

Official Rules Governing the Award of Scholarship Grants

Preamble: The Association will offer scholarships once yearly in amounts dependent upon contributions to the Scholarship Fund. The amount of funds available for scholarship funding shall be equal to the amount of funds left in the Scholarship Fund at the end of each fiscal year, less any previously committed scholarship awards. Each scholarship award shall be in the amount of \$2000. The funds left in the Scholarship Fund at the end of each fiscal year shall be divided by \$2000, which will be the number of awards authorized at this amount. If the number of applicants is less than the number authorized, the excess funds will be carried over to the next year's Scholarship Fund amount. In addition, the top ranked applicant shall receive the "James K. (Doc) Hall Award" which increases the award by \$500. There will be a minimum of four scholarships awarded each year to eligible applicants. If the funds from the Scholarship Fund are insufficient, they will be drawn from the Scholarship Reserve Fund. Scholarship applications will be available on the Association website or may be obtained by contacting the 35th Infantry Regiment Association Secretary, whose address will be listed below. To be **eligible** the applicant must:

A. Be a child, stepchild, grandchild or lineal descendent of an Association member who is currently a member in good standing of the Association or who was a member in good standing of the Association at the time of his death, or a 35th Infantry Regiment member who was killed in action.

B. Be a graduating high school senior or a student in their 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year of attendance at an accredited college/university, or community college, or trade/vocational school. Scholarship grants will be awarded on first priority to graduating seniors and if funds allow to those currently enrolled in an institution of higher learning. No Awardee may be granted a scholarship more than once.

C. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale).

D. Relatives of Association Board members are not eligible.

E. **Eligible** applicants will be ranked based on submission of the following materials:

1. Two letters of reference: one from a high school faculty member and one from a person well acquainted with the applicant, but not a relative.

2. A personal essay of approximately 500 words describing career interests and goals.

3. A summary of activities, awards, honors and employment.

4. For graduating high school seniors, submit an official transcript of high school credits through the first semester of the senior year

5. For students currently in their 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year of higher education, submit an official transcript of all previous years' college/university or trade/vocational school grades/credits.

F. Selectees will be notified by letter from the Association of the scholarship award by May 25, following the review process. The Selectee shall contact the Student Financial Aid Office upon enrollment and direct them to send a letter to the Association's Secretary confirming enrollment and confirming a course load of at least 12 hours for college/university or its equivalent for trade/vocational schools. This information must be received by the Association no later than December 31 of the year of the award or the award will be forfeit. Upon receipt by the Association, a check will be sent to the appropriate Student Financial Aid Office.

G. Applications and supporting documents must be postmarked or emailed no later than April 15 of the year of application to the 35th Infantry Regiment Association Secretary (See Application Form)