- Completed Application
- Most Recent Form DD-214, Long/Unedited Version (if discharged service member)
- Other Proof of Military Service (if active service member, e.g., Officer Record Brief [ORB], Enlistment Record Brief [ERB], Basic Individual Record [BIR], Personal Data Record [PDR], Performance Summary Record [PSR], Report on Individual Personnel [RIP])
- Copy of **Most Recent** School Transcript (High School or College)
- Work History (if applicable)
- Optional Essay
- * All applicants must complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** to be considered for funding.

- For help replacing misplaced or destroyed DD-214 certificates, please go to:

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

Sending the Application Packet by Postal Mail:

Mail all documents of the application packet to:

**SoldierStrong Scholarship
Program 1127 High Ridge
Road, #124 Stamford, CT. 06905**

Please make sure your application packet is complete, signed and postmarked by **August 15, 2017**.

Sending the Application Packet by e-Mail:

For e-mail submissions, make sure you have printed out your completed application and then signed it on the signature line(s) before scanning it for submission. Applications received by e-mail without a valid signature(s) might not be accepted for submission. Scan all other required documents for inclusion with the application form.

E-mail all application packet documents

to: info@soldierstrong.org

To ensure proper handling, please specify in your e-mail subject that you are applying for the SoldierStrong Scholarship program. All e-mailed application packet submissions must be complete and must be received by the end of day (U.S. Eastern time zone) **August 15, 2017** for consideration.