



## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION 2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

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If you have questions regarding our scholarships, please contact your Scholarship Administrator directly. If you do not know who your Scholarship Administrator is, you may contact our office using the information below. Our office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM (EST).

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## Who We Are

Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation works to ensure a college education for military children who have lost a parent in the line of duty-including casualties from combat, training, illness, and suicide—pre and post 9/11.

Our goal is to bridge the gap in funding between available sources of grants and scholarships (i.e., VA Chapter 33 or 35, federal, state, local, and private grants) and the total cost of undergraduate college education or vocational school.

To date, we have awarded over \$46 million in support to more than 2,000 children of our fallen and started a pipeline for 10,000 more.



### **HOW IT STARTED**

n 1989, five days before Christmas, Sergeant William Delaney Gibbs from the 7th Infantry Division was killed in action during **Operation Just** Cause in Panama, leaving behind a young wife and an unborn daughter. Our Founder and CEO, David Kim, served with Sergeant Gibbs and was inspired by his sacrifice and never forgot about Sergeant Gibb's or his daughter.

David Kim returned to the United States and founded Children of Fallen Patriots in 2002. Since 2002, Children of Fallen Patriots has grown in its mission and vision to extend peace of mind through college scholarships to Gold Star families in all 50 states, in all branches of the military.

# What We Cover

Our goal is to bridge the gap in funding between available sources of grants and scholarships (i.e., VA Chapter 33 or 35, federal, state, local, and private grants) and the total cost of a student's first undergraduate college education or vocational school program. Scholarships include, but are not limited to:

#### **DURING HIGH SCHOOL:**

- SAT & ACT prep and fees (up to \$1,000)
- College applications
- AP exams
- Registration fees
- College deposits

### WHILE ENROLLED IN COLLEGE:

- Tuition (in-state & out-of-state, public & private)
- Room and board
- Tutoring (up to \$1,000 per semester)
- Study abroad courses
- Summer courses
- Internships

### AFTER GRADUATION:

- Undergraduate student loans
- Reimbursement for out-of-pocket tuition payments
- GRE, LSAT, and MCAT prep and fees (up to \$1,000)\*
   \*within 1 year of graduating

# How We Operate

Students are eligible for up to \$6,250 in scholarship assistance per academic year; however, additional funding may be available based on current Foundation resources.

- Submission for funding does not guarantee approval.
- Each grant request is handled on a case-by-case basis.

Students must apply for assistance as needed by contacting their student's assigned Scholarship Administrator.

- Returning scholars must re-submit for scholarships at the end of each semester (or once final 'term' grades are posted) to receive assistance for the following enrollment period.
- Scholarship requests take approximately 3-4 weeks to process from receipt of all required documents.

Fallen Patriots Scholars are required to **maintain a minimum 2.0** GPA (for the previous term enrolled) to be eligible for scholarship assistance. Students who do not meet the GPA requirement will remain eligible for tutoring assistance but cannot receive other funding until they improve their GPA.

Please **do not** wait until your GPA falls below a 2.0 to seek tutoring assistance. Fallen Patriots is happy to assist any student with tutoring expenses, regardless of their GPA.

## **Our Process**

### **STEP 1: ENROLL**

Fill out our one-time enrollment form at: fallenpatriots.org/enroll-a-student

**Note:** Please be sure to enroll all students regardless of age or college status. However, students above the age of 33 will be evaluated for assistance on a case-by-case basis

### **STEP 2: SCHOLAR VERIFICATION**

Scholars must provide documentation that they meet the following requirements before funding may be awarded (these documents submitted once):

- The student/child is a verified dependent of a service member
- The service member's passing was determined to be "Line of Duty" or "Service Connected" by the Department of Veteran's Affairs

The documents to verify a student's ability to receive assistance are listed in 'Required Documents' (page 8).

### STEP 3: PROCESS SCHOLARSHIPS

To request scholarship assistance, students must submit documents specific to the nature of their request to their Scholarship Administrator.

Each student will have one of our Scholarship Administrators designated as their primary point of contact. This helps our Scholarship Team get to know the students they are working with and makes it easier for students to apply for assistance each semester.

The Administrator will review all paperwork and will submit a scholarship request to our review board on the student's behalf. Scholarship requests take approximately 3-4 weeks to process after receipt of all required documents.

Please note that submission of documentation does not guarantee approval. Funding is awarded at the sole discretion of Fallen Patriots management and is based on available resources at the time of submission.

### JALEN WILLIAMS, CLASS OF 2022

Son of USMC First Sergeant Meca Williams







"With the help of Children of Fallen Patriots
I have been able to go to my college with
less of financial worries. My main focus is
getting my degree and chasing my dreams.
I am so thankful that this organization is
here to help me achieve my dreams in life.

If you have any questions don't be afraid to ask the wonderful Fallen Patriots staff! They can even help you prepare for life after college - from building a resume all the way to finding internship opportunities."

