

# The American Patriot Freedom Scholarship Award For Military Dependent Children



## **2008 Application & Instructions**

Homefront America, Inc. is proud to announce its second *American Patriot Freedom Scholarship Award*. The program is once again made possible by the unwavering love, support, and generosity of The W. Daniel Tate Family and [Sara's Hope](#) Foundation.

### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

Military dependent children – ages 16 to 21 - of Active Duty Service Members, Retirees, Wounded, or those killed in the line of duty while serving our country; and who will be pursuing a postsecondary education at an accredited educational institution in the next twelve (12) months are eligible to apply.

### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

A total of twenty-five individual \$ 1,000.00 scholarships will be awarded. Winners will be posted on the organization's [website](#) on Monday, May 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM PST. Individual notifications will not be made.

Scholarship awards are restricted for use to assist with awardees' tuition, fees, and/or text books. Payments will be made directly to the educational institution on behalf of awardees only upon receipt and verification of awardees actual **ENROLLMENT**. Enrollment must show a minimum of nine (9) semester units or its equivalent from an accredited university, college, trade or technical school. Pre-registration and/or Pre-enrollment will not be accepted as a valid form of verification for payment.

Scholarship awards are not automatically renewable and are non-transferable. Applicants must submit a new application for each year they would like to be considered.

Awardees are not permitted to receive any unused portions of their awards from the educational institution without first obtaining a written approval from Homefront America, Inc. Awardees that violate such guideline may be required to reimburse Homefront America, Inc. for the full amount of the unused portion of their award.

All awards not claimed after a period of twenty-four (24) months will be forfeited; and returned to the *American Patriot Freedom Scholarship Award* to benefit future scholarship programs.

### **ESSAY GUIDELINES**

Applicants who wish to be considered for one of the twenty-five \$ 1,000.00 scholarships must submit a written essay using the following essay guidelines:

- ★ Essay must be submitted on Homefront America provided format for all pages
- ★ Essay may not exceed 500 words
- ★ Margin must be set at 1.00" - top and bottom – for all pages
- ★ Margin must be set at 1.50" - left and right – for all pages
- ★ Use double space between each line
- ★ Use Arial 12 points

**NOTE: Typewritten essay is preferred. However, if you must submit a hand written essay, please print legibly. Essays submitted using cursive writing and/or are illegible will not be considered.**

### **Approved Topics**

- ★ America. It's a wonderful Country
- ★ Turning Challenges into Opportunities
- ★ Why I am proud to be an American
- ★ My Dad/Mom...My Hero

### **All essays will be judged using the following four criteria**

- ★ Relationship to Topic
- ★ Grammar & Spelling
- ★ Length of Essay
- ★ Originality

### **PLEASE MAKE SURE THE FOLLOWING ARE COMPLETED PRIOR TO MAILING**

- ★ **Complete, Sign, and Date the Disclosure Information and Agreement**
- ★ **Complete the "Applicant Information" section of the Scholarship Application**
- ★ **Fill-in your name, last 4 digits of your SSN, and number each page on the bottom center using the format "1 of 1," "1 of 2, " etc.**
- ★ **PAPER CLIP all UNFOLDED paperwork (NO STAPLES) and submit them in the following order:**
  1. **Scholarship application form (page 1 of 2)**
  2. **Signed disclosure information and agreement (page 2 of 2)**
  3. **Copy of your dependent military identification card  
(BLACK OUT FIRST 5 DIGITS OF YOUR SSN)**
  4. **Essay Evaluation Page (page 1 of 1)**
  5. **Essay page(s) in sequential order**

**Mail all paperwork using a standard 9" x 12" envelope to:  
HOMEFRONT AMERICA, INC.  
27375 PASEO LA SERNA  
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, CA 92675**

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

#### **The following will not be considered or accepted**

- ★ **Essays that do not conform with the established guidelines**
- ★ **Applications postmarked after April 23, 2008**
- ★ **Submissions made via Facsimile or E-Mail**
- ★ **Illegible paperwork**
- ★ **Paperwork submitted with illegible copies of Military Dependent I.D.**
- ★ **Incomplete paperwork (applications received with any missing items will not be considered)**
- ★ **Deliveries made via certified mail, UPS, FEDEX, DHL, Etc, requiring a live signature for delivery**

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## 2008 APPLICATION FORM

(Application must be signed by applicant. If applicant is a minor, minor's legal guardian must also sign)

### **Applicant Information:**

Last Name		First		MI	DOB	Applicant's SSN (Last 4 Digits)	
Home Address				City		ST	Zip Code
Work Phone ( )	Home Phone ( )	Cell Phone ( )	E-mail address				
Sponsor's SSN (Last 4 Digits)	Sponsor's branch of service			Sponsor's current status			
How did you hear about us:							
<p>Have you previously applied for The Homefront America American Patriot Freedom Scholarship?                  If yes, what year?                  If yes, what school did you attend?                  If yes, how did the scholarship benefit you?</p>							

**PLEASE SELECT YOUR ESSAY TOPIC FROM THE LIST BOX BELOW**

***Good Luck!***

**DISCLOSURE INFORMATION AND AGREEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby confirm and acknowledge that I am a dependent child of a Uniformed Services Member(s) of the United States Military – Active Duty, National Guard, or Reserve - who meet one or more of the following eligibility requirements for *The America Patriot Freedom Scholarship Award*:

- 1) My parent(s) is/are currently actively serving in the United States military
- 2) My parent(s) is a retiree of the United States military
- 3) My parent(s) is a disabled veteran of the United States military
- 4) My parent(s) was/were killed in the line of duty while serving our country

By submitting my application and essay, I, the undersigned (or legal guardian, if a minor) hereby authorize *Homefront America, Inc.*, and any of its employees, directors, officers, sponsors, agents, designees, representatives, and/or affiliate organizations (collectively, "Scholarship Committee") to verify any and/or all information provided on my application. In addition, the "Scholarship Committee" may disclose any and/or all information regarding my application to third parties necessary in order to facilitate the processing of my application for *The American Patriot Freedom Scholarship Award*.

I acknowledge that should I become an Awardee, Homefront America, Inc., reserves all rights and privileges to display my name and/or photo on their website as well as on any and/or all other types of public medium they deem appropriate and/or necessary. Such medium may include, but, not limited to television, radio, newsprint, or any other written publications and/or advertisement. I understand that should my name and/or photo be used in such materials, I will not be compensated for such use.

By submitting my essay to *Homefront America, Inc.*, I have waived all rights and privileges to ownership of my essay. Whether or not my essay will be accepted as one of the winning essays, I understand it will become the sole and exclusive property of *Homefront America, Inc.*, or any of their designees. Should *Homefront America, Inc.* decide to publish the essay at a later date for profit or otherwise, I will not receive any compensation from such publication(s).

I understand *The American Patriot Freedom Scholarship Award* is available to Uniformed Services' dependent children only. If for any reason, my status as a Uniformed Services' dependent child should change, I must notify *Homefront America, Inc.* immediately.

Furthermore, I understand that 1) if I should be awarded one of the twenty-five \$ 1,000.00 scholarships, I must use it within 24 months from date of award or otherwise forfeit my award. 2) all benefits will be made directly to the educational institution on my behalf only upon verification of my enrollment with a minimum of nine (9) semester units or its equivalent at an accredited four year university/college, junior college, trade or technical school. 3) I must maintain a 2.5 GPA during the semester or forfeit my eligibility to apply for future scholarship benefits with Homefront America, Inc.

Last, but, not least, I agree to hold harmless the "Scholarship Committee" for any mail delivery errors, separation and/or lost of paperwork while in transit or any other causes that may arise outside the scope and control of Homefront America, Inc.

By affixing my/our signature(s) below, I/we attest that all information provided on this application has been made by me voluntarily and acknowledge that I/we have read and fully understand the application instructions and disclosure information/agreement in their entirety; and hereby agree to their terms and conditions as set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Last 4 Digits of SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Guardian (*must also sign if applicant is a Minor*)

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Last 4 Digits of SSN: \_\_\_\_\_