

Tillman Military Scholarship Application – Servicemembers

In line with our ongoing commitment to inspire leadership, the Pat Tillman Foundation is dedicated to supporting educational opportunities for servicemembers and their families. Veteran and active servicemembers and their dependents (children and spouses) portray the very nature of leadership that the Foundation seeks to inspire in young people across the country. With this fund, we are ensuring these leaders have every opportunity to pursue broader educational goals. The Tillman Military Scholarships are intended to cover direct study-related expenses such as tuition, fees, books, and room and board as well as other needs such as child care. The Pat Tillman Foundation will be providing a substantial amount of support towards this effort in 2009, with scholarships being allocated to individual applicants through both the Foundation and select schools with existing support programs and enrollment.

Who is **eligible** to apply for a *Leadership Through Action*™ Tillman Military Scholarship?

- Veteran and active servicemembers of both pre- and post-9/11 service
- Servicemembers who wish to start, finish, or further their education
 - Those whose benefits have run out or exceeded need
- Servicemembers of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Reserve
- Servicemembers pursuing undergraduate, graduate, post-graduate, 2-year, 4-year, public, private, vocational, and trade degrees or certifications

What **criteria** will be considered for awarding the *Leadership Through Action*™ Tillman Military Scholarships?

- Unmet financial need
- Educational and career ambitions
- Length of service
- Record of personal achievement
- Compelling, thoughtful, genuine, and thorough essay question responses
- Demonstration of service to others in the community and a desire to continue such service

Annual renewability will be considered for most scholarships based on proof of GPA earned and minimum annual enrollment of 24 credit hours, as well as, documented participation in civic action or community service.

Applications will be available March 30, 2009 at www.pattillmanfoundation.org.

Application and all supporting materials must be postmarked by May 14, 2009.

Personal:

Title: _____ First name: _____ Last name: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Branch of U.S. Armed Forces: _____

State (if National Guard): _____

Date of enlistment: _____ Date of discharge (if applicable): _____

Rank (currently or at discharge): _____

Honors received during active duty: _____

Education:

High school: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Date of graduation: _____

GED earned: Month _____ Year _____

Previous college(s)/post-secondary school(s) attended:

Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Dates of attendance: _____ - _____

Credit hours completed: _____ Degree(s) earned: _____

Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Dates of attendance: _____ - _____

Credit hours completed: _____ Degree(s) earned: _____

Fall 2009 Enrollment:

Full name of post-secondary school: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Is this a: Public institution or Private institution

4-year college/university 2-year community/junior college Vocational/tech school Other

Intended major(s) or course(s) of study: _____

Degree sought: Bachelor's Associate's Certificate Master's Post-graduate/Doctorate

Year in school during fall 2009: 1 2 3 4 5 6 Hours enrolled in for fall 2009: _____

References:

Please list two character references not related to you:

1. _____ Title _____ Phone _____
Email _____

2. _____ Title _____ Phone _____
Email _____

Essay Questions:

Please use 8½" x 11" white paper, double-spaced, min. 10 point font, maximum 1 page, 1 side per question.

1. Explain your *specific* financial need (including a time period for this need), any gap in educational benefits you may already be receiving, and your reason for applying for a Tillman Military Scholarship.
2. Explain your motivation and decision to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces. How has this decision and experience changed your life and your ambitions? What is the most important lesson you learned during your training and/or service?
3. Discuss your educational and career goals. How will you incorporate your military service experience into these goals? How do you intend to continue your service to others and the community?

Budget Worksheet:

Please complete accompanying budget worksheet, providing as much detail as possible.

Certification:

I certify that all information contained in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the contents of this application are subject to verification and if found untrue will result in disqualification from consideration.

Applicant Signature

Date

Required Application Documents:

- Completed, signed application
- Typed essay questions (3 separate pages)
- Budget worksheet
- Documentation of family member's Military Service and Deployment (copy of military orders, including service dates; Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD214))
- Financial aid award letter from institution for 2009-2010
- 2009-2010 Student Aid Report (SAR), summary from the FAFSA website
- V.A. Education Award Letter or V.A. Certificate of Eligibility (family member's or yours)
- Résumé, including education, work, public service history, recognitions and awards earned

Application Submission Instructions:

- Complete and sign the application
- Prepare the three essay questions on separate sheets of paper per instructions
- Mail application, essay questions, and *all required supporting documents* to:

Pat Tillman Foundation
Tillman Military Scholarships
2121 S. Mill Ave., Ste. 214
Tempe, AZ 85282

***Applications must be postmarked by May 14, 2009; others will be ineligible for consideration.**

Award Notifications:

- All applicants will receive email confirmation that his/her application was received by the Pat Tillman Foundation.
- Semi-finalists will be contacted via email or phone to arrange for a brief phone interview.
- Those applicants who are chosen by the Selection Committee to receive a scholarship will receive notification via phone no later than June 16, 2009. Phone notification will be accompanied by an official scholarship award and acceptance letter from the Pat Tillman Foundation. Award acceptance letters must be signed by the scholarship recipient and returned via fax to 480-621-4075 or scanned email attachment to scholarships@pattillmanfoundation.org no later than June 24, 2009.
- All other applicants will receive notification of selection results via email no later than June 30, 2009.

Please direct any questions to scholarships@pattillmanfoundation.org.

Tillman Military Scholar Budget Disclosure

The expenses and income reported below are based on the following information regarding my household:

Number of family members in your household including self and dependents: _____

List all dependents and their ages:

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EXPENSES

					Explain, Describe
Academic Expenses:					
Tuition					
Academic/lab/other fees					
Books					
Supplies					
Total Academic Expenses:	\$		-		
Room & Board Expenses:					
Rent (residence hall, apartment, house)					
Food / meals					
Utilities					
Telephone / Internet					
Renters Insurance					
Other					
Total Room & Board Expenses:	\$		-		
Transportation Expenses:					
Car payment					
Insurance					
Gas					
Other auto expense	\$		-		
Total Transportation Expenses:					
Personal Expenses:					
Health insurance					
Clothing					
Childcare					
Personal care items					
Other					
Other					
Total Personal Expenses:	\$		-		
Total of all Expenses:	\$		-		

SOURCES of INCOME

Employer earnings (include all working adults)					
Student loans					
Grant(s)					
GI Bill benefits					
State benefits					
Scholarship(s)					
Savings					
Parental/family support					
Social Security benefits					
Disability benefits					
Other benefits / sources of income					
Total Sources of Income:	\$		-		
Unmet Financial Need:	\$		-		
Number of academic years aid is needed:					

Please use the back of this form to describe any unusual expenses or circumstances that further explain your unmet need.