



**A/101**  
**Aviation Association Memorial**  
**Scholarship**

## **A/101 Aviation Association Memorial Scholarship Trust**

The purpose of the A/101 memorial scholarship(s) is to perpetuate the memory of those personnel who, while members of the unit, gave their lives in the service of their country and to further honor those members who are still unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

Toward this end, the A/101 Aviation Association (the "Association") annually awards \_\_\_ scholarships to applicants that most meet the established criteria for the furtherance of their education in an accredited institution. Maximum educational attainment under this program is that of a Bachelor's Degree.

As such, the Association will maintain a permanent fund within its treasury with ample monetary reserves to honor each and every scholarship obligation as approved by its Board of Directors. The scholarship grant(s) awarded by the Association towards a Bachelor's Degree shall be not less than \$500.00, nor more than \$1,000 per year for a maximum of four years, as recommended by the Association's Scholarship Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. Payments will be made directly to the education institution in \$500 increments, if the scholarship grant awarded is for the maximum amount allowed of \$1,000, the award will be divided into two payments made to the institution during the Fall and Winter semester.

### **ELIGIBILITY** – Applicants must be:

1. Children (natural or adopted), step-children or grandchildren of an individual assigned to and who served with Company A, 101 Avn. Bn., Company A, 4th Bn, 101st Avn Bn, 101st Avn Regiment including any antecedent unit designations and all future ones (the "Qualifying Sponsor"). and be either
  - a. A high school senior applying to a four year accredited college or university anticipating graduation during the year of application who meets the grant criteria as listed below; or
  - b. A Sophomore, attending a community college, unmarried and under the age of 21 years at the time of application who meets the grant criteria as listed below, and is transferring to a four year accredited college or university.
  - c. A high school senior applying to a community college or an accredited vocational school who meets the criteria as listed below.

## **SCHOLARSHIP GRANT CRITERIA**

1. Applicants must be able to prove academic ability with a letter of validation on school letterhead or computer printout. The letter must be dated and signed by the school registrar or guidance counselor showing.
  - a. Minimum 3.2 GPA for high school seniors.
  - b. Minimum 3.5 GPA for Community College Sophomores.
2. Applicants must be able to show a financial need.
3. Applicants must submit an essay of no more than 500 words. The essay title and topic will be; "Why Serving One's Country in the Military is Important".
4. Applicants must submit proof of a continuing participation in community service.
5. Applicants must submit four (4) letters of reference: 2 from teachers/professors, 1 from a school/college guidance counselor and 1 from an individual respected in the community, such as; a church pastor, local government official, charitable organization head or scout leader. All letters must be from individuals unrelated to the applicant.

## **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. Completed and signed, Financial Information Summary Form.
2. Acceptance declaration from four-year colleges or universities.
3. Declaration of additional scholarships being applied for and those already granted.
4. Copy of DD-214 if the Qualifying Sponsor of the applicant, living or deceased..

## **GRANT RESTRICTIONS**

1. Student must be enrolled in a field of study that leads to a Bachelor's degree.
2. If attending a community college or vocational school, student must be enrolled in a field of study that will lead to a nationally or state recognized certification.
3. Student must be enrolled full-time.

4. Renewal is not automatic. Prior to the start of each fall semester, the scholarship recipient must obtain and present to the A/101 Scholarship Chairperson, the following information from the registrars office of the school being attended:
  - a. Confirmation of enrollment.
  - b. Confirmation of full-time student status.
  - c. Confirmation that the student is maintaining a minimum overall GPA of 3.0.
5. By submitting a formal application for this scholarship, the applicant or in the case of minors, the applicant's parent(s) or legal guardian(s), agree with the following conditions:
  - a. All documents submitted as part of the scholarship application or directly concerning any part of the scholarship offered are the sole properties of the Association.
  - b. The use of scholarship recipient's name, pictures and other personal information for the purpose of promotion, advertising, and news releases is granted to the Association without any promise of favor or remuneration. In this regard, all such names, pictures and personal information shall be used only for the betterment of this scholarship grant, for the recognition of the scholarship recipients or for the advancement of the mission of the Association.
  - c. The choice of the recipient(s) for this scholarship rests solely with the Scholarship Committee of the Association, as approved by the Board of Directors. This choice shall be final and binding.

### **SCHOLARSHIP GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Annually, the Scholarship Committee of the Association, with the approval of the Board of Directors, will insure the announcement of the availability for this scholarship through the various educational institutions, news media and other mass communications systems as required and as determined by the Scholarship Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. This formal announcement shall not be made earlier than the 1<sup>st</sup> of January or later than 15th of February of the year the award is to be granted. All formal announcements shall be documented and included in the Awards and Scholarship file, which will be maintained by the Association's Secretary.

