ThanksUSA Scholarship Program

ThanksUSA provides need-based, post-secondary scholarships for children and spouses of our military. Since 2006, ThanksUSA has awarded 4,700 scholarships valued at more than $15 million.

ThanksUSA will accept scholarship applications March 1 through April 15, 2020. To learn more and apply, visit ThanksUSA.org/apply.

Applicant Eligibility

- Spouse or dependent of active-duty, discharged, or retired U.S. military personnel* (including Guard and Reserve)
- Academic record – minimum GPA of 2.0 on most recent transcript
- Scholarships for children and spouses for undergraduate study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or accredited vocational technical or trade school program
- Support to spouses for non-degree professional licensing or certification programs regardless of whether an undergraduate degree has already been completed
- Selection based on academic performance, financial need, community involvement, and evaluation of defined goals and personal essay

Scholarship Awards

- ThanksUSA will award up to 300 scholarships per year, each valued at $3,000
- ThanksUSA scholarship recipients represent all military branches including Guard and Reserve
- Recipients come from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and OCONUS base locations
- ThanksUSA gives a preference to spouses and children of the wounded and fallen

* For the purpose of ThanksUSA scholarship application eligibility, United States military service personnel are defined as members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, who have served full-time for at least 180 days after 9/11/01 and all those who have been either killed or wounded in action after 9/11/01. United States military personnel are further defined as members of the military reserves who have been activated to full-time duty and members of the National Guard who have been federalized and who otherwise meet the requirements. Spouses and dependent children of retired or discharged service personnel are eligible to apply but military member must have served at least 180 days of full-time active-duty service after 9/11/01.

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