



GUIDE TO THE SOFD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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SOCIETY OF THE FIFTH DIVISION (SOFD)

Scholarship applications for each school year beginning Fall Semester must be received by May 15 of the same calendar year.

The following information is provided to help our members and their children and grandchildren understand how our Scholarship Program works and how the program was developed.

THE SOFD SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The number of Society of the Fifth Division Scholarship Awards may vary from year to year based upon the amount of donations received from the SOFD's fund-raising activities and the size of each award as determined by the Board of Directors. The Scholarship Awards will only be paid directly to the recipient's educational institution for valid educational expenses incurred up to the total amount of the award.

THE CRITERIA FOR APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

An applicant must fall into one of the following categories:

1. A child or grandchild of an 5th Division Soldier who was killed in action.
2. A child or grandchild of a deceased lifetime member or past president of SOFD.
3. A child or grandchild of a current member of the SOFD in good standing.
4. "Child" is defined as a natural born, adopted or step-child.
5. "Grandchild" is defined as a natural born, adopted or step-grandchild, great-grandchild, or great-great-grandchild.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA AND INFORMATION

There is no age limit for applicants. Scholarships are for undergraduate studies only. Enrollment in Trade School and vocational school programs are also acceptable if they are post-high school. A maximum of one scholarship award will be approved for any applicant.



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HOW TO APPLY

The applicant must [1] Fill out the Scholarship Application Form completely; [2] Attach grade transcripts from the most recent two years of high school or college (A 3.5 minimum unweighted GPA is required for applicants pursuing a bachelor's degree. A 3.0 unweighted GPA is required for trade and vocational school applicants). The Scholarship Chairman must receive both above items from the applicant no later than the deadline of May 15th or any announced extension of that date.

The Scholarship Application is available on the website at....

www.societyofthefifthdivision.com.

An application may also be requested by mail or email from the Scholarship Chairman at scholarship@societyofthefifthdivision.com or **Scholarship Chairman, 1355 F Street, Baker City, OR 97814**

JUDGING

Scholarship Applicants are judged on the following:

Unweighted Grade Point Average (GPA) from the most recent two years in an educational institution. The Scholarship Chairman shall determine the GPA for each applicant.

DETERMINATION AND NOTIFICATION OF SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Scholarship Chairman will divide the applications into two categories: (1) those applicants who will be attending colleges and universities and (2) those applicants who will be attending trade or vocational schools. The SOFD Board of Directors will determine the number of Scholarship awards to be granted in any given year based on the available donated funds and the dollar amount determined for each scholarship award. The Scholarship Chairman will then determine the percentage of applicants in each category to receive awards and then apply that number to the list of applicants in descending score order in each category to determine who will receive scholarships.

For example: 50 total applications are received of which 11 are trade school applicants. The BOD determines funds are available for 10 scholarships. Therefore, 20% of applicants in each category will receive scholarships (10 divided by 50 = 20%). The top 8



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scores (20% of 39) of the college bound applicants and the top 2 scores (20% of 11) of the trade school bound applicants will receive scholarships.

Every effort will be made to notify all recipients of an SOFD Scholarship in writing by early August. The recipient's notification email will include instructions to arrange for the scholarship funds to be sent to the educational institution the recipient is attending. Recipients will have up to 36months from the date of the notification email to provide verification of enrollment and to arrange for payment of scholarship funds, as directed in the notification email, to the educational institution.

THE SOFD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

1. The intent and spirit of the SOFD Scholarship Program is to benefit the children and grandchildren of all members if qualified.
2. The consideration of financial need is not to be considered.
3. The SOFD Scholarship program may award scholarships only to undergraduate and trade school students.
4. Each recipient's Scholarship Award will be dedicated to honor the service and the ultimate sacrifice of a specific 5th Division Soldier who was Killed In Action (KIA). That is to say, each granted scholarship will be given in the name of a 5th ID KIA. The 5th Division KIAs to be honored each year will be selected on an impartial random basis.

We thank the thousands of Veterans, their supportive families and loved ones, and all who have contributed so generously over the years to make this program a success. All of us together, contributing what we can, have helped make this program one of which we can all be proud.

Address for Completed Applications with Attachments:

SOFD Scholarship Committee
ATTN: Dan Lyon, Chairman
1355 F Street
Baker City, OR 97814

For QUESTIONS, please send an e-mail to scholarship@societyofthefifthdivision.com.