

## **SFA Educational Assistance Program**

We will be accepting packets for 2018 Awards through 30 April 2018

The Special Forces Association Education Assistance Program is designed to provide scholarship grants to SFA members, dependents, and grandchildren of members in good standing. The number of grants awarded and amounts are determined by the Scholarship Committee with the approval of the Association Board of Officers. Grants may be given in the name of individuals or corporations when funds are contributed directly for this purpose and are approved by the SFA Board of Officers. The Director of External Communications chairs the Scholarship Committee and selects its members. The scholarship awardee selections are made by the committee with the approval of the SFA Board of Officers, announced at the annual SFA Convention held each year in June or July, and posted in the Fall Drop. Checks will be awarded after the annual convention, usually in July of each year.

The SFA Scholarship Fund is a separate account that derives its monies from the contribution of members, chapters, and interested parties and corporations. This program would not exist if not for the donations received, and the amount of scholarships that can be awarded is dependent on the generosity of our donors.

Those wishing to donate to the fund should mail checks payable to the "SFA Scholarship Fund" to:

**Special Forces Association**  
Attn: Scholarship Fund  
PO BOX 41436  
Fayetteville, NC 28309-1436

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants must be an Association member in good standing or the dependent spouse, child, or grandchild of a member in good standing, or any member (child or grandchild) of the family of a deceased member who was in good standing at the time of death, AND have been accepted by, or already attending, and accredited college, university, or vocational institution.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Eligible applicants must submit all required documents to:

**Special Forces Association**  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
PO BOX 41436  
Fayetteville, NC 28309-1436

Applications must be submitted and postmarked NLT 30 April 2018 and received NLT 5 May 2018 to be considered. **PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES HAVE BEEN MOVED UP FROM YEARS PAST TO FACILITATE GIVING ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION TO ALL APPLICANTS.**

The following are required to be considered:

a. A sponsor letter from the SFA member that states full name, member number, and relationship to applicant.

b. A personal letter from the applicant stating his/her educational and career plans and aspirations and the planned use of the funds. The letter is an important part of the packet. The applicant must provide full name, address, telephone number and email address in your letter.

c. Applicant's most recent transcript, SAT/ACT score, and/or other evidence of scholastic achievement.

d. Reference letter(s) from a teacher, counselor, or school official (minimum of one required).

e. A summary of extra-curricular activities, non-academic achievements, and hobbies.

f. A copy of an acceptance letter from the institute of higher learning or letter from the registrar that the student has already been enrolled. Please include student number.

g. Essay Question: *Our country has been engaged in conflict for 16 years. Recruiting, training, and maintaining Special Forces Soldiers "Green Berets" is critical to the military capability of the US Army. How can the Army recruit the quality and quantity of "Green Berets" needed to prosecute the nation's strategy in these conflicts in the future? Please offer your recommendations to ensure the quality/quantity of soldiers needed to satisfy these capabilities in a three-page essay.*

h. The address of the registrar's office at the institute of higher learning where the funds will be sent in the name of the awardee (NOTE: SFA will no longer provide money directly to applicants) The Registrar's information can be provided after the start of the school year at the institute of higher learning.

There is no formal application. All items listed above are required and must be submitted with the applicant's packet. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.** Applications are evaluated on overall content, scholastic achievement, references, and non-academic activities and achievements. It is critical that applicants include all information requested regardless of the year of education that they are currently enrolled. Consideration is given regardless of the grade level of the applicant i.e High School Senior vs. graduate student.

**Questions may be directed to National headquarters at (910) 485-5433 or [sfahq@aol.com](mailto:sfahq@aol.com) or to the Scholarship Committee Chairman, Mr. Nick Panarella at (609) 980-2406 or [n2867@comcast.net](mailto:n2867@comcast.net).**

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