### **SCHOLARSHIP GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Application requests will be made to the Association's Scholarship Committee Chairperson in the form of a letter or e-mail from the applicant. The deadline for the submission of all formal applications is the 15th of May of the year the grant is to be awarded. Applications postmarked after tht date will not be accepted.

## **SELECTION OF GRANT RECIPIENT**

No later than the 22nd of May of the year the grant is to be awarded, the Scholarship Committee Chairperson shall send by registered mail or e-mail copies of the application packets to each of the Scholarship Committee members. The committee chairperson shall retain control of the original. Included with the packets, the Committee Chairperson will provide a scoring sheet and instructions.

After review of the applicants' names, should any of the scholarship committee members be related to any applicant, the committee member shall immediately inform the remaining committee members and board trustees as to their relationship to the applicant and shall immediately forfeit their vote on the scholarship award for that academic year. An applicant is not automatically disqualified from being considered and/or awarded the grant based solely on his or her relationship to an A/101 Aviation Association board of trustee member or Scholarship Committee member.

The Committee members shall review each applicant's packet; and following the supplied instructions, complete the scoring sheet.

No later than the 1st of June of the year the grant is to be awarded, all application packages and the completed scoring sheet shall be returned, by registered mail or e-mail to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson. Upon return receipt of the applications and scoring sheets, the scholarship committee chairperson will tally the scoring sheets and send the Association President a list of the most qualified recipients by score for Board of Director approval no later than the 6th of June of the year the grant is to be awarded.

In the event of a tie, preference will be given to applicants according to following criteria:

1. Highest degree of financial need
2. Highest degree of community service

A priority will be given for applicants who's qualifying member was or is designated KIA/POW/MIA while serving with the unit.

After the recommended list of recipients has been approved by the Association Board of Directors, the Scholarship Committee Chairperson will destroy all copies of the application packages and will, by registered mail, forward the originals with scoring sheets to the Secretary of the Association for inclusion in the Awards and Scholarship file.

## **SCHOLARSHIP GRANT RECIPIENT NOTIFICATION**

No later than the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, scholarship recipients will be notified of their award by phone with a formal notification package sent via registered mail. Enclosed in the package will be an acceptance form that must be signed, dated and returned by mail within five (5) days of receipt. Notification of all other applicants who were not selected will be made within ten (10) days after the recipients are selected informing them of their non-selection and thanking them for their participation.

Should a recipient decline an award for whatever reason, the first alternate shall be notified as being selected for the award without delay.

### **SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PRESENTATION**

The awarding of this scholarship grant must be performed in a manner that honors the spirit of the award.

Should a veteran or currently serving member of Association be available in the recipient's geographical area at the time of the award, that association member may be asked to present the scholarship award to the student on behalf of the Association. In the absence of an association member, the award should be presented by the representative of the local National Guard Commander, ROTC Commander or American Legion / VFW Post Commander.

The Association's Scholarship Committee Chairperson shall prepare the appropriate text for the scholarship presentation so as to maintain the reason for and ensure the dignity of the award.

The award shall take place as soon as possible after acceptance by the recipient. If possible, the presentation should be made at a formal occasion such as a class graduation or school assembly to insure proper recognition for the recipient.

### **SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PAYMENT**

First time recipients shall, no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September and again on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, provide the A/101 Aviation Association a letter from the registrars' office of the school they will be attending. This letter must be on the schools official letterhead and must show:

1. That the recipient has been accepted to the school
2. That the recipient is committed to attending that school and will be a full time student
3. Instructions for check remittance from a scholarship fund

Renewal applicants shall, no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September and on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, provide the A/101 Aviation Association a letter from the registrars' office of the school they are attending. This letter must be on the schools official letterhead and must show:

1. That the recipient is enrolled for the upcoming semester and will be a full time student.
2. The recipient's grade point average (GPA) from the previous semesters.
3. Instructions for check remittance if different from the previous year.

Upon receipt of this information, the Scholarship Committee Chairperson will provide all check remittance instructions to the Association Treasurer who will remit the check(s) no later than 10<sup>th</sup> of October for the first semester's payment

and 10<sup>th</sup> of February for the second semester's payment. Under no circumstances will monies be given directly to any award recipient.

The Scholarship Committee Chairperson will forward all letters to the Association Secretary for inclusion in the Awards and Scholarship file.

It is the responsibility of the student **and** the Qualifying Sponsor to notify the A/101 Aviation Association if the student is no longer enrolled and/or no longer meets the qualifications for the scholarship award.

### **SCHOLARSHIP GRANT ADMINISTRATION**

An account known as the A/101 Aviation Association Memorial Scholarship Fund shall be maintained in a federally insured financial institution and will not be commingled with the funds of the general treasury of the Association. This scholarship fund will accumulate monies earned, donated, bequeathed or raised for that specific purpose. The Treasurer of the Association shall be the trustee of this fund according to the bylaws and as set forth by the Board of Directors and General Membership of the Association.