

Tillman Military Scholars

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 military support programs and enrollment.

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

- 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
- Dependents of servicemembers (children and spouses)
 - Those whose benefits are not transferable from their mother/father/husband/wife
 - Those who are survivors of a servicemember

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 of the scholarships will be based on proof of minimum GPA earned of 3.0 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. Applications will be separated into two pools: servicemembers and dependents.

Planned **timeline**: Applications posted March 30, 2009; Application postmark deadline May 14; Semi-finalist phone interviews June 6-10; Finalist notifications June 15-16; Funding sent to schools July 2-6.

An **annual conference** is planned for all Tillman Military Scholars to gather in Arizona to welcome them to the Tillman community and to participate in development, networking, and community building events focused on strengthening the scholarship recipients' leadership skills. The conference will culminate in a community service project. The conference is tentatively scheduled for the first weekend in August 2009; travel and accommodations will be provided by the Foundation.

For more information, please contact scholarships@pattillmanfoundation.org.