

Army Emergency Relief scholarship information

Army Emergency Relief annually provides valuable scholarships for dependents of Soldiers. For the 2012-2013 Academic Year, 2,765 children were awarded \$6.7 million in scholarships and 776 Spouses were awarded \$2 million. With an average award of over \$2,400, these scholarships greatly relieve some of the financial burden associated with pursuing higher education. Scholarship qualifications for dependent children and Spouses are outlined below.

The MG James Ursano Scholarship Program is for dependent children of Soldiers (active duty, retired and deceased). AER's MG James Ursano Scholarship Program is for full-time students at an undergraduate, technical or vocational institution accredited by the Department of Education and is awarded annually for up to four academic years. Funds may be used for tuition, books, fees, supplies and school room and board.

To be eligible for this scholarship, each applicant must:

- be the dependent child of either a Soldier on federal active duty, a retired Soldier, or a Soldier who died on active duty or in a retired status,
- have a high school diploma or a G.E.D.,
- maintain a grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale,
- be under the age of 23 (eligibility ends at the end of the term in which the student turns 23),
- remain unmarried for the entire academic year, and
- be registered in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS).

The Spouse Education Assistance Program provides scholarships for Spouses of Soldiers (active duty, retired and deceased). Funds are available for spouses pursuing their first undergraduate degree at an accredited college or university. Recipients may be enrolled part-time or full-time and are eligible to receive the scholarship for up to 4 years of full-time or up to 8 years of part-time enrollment. Funds may be used for tuition, fees, books, and supplies.

To be eligible for this scholarship, each applicant must:

- be the spouse of either a Soldier on federal active duty, a retired Soldier, or the widow(er) of a Soldier who died on active duty or in a retired status,
- be pursuing their first undergraduate degree at a school accredited by the U.S. Department of Education,
- maintain a grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale, and
- be registered as the Spouse in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS).

Applications for the 2013-2014 academic year scholarships will be available online from Jan. 1 to May 1, 2013 at www.aerhq.org along with complete instructions and a list of required documents. Please note – this date is later than usual to allow for a more cohesive application process. The website has been updated to allow for online submission of all required documents and the ability for the applicant to login to their account and view their application status.

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