# Required Documents

As assistance is needed or documents become available, students may submit documents by fax, email or standard mail.

### **SCHOLAR VERIFICATION**

These documents are only required on initial application. They do not have to be submitted every time you seek assistance.

- Service Member's DD1300 (military casualty report) all applicable children's names will need to be listed under the "interested persons" section for proof of dependency.
  - **OR,** if DD1300 is not applicable, please send the following substitute forms:
    - I. Service Member's DD214
    - II. Service Member's Death Certificate
    - III. Marriage / Divorce Certificate
    - IIII. Student's Birth Certificate / Adoption Paperwork
- Child's VA Certificate of Eligibility Ch.35 (DEA)/Ch.33 (Fry Scholarship)
   OR- DIC Paperwork (typically only high school students).

If you are unable to provide any of these documents, contact your Scholarship Administrator.

## **Documents Specific to Each Scholarship**

Following is a list of the different kinds of scholarships we can provide, and the specific documents required for each.

- Students must submit these documents with every scholarship request.
- All documents must be clear, legible, and contain the student's name or other relevent identifying information (i.e. student ID number, etc.).
- Please send full-sized, printer-friendly (PDF) versions of documents.
- Sensitive information not relevant to the scholarship request may be redacted, but cellphone screenshots or partial documents may not be accepted.

### **Outstanding Semester Tuition & Fees:**

- High School Transcript (incoming Freshman ONLY) -OR-College Transcript (returning college students ONLY)
- 2. Current College Class Schedule
- 3. Official Itemized Tuition/Bursar Statement
  Can usually be found through the university's financial aid (bursar) office
- 4. Verification of Enrollment and Financial Aid

### Reimbursement of Tuition & Fees Paid Out-of-Pocket:

- 1. College Transcript (reflecting most recent semester's grades & GPA)
- 2. Current College Class Schedule
- 3. Official Itemized Tuition/Bursar Statement Can usually be found through the university's financial aid (bursar) office
- 4. Documentation of Expenses- outlining proof of purchase and who paid i.e., Receipts & Corresponding Bank/Credit Card Statement(s) please ensure that the name of the person who paid for the out-of-pocket expenses is located on the statement
- 5. Verification of Enrollment and Financial Aid

### **Other Reimbursements:**

- High School Transcript (incoming Freshman ONLY) -OR- College Transcript (returning college students ONLY)
- 2. Current College Class Schedule
- 3. Documentation of Expenses- outlining proof of purchase and who paid i.e., Receipts & Corresponding Bank/Credit Card Statement(s) please ensure that the name of the person who paid for the out-of-pocket expenses is located on the statement
- 4. Verification of Enrollment and Financial Aid

### Computer, Living Expense, & Book Stipend:

### **Computer stipends**

are a one-time grant of \$1,500. This stipend can be used towards the purchase of a computer or laptop and peripherals (mouse, keyboard, etc.)

### Living expense stipends

may be awarded up to \$2,000 per semester but cannot be granted retroactively for previous semesters.

### **Book stipends**

of \$500 per semester may be awarded to any student not receiving a book stipend through the VA. All students whose textbook expenses exceed the \$500 stipend amount may request reimbursement for the additional amount.

If seeking one (or more) of the above stipends for the current semester, please send the documents listed below.

- Unofficial High School Transcript (incoming Freshman ONLY) -OR- Unofficial College Transcript (returning college students ONLY)
- Current College Class Schedule (if applicable) -OR- Verified College Acceptance Letter (if incoming Freshman)
- 3. Official Itemized Tuition/Bursar Statement (if applicable)
  i.e., Receipts & Corresponding Bank/Credit Card Statement(s) please ensure that the name of
  the person who paid for the out-of-pocket expenses is located on the statement
- 4. Verification of Enrollment and Financial Aid

### **Outstanding Undergraduate Student Loans**

Children of Fallen Patriots may look into assisting students with their outstanding undergraduate loans or reimbursements for loan payments. Fallen Patriots will process these scholarships during students' last semester of college or after they have graduated.

- 1. 30-Day Loan Payoff Statement
- 2. Loan Account Number
- 3. Address for Student Loan Provider
- 4. Official Itemized Tuition Bills for Each Semester that Loan Applies showing all charges and payments on your student account
- 5. Verification of Enrollment and Financial Aid

  Please note that Fallen Patriots deducts ALL refunds to students in all loan repayment calculations

### **Other Miscellaneous Expenses**

If seeking assistance for other expenses not listed, contact your Scholarship Administrator for more information.

## Scholarship & Enrollment Team



KYLIE WILLIS\*
Enrollment Coordinator



JACOB RANGEL\*
Enrollment Administrator



CHRISTINE LEWIS
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Additional Resources: Fallen Patriots is proud to offer scholarships and educational counseling assistance to our scholars; however, we understand that the needs are sometimes greater than what we might be able to provide. This QR code will take you to a compilation of other resources you or your family may benefit from.

