



Special Forces Association (SFA)  
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The Special Forces Association scholarship fund was established to help dependents and grandchildren of Special Forces Association members pursuing collegiate academic goals. Awardees serve as a local voice for the Special Forces Association and community, representing the motto of Special Forces, “De Oppresso Liber”, helping others towards freedom from oppression. This SFA scholarship is highly competitive. Please carefully follow the below checklist to ensure all required information and documents are included in your application.

Applications are accepted from June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> of the corresponding year.

### **SFA Scholarship Application checklist**

**SFA sponsor letter**

This should include the full name of the applicant, the full name of the SFA member, and their member number. This letter should also explain the relationship with the applicant and why they should be considered for this award. (SFA members must be in good standing to sponsor an applicant).

**Letter of acceptance**

If graduating high school, include a copy of your college/ trade school’s acceptance letter or a dated letter from the registrar’s office. (If you are already attending classes at this institution, this will be clarified with your transcripts)

**Transcripts**

A copy of your most recent transcripts

-Must include the name of the applicant, the institution, and the date it was retrieved.

-To maintain consistency for all applicants, GPA will only be evaluated on a 4.0 scale.

**Letter of aspiration and planned use of scholarship**

This is a personal letter from the applicant stating his/her education or career plans, aspirations, and planned use of funds. This letter should also include any of the following:

- The applicant’s name and date, and current student status. For example, “I am currently attending \_\_ high school and will be attending \_\_ college in the fall.”
- Positions of leadership.* For example, “I served as a student council officer for three years” or “As part of my BSA Eagle Scout project, I developed and executed a community project to...”.
- Volunteer and community service.* For example, “For the last two years (four hours a week) I have volunteered at the local” food pantry, homeless shelter, church, etc.

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- Employment* (i.e., full-time, after school, summer) and any family caretaker responsibilities you have. For example,
  - “I am currently/have been working part-time (15 hrs a week) for the past two years”
  - “I am the parent of two pre-kindergarten children”
  - “I am the primary caretaker of an aging parent.”)
  
- This is also the time to acknowledge “gap years” or breaks in education timelines that may reflect on transcripts. For example, “I delayed starting college to participate in a mission trip before starting college” or “I took off ... years to raise my children”.
  
- Essay questions (300-500 words each)**
  - 1) Discuss what you feel is a pressing issue in America today. What is it and what would you propose is done to address it?
  - 2) Reflect on a time when you felt you lived the Special Forces motto, “De Oppresso Liber”. What happened and what was the outcome?

\*All required documents must be consolidated into a single document in the above order. This single document must be saved as a pdf.

\*Applications will only be accepted through the SFA website  
<https://www.specialforcesassociation.org>.

Applicants are evaluated on overall content, scholastic achievement, and non-academic activities and achievements. It is critical that applications include all information requested as consideration is given regardless of the academic level of the applicant (i.e., high school senior, undergraduate, or graduate student).

Questions regarding the SFA Scholarships may be directed to  
[specialprojects@specialforcesassociation.org](mailto:specialprojects@specialforcesassociation.org)

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