



2009 Four-Year College/University Scholarship

Objective

To award a four-year scholarship to a high school senior, between the ages of 16 and 19, entering a four-year college or university. Student must be the child of an active-duty Soldier stationed at one of the following U.S. Army installations at the time of application due date:

- Fort Meade, Maryland
- Fort Bragg, North Carolina
- Fort Polk, Louisiana
- Fort Rucker, Alabama
- Fort Riley, Kansas
- Fort Sill, Oklahoma

Scholarship

The *Our Family for Families First* Scholarship is a four-year, \$10,000 per year scholarship that is awarded based on the following criteria:

- Academic performance
- Financial need
- Community involvement
- Extra-curricular activities

Requirements

In addition to completing the application included in this package, each applicant should meet the following requirements:

1. Current high school senior with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA.
2. Demonstrated participation in extra-curricular activities, including community service, involvement in civic or other local organizations, sports, clubs, squads, etc.
3. Ability to provide three required academic or community letters of recommendation on official letterhead (from teachers, coaches, mentors, activity coordinators, volunteer coordinators, etc.) Letters from Picerne Military Housing employees should not be submitted and will not be considered.
4. Applicants requesting consideration for financial need must demonstrate financial need for support. Please supply a copy of most recently completed annual tax returns for student and/or parents, documentation of multiple siblings attending college or university, letter of explanation from family member, etc. [Note: Although specific financial need requirements are not required to be considered for this scholarship, applicants that demonstrate a clear financial need will receive special consideration in the evaluation of scholarship applications.]



Written Essay and Summary

Each student must write a 1,000-word essay that answers the following question:

- What is the impact on your life of having a parent who is an active-duty Soldier and how has your parent inspired you?

In addition, include a separate 500-word summary of your educational goals and how this scholarship would impact your academic future.

Submittal Requirements

Applicants must submit the following items within the stipulated page limits in order to be considered for the *Our Family for Families First* scholarship:

- Application Form (1 page)
- Copy of Identification and Privilege Card (1 page)
- Copy of most current orders for active-duty parent (page amount as needed)
- Most recent transcript from high school (up to 4 pages)
- Proof of financial need, if applicable (up to 10 pages, as determined appropriate by applicant, e.g., tax returns, college tuition bills, etc.)
- Three letters of recommendation (3 pages)
- Demonstration of participation in community and extra-curricular activities (include a list of activities with dates and any special awards, certificates) (up to 10 pages)
- Written essay, as described above (2-3 pages, typed)
- Written summary of educational goals (1-2 pages, typed)
- Cover letters of application to or acceptance from a 4-year college or university (up to 5 pages).

One full copy of the application should be submitted by mail (no electronic submissions will be accepted) to:

Scholarship Applications
Our Family for Families First
c/o Picerne Military Housing
6946 Post Road, Suite 300
North Kingstown, RI 02852

Submissions must be postmarked by February 27, 2009. *Our Family for Families First* is not responsible for lost applications. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications with receipt confirmation. Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than March 27, 2009.

Please note that students awarded the *Our Family for Families First* Scholarship will be required to show completion of the educational program for which this scholarship was awarded. Scholarship payments will be made in a single installment (at the beginning of the educational program period).



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NOTIFICATION TO STUDENTS/SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Students awarded the Our Family for Families First educational scholarship must accept or reject the award within one month of receipt of the notification letter.

POLICIES

<input type="checkbox"/> Key Scholarship Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship awarded in the amount of \$40,000, payable at a maximum of \$10,000 per year for four consecutive years. • Scholarship is awarded to entering full-time freshmen only. • Student must attend an accredited, four-year university or college in order to be eligible for scholarship. • Student must live on-campus for entirety of freshman year. (Exceptions to live with family can be submitted.) Students choosing to live off campus after freshman year are not guaranteed room and board coverage. Requests must be presented officially to the Foundation Executive Director. • At least 50% of scholarship award must be directly applied to tuition, fees, and books. After tuition and fees are paid, funds may be used for books, room and board (board permitted through an approved university-managed program). • Scholarship is renewed annually subject to student maintaining a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) at the end of each term. • A student whose GPA falls below a 3.0 will be placed on academic probation and may be required to petition the Foundation board in order to maintain his or her scholarship. • Scholarship funds are applied to the student's college account by the due date for tuition payment at their selected college or university. • Any payments to an entity other than the student's college or university must be requested officially through the Foundation Executive Director. • Student must complete an educational progress report each academic term (information to be forwarded separately).
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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

<input type="checkbox"/> Key Scholarship Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship recipients may be required to attend an awards event scheduled by the Foundation provided it does not place a significant burden on the family to attend. • Scholarship recipients will be named in the media as recipients of this award. • Scholarship recipients are required to be accessible for communication from Foundation representatives throughout their four-year academic career. Students must provide an up-to-date and regularly monitored email address, direct phone number, and mailing address. Parent contact information is not sufficient. • The Foundation reserves the right to change the requirements and award amounts of the scholarships.
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OTHER SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT AWARDS

<input type="checkbox"/> Students awarded any additional scholarships or grants (all grants, scholarships, loans and other assistance, regardless of source) must notify the Foundation immediately .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private/Public Grants or Scholarships • Loans • Other Assistance (except family)
<input type="checkbox"/> Students receiving financial packages from another organization will be required to show that the award of the Our Future Scholarship does not exceed the direct cost (tuition, fees, books, room and board) of education at the college or university for one academic year. In such cases, the scholarship award will be reduced appropriately or rescinded.	



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Application must be typed or clearly hand-written for submission

Student Name:			
Student Address (mailing address, city, state, zip):			
Home and Cell Phone Nos.:			
Student Email:			
Parent Email:			
Student Date of Birth:			
Age and Grade in School:			
Name and Rank of Active Duty Parent:			
Relationship:	Father	Mother	Other: _____
Permanent Duty Station Parent Assigned to:			
Are you or your parents currently or ever been an employee of Picerne Military Housing?	Yes	No	If yes, list employee name & dates of employment: _____
Name of High School:			
High School Address:			
Current Cumulative GPA:			
List Top 3 College/University Choices:	Name of School	Annual Cost of Tuition	Application Process: Have you been accepted?
	1.		
	2.		
	3.		
Other Financial Aid/Sources of Funding Applied to (if any):			
If applicable, please list documents included showing financial need:			
Applicant Signature:			Date:
Parent/Guardian Signature:			Date: