

# Homefront America Patriot Scholarship Program

## **2021 Scholarship Guidelines & Information**

The **Homefront America, Inc., Patriot Scholarship Program** is now accepting applications. The program is sponsored by **Assistance League Laguna Beach** and provides scholarships to assist sponsored military dependent children with their post-secondary education.

### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

Sponsored military dependent children who meet one or more of the following requirement(s) are eligible to apply.

- ★ Graduating sponsored military dependent children planning to pursue an undergraduate degree or professional certification at a fully accredited college, university, technical, or vocation educational institution for the academic school year 2021-2022.
- ★ Sponsored children of active duty service members. *Active Duty* is defined as any service member who is currently serving in the United States Armed Forces full-time.
- ★ Sponsored children of disabled service members. *Disabled* is defined as any service member whose disability is the direct result from injuries sustained during a military operation while serving in the United States Armed Forces.
- ★ Sponsored children of fallen service members. *Fallen* is defined as any service member who was killed in action (KIA) during a military operation while serving in the United States Armed Forces.
- ★ Sponsored children of retired service members. *Retired* is defined as any service member who retired from the United States Armed Forces with an honorable discharge.

### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

A total of \$ 15,000 scholarships will be awarded. Minimum award will be \$ 1,000. Names of awardees will be posted on the organization's [website](#) on Friday, May 28, 2021. **Individual notifications will not be made.**

Scholarship awards are restricted for use to assist awardees with their tuition, fees, on-campus room & board, and/or text books. Payments will be made directly to the educational institution on behalf of awardees **ONLY** upon receipt of the following items via email to [info@homefrontamerica.org](mailto:info@homefrontamerica.org):

1. Enrollment verification after last drop date from awardees' educational institution.
2. An itemized statement showing total expenses less all other scholarships, grants, and/or financial assistance awardee have received or will receive.
3. A "Head Shot" JPEG image in high resolution of awardee in his/her cap and gown emailed to [info@homefrontamerica.org](mailto:info@homefrontamerica.org)
4. A written testimonial (minimum of 75 words) from awardee stating how the scholarship will benefit him/her, and the intended use for the scholarship.
5. A thank you acknowledgement to the program sponsor.

Note: Awardees who subsequently receive a ROTC scholarship or a scholarship to any one of the five United States military service academies must forfeit his/her **Homefront America Patriot Scholarship** award.

### **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:**

1. Above items received under separate covers
2. Pre-registration/Pre-enrollment verifications, letters of acceptance, letters of intent to enroll, or any other forms of verification.
3. "Head Shot" JPEG image in low resolution of awardee in his/her cap and gown
4. Enrollment verifications showing less than twelve (12) semester units or its full-time equivalent from an accredited college, university, technical, or vocational educational institution.
5. Enrollment verifications with dates prior to the first date of class. **ONLY ENROLLMENT VERIFICATIONS DATED AFTER THE LAST CLASS DROP DATE WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Scholarship awards are non-transferable. Applicants must submit a new application and essay for each year they would like to be considered.

Awardees are not permitted to receive any unused portion of his/her award from the educational institution for his/her personal use. Scholarships are restricted for payment of tuitions, fees, on-campus room & board, and/or text books. Payments will be made directly to the educational institution on behalf of awardees.

Any unused portion of the award must be returned to Homefront America. Awardees who violate this guideline will be required to reimburse Homefront America, Inc., for the unused portion of his/her award.

**Awards not claimed by December 31, 2021 will be forfeited.** All unclaimed awards will be used to benefit future ***Homefront America Patriot Scholarship Program*** recipients.

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**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION.**

**Application - Application Page 1 of 5**

- ★ Applicant and applicant's sponsor/legal guardian must complete **ALL** fields on the form
- ★ If field does not apply, enter "N/A" in the field

**Disclosure Information and Agreement – Application Page 2 of 5**

- ★ Applicant and applicant's sponsor/legal guardian must complete **ALL** fields on the form
- ★ Applicant and applicant's sponsor/legal guardian must legibly print their names on the top of the form.
- ★ Applicant must check the box that best describes his/her current eligibility status
- ★ Applicant and applicant's sponsor/legal guardian must sign their names and date the bottom of the form
- ★ Applicant and applicant's sponsor/legal guardian must provide their DOB and the last 4 digits of their SSN on the bottom of the form

**Testimonials – Application Page 3 of 5**

- ★ Applicant must type his/her name and the last four digits of his/her SSN on the form
- ★ Using the fillable form provided, testimonial must be typed using one and one-half spacing, with an indent and double space for each new paragraph
- ★ Testimonials must be typed using ARIAL, 11 pts.
- ★ Testimonials should contain a minimum of 100 words
- ★ Testimonials should include, but not limited to the following:
  - How will the scholarship benefit applicant's short term educational goals
  - How will the scholarship benefit applicant's long term educational goals
  - How will applicant use his/her scholarship (ie. Tuition, Books, Fees, etc)
  - What is the applicant's major, if decided
  - What are applicant's career plans, if decided
- ★ Testimonials must fit on the one page fillable form provided. Additional sheets will not be accepted.
- ★ Applicant must sign and date his/her testimonial.

**Judges Scoring Sheet – Application Page 4 of 5**

- ★ Applicant must type his/her name and the last four digits of his/her SSN on the form
- ★ Essay will be judged using the following four criteria:
  - Is the essay organized and does it flow well?
  - Is the essay original?
  - Is the essay interesting and persuasive?
  - Grammar & Spelling

**Essays – Application Page 5 of 5**

- ★ Applicant must type his/her name and the last four digits of his/her SSN on the form
- ★ Using the fillable form provided, essays must be typed using one and one-half spacing, with an indent and double space for each new paragraph
- ★ Essays must be typed using ARIAL, 11 pts.
- ★ Essays must include a word count and cannot exceed 500 words.
- ★ Essays must fit on the one page fillable form provided. Additional sheets will not be accepted.

**Deadline for Submission of Application**

**Early submission is highly recommended  
Application deadline: Monday, March 15, 2021**

### **Disqualified Applications**

- ★ Essays that do not conform with the established guidelines
- ★ Applications received after the application period is closed
- ★ Illegible paperwork. This includes illegible copies of Military Dependent I.D. Cards
- ★ Applications received with missing information, or any of the required attachments
- ★ Applications received via facsimile, e-mail, certified mail, UPS, FEDEX, DHL, Etc, requiring a live signature for delivery
- ★ Applications submitted with paperwork other than what is required.

### **Mailing Instructions**

- ★ Do not staple or fold any paperwork
- ★ Do not send transcripts, photos, letters of reference, or any other information except what is listed below
- ★ **All paperwork must be submitted on 8-1/2 x 11 paper only (no exceptions)**
- ★ Paper clip all paperwork in the following order:
  1. Scholarship Application Form – *Application Page 1 of 5*
  2. Disclosure Information and Agreement – *Application Page 2 of 5*
  3. Testimonial Page – *Application Page 3 of 5*
  4. Copy of dependent military identification card (Front & Back)
  5. **(BLACK OUT ALL SSN)**
  6. Sponsored dependent children of fallen service members must provide copy of FORM DD1300
  7. Judges Scoring Sheet – *Application Page 4 of 5*
  8. Essay Page – *Application Page 5 of 5*
- ★ Mail all paperwork to: **Homefront America, Inc**  
**31877 Del Obispo, Suite 101**  
**San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675**

**RETAIN A COPY OF ALL INSTRUCTIONAL PAGES FOR YOUR REFERENCE**

**DO NOT MAIL WITH YOUR APPLICATION/ESSAY**

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**HOMEFRONT AMERICA, INC.**  
**Homefront America Patriot Scholarship Program**  
**For Military Dependent Children**

**2021 APPLICATION FORM**

**(Application must be signed by both the applicant and the applicant's parent/legal guardian)**

**Applicant Information: All fields MUST be filled in. Enter N/A if not applicable**

|   |                      |                   |   |      |     |                                    |          |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|---|------|-----|------------------------------------|----------|
| Last Name   |                      | First             |   | MI   | DOB | Applicant's SSN<br>(Last 4 Digits) |          |
| Home Address  |                      |                   |   | City |     | ST                                 | Zip Code |
| Daytime Phone<br>( )  | Evening Phone<br>( ) | Cell Phone<br>( ) | Primary E-mail address <b>(No .mil or yahoo address accepted)</b> |      |     |                                    |          |
| <p>How did you hear about us:</p> <p>Have you previously applied for a Homefront America Patriot Scholarship? <span style="float: right;">If yes, what year(s)?</span></p> <p>If yes, what topic(s) did you chose for your essay?</p> <p>If yes, were you one of the awardees? <span style="float: right;">If yes, what year(s) were you an awardee?</span></p> <p>If you were an awardee, what college, university, vocational, technical, or trade school did you attend?</p> <p>Did you find the scholarship helpful? <span style="float: right;">If yes, in what way did you find it helpful?</span></p> <p>Have you applied for any other scholarships? <span style="float: right;">If yes, have you been awarded any of them?</span></p> <p>If yes, please list all scholarships awarded, and their amounts:</p> <p>What college, university, vocational, technical, or trade school do you plan to attend?</p> <p>Have you decided on a major? <span style="float: right;">If yes, what is your intended major?</span></p> <p>Have you decided on a career path? <span style="float: right;">If yes, what is/are your career goal(s), if any, at this time?</span></p> <p>Are you the surviving child of a service member KIA during a military operation while serving our country?<br/> <b>If yes, please attach copy of FORM DD1300</b></p> <p>Are you the child of a disabled service member?<br/> <b>If yes, please attach copy of disability verification or briefly describe type of disability:</b></p> <p><b>List any extracurricular activities, community/volunteer service, special awards, etc., below:</b></p> |                      |                   |   |      |     |                                    |          |

**Sponsor / Legal Guardian Information:**

|                             |                      |                   |   |      |  |                                  |          |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---|------|--|----------------------------------|----------|
| Last Name                   |                      | First             |   | MI   | DOB  | Sponsor's SSN<br>(Last 4 Digits) |          |
| Home Address                |                      |                   |   | City |  | ST                               | Zip Code |
| Daytime Phone<br>( )        | Evening Phone<br>( ) | Cell Phone<br>( ) | Primary E-mail address <b>(No .mil or yahoo address accepted)</b> |      |  |                                  |          |
| Sponsor's branch of service |                      | Sponsor's status  |   |      | Total annual family income from all Sources: |                                  |          |
| Sponsor's Rank              |                      | Pay Grade         | Yrs of Svc  |      | Total # dependents in family:                |                                  |          |

***Good Luck***

Applicant's Last/First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last 4 Digits)

**TESTIMONIAL PAGE**

**PLEASE REFER TO THE INSTRUCTIONS & GUIDELINES FOR TESTIMONIAL FORMAT & REQUIREMENTS**

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**DISCLOSURE INFORMATION AND AGREEMENT**

We hereby confirm that the applicant is a sponsored military dependent child of an active duty or former United States military service member; and that the applicant meets at least one of the following eligibility requirements for the **Homefront America Patriot Scholarship Program**.

**CHECK ALL APPLICABLE BOXES BELOW (SEE PAGE 1 OF 4: GUIDELINES & INFORMATION")**

- Applicant is a sponsored military dependent child of an active duty service member(s).
- Applicant is a sponsored military dependent child of an honorably discharged service member(s).
- Applicant is a sponsored military dependent child of a disabled military service member(s), **and** the disability was the direct result from injuries sustained during a military operation while serving our country.
- Applicant is a sponsored military dependent child of a fallen service member(s) killed in action (KIA) while serving our country.

By submitting this application, we are authorizing 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 the application. In addition, the "Scholarship Committee" may disclose any and/or all information submitted on the application to a third party as deemed necessary, for purpose of facilitating the application process. This may be done with or without first obtaining our permission.

It is understood that should applicant become an awardee, Homefront America, Inc., and/or its sponsor(s) will reserve all rights and privileges to display the applicant's name, his/her testimonial, and/or photo or image likeness of the applicant on their websites. This shall include any and/or all types of public media Homefront America, Inc., deems appropriate and/or necessary. Such media may include, but, not limited to television, radio, newsprint, social media or any other written publications and/or advertisements. In the event this should occur, we understand that we will not be compensated for the media publicity.

It is our understanding that all essays, testimonials, photos, etc., submitted to Homefront America, Inc., will not be returned to us, but shall remain the sole and exclusive property of Homefront America, Inc., As such, Homefront America, Inc., shall reserve the right to reproduce or distribute any of the aforementioned items in whatever manner, and to whomever it deems appropriate, without first obtaining our permission. In the event Homefront America, Inc. and/or its sponsor(s) decide to publish applicant's essay for profit or otherwise, we will not be compensated for such publication.

We understand that the **Homefront America Patriot Scholarship Program** is available only to sponsored military dependent children. If for any reason, applicant's status as a sponsored military dependent child should change, we must notify Homefront America, Inc. immediately.

In the event applicant is an awardee, we understand that: 1) the scholarship must be used by December 31, 2021 from date of award or otherwise be forfeited. 2) Payment will be made directly to the educational institution only upon verification of applicant's enrollment with a minimum of twelve (12) semester units or its equivalent at an accredited four year university/college, junior college, trade or technical school. 3) Applicant must maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher during the semester or risk forfeiting his/her eligibility to apply for future scholarship benefits with *Homefront America, Inc.*

We agree to hold harmless Homefront America, Inc., and its "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 our signatures below, we attest that all information provided on the application has been made voluntarily and that we have read and fully understand the application instructions and disclosure information/agreement in their entirety; and hereby agree to all terms and conditions as set forth.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature

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

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# JUDGES SCORING SHEET - FOR HOMEFRONT AMERICA USE ONLY

Applicant's Last/First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last 4 Digits)

**TOPIC: How has being in the military affected you?**

| <b>CRITERIA</b>                 | <b>SCORE (Circle one for each criteria)</b> |                            |                            |                            |                            |                            |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Essay is organized/flows well   | <input type="checkbox"/> 5                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0 |
| Essay is original               | <input type="checkbox"/> 5                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0 |
| Essay is interesting/persuasive | <input type="checkbox"/> 5                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0 |
| Grammar & Spelling              | <input type="checkbox"/> 5                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0 |

**Legend:**

- |               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| 5 - Excellent | 2 - Average       |
| 4 - Very Good | 1 - Below Average |
| 3 - Good      | 0 - Not Rated     |

**TOTAL SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ESSAY JUDGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Judge's Comment Area (Optional)**



Applicant's Last/First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last 4 Digits)

**ESSAY PAGE**

**PLEASE REFER TO THE INSTRUCTIONS & GUIDELINES FOR ESSAY FORMAT & REQUIREMENTS**

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- ★ Did you complete **ALL** fields on the following pages?
  1. Application – Page 1 of 5
  2. Testimonial Page – Page 2 of 5
  3. Disclosure Information and Agreement – Page 3 of 5
  4. Judges Scoring Sheet – Page 4 of 5
  5. Essay Page – Page 5 of 5
- ★ Did you put “N/A” in the fields that do not apply to you?
- ★ Did both you and your parent sign your names and fill in the required fields on the bottom of the Disclosure Information and Agreement form?
- ★ Did you include a copy of your military dependent I.D. Card (front & back) with the application? **Only LEGIBLE and UNEXPIRED I.D. cards will be accepted. Explain any discrepancies (i.e. rank, paygrade, sponsor’s status, etc) shown on I.D. card and the application page. Note information on the I.D. card page.**
- ★ **NOTE: If military I.D. shows SPONSOR SERVICE/STATUS AS “RES”, please include service member’s activation or deployment order.**
- ★ Did you remember to black out all SSN on your military dependent I.D. Card?
- ★ Did you include verification of service member’s disability if you are a dependent child of a disabled Veteran?
- ★ Did you include a copy of the service member’s FORM DD1300 if you are a dependent child of a fallen?
- ★ Did you check to make sure all documents are legible?
- ★ Did you retain copy of all pages for your records?

**IF YOU ANSWERED NO TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, PLEASE MAKE THE CORRECTION(S) BEFORE SENDING IN YOUR APPLICATION. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED**

**Mail Original Completed and Signed Application (including required attachments) to:**

**HOMEFRONT AMERICA, INC.  
31877 Del Obispo, Suite 101  
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675**

**Applications by fax, e-mail, or special deliveries that require a live signature will automatically be disqualified**

## **REMINDER**

**WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON OUR WEBSITE ON Friday, May 28, 2021**