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2016 ARMED FORCES CHILDREN’S EDUCATION FUND/ FUND A SCHOLAR PROGRAM

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Educational Award Application

Directions for completing this application: Please type or write legibly. Do not attach any documents or additional pages to this application, except as expressly permitted or required, all other documentation or added pages will be discarded. This form must be used for applicants for need-based grants, applicants for merit-based scholarships, or applicants for both grants and scholarships.

PLEASE NOTE THE APPLICATION DUE DATES ON THE WEBSITE

I. ELIGIBILITY:

The complete eligibility and other requirements for educational award assistance from the Armed Forces Children’s Education Fund of A Million Thanks, Inc. (“AFCEF”) is found within its Educational Award Policies and Procedures, a copy of which may be found at [www.amillionthanks.org]. Any summary information provided herein is for informational purposes only, and does not alter the requirements found in those policies and procedures, as they may be amended from time to time in writing by AFCEF.

Generally, an applicant’s parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must have died in the course of their active duties for the U.S. Armed Forces in connection with the Global War on Terrorism on or after October 7, 2001 to be eligible for any educational assistance from AFCEF.

The applicant must be either a high school senior or a high school graduate/GED, or a current student at a post-secondary educational institution who intends to be enrolled in a tax-exempt post-secondary educational institution in the coming academic year. Please note that those planning to enroll in an online degree program or at a for-profit institution are not eligible for an AFCEF award.

Those affiliated with AFCEF or a selection committee of AFCEF, as well as their family members, are also ineligible.

II. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION:

Student’s Full Legal Name

First Middle Last

Date of Birth _____ SSN# _____

Current Address

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: () _____ email _____

Permanent Address

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: () _____ email _____

U.S. Citizen? Yes _____ No _____ (If not, attach a photocopy of passport information and alien registration card.)

Father's name, if living, and occupation: _____

Mother's name, if living, and occupation: _____

III. MILITARY SERVICE INFORMATION:

I am the proud son/daughter of (veteran's name)

First

Middle

Last

Who died while on active duty on or after October 7, 2001(give date): _____

While serving with (branch of Service)

Applicants must submit a certified copy of the U.S. service record of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) who meet the qualifications described above.

IV. ACADEMIC RECORD:

All applicants must submit a current copy of their academic transcript from the high school or post-secondary educational institution in which they are enrolled. If the applicant is not currently enrolled in a high school or post-secondary educational institution, then the applicant must submit a complete transcript from the high school or post-secondary education institution in which they were most recently enrolled. The transcript must show the applicant's cumulative grade point average (or other academic marking system), class rank (if available), and must bear the official stamp or seal of the issuing high school or post-secondary educational institution. If you are enrolled at a post-secondary institution but have yet to complete a full academic year, then please submit as much information as possible from your current school, but also provide all information below from your high school.

In addition, the following must be completed and verified:

Institution Enrollment Verification:

Institution Name: _____

Address: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) _____

GPA scale is (i.e. 4 point, 6 point, 12 point etc) _____

Class Graduating Rank or Honors (if applicable): _____

Graduation Date: _____
Number of students in applicant's graduating class: _____

Name (print) of School Representative verifying the information provided above:

School Representative Title _____
School Office Phone Number _____ extension _____

Affix school stamp or seal here:

SAT Scores: Math: _____ Verbal: _____ Total: _____ and/or
ACT Score: _____

If you did not graduate from high school, but obtained a GED degree, please submit a certified copy of your test scores as well as an explanation of why you did not graduate from high school.

V. POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION INFORMATION

For the coming academic year, I intend to enroll at the following post-secondary institution, to which I have been accepted:

Institution Name: _____
Address: _____

Address to which payments must be made:

Why have you chosen this particular college or university?

What major do you plan on pursuing when you enter college and why?

Please submit your acceptance letter unless you are already enrolled at this institution. If you have completed any courses at any post-secondary institution, please also submit your transcript from the institution, as stated above.

VI. OTHER REQUIRED INFORMATION

Please submit three (3) written recommendations to AFCEF from individuals who are not members of your family. At least one recommendation must be from one of your teachers or professors.

Please submit an essay discussing your vocational or professional goals, as well as any biographical information or personal experiences that you may wish to share with A MILLION THANKS. The essay should be no more than one thousand (1,000) words, but not less than two hundred and fifty (250) words, as measured by the applicable Word processor, and the word count must be clearly displayed.

Do you have a part time job? If yes, describe:

Briefly, describe your school and community activities:

Describe activities that would provide examples of your leadership skills/ability:

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR GRANT APPLICANTS

(If you are only applying for a merit-based scholarship, then you may skip this Section VII.)

Estimated Cost of Education for One Year:

Tuition: \$ _____

Room & Board \$ _____

Textbooks: \$ _____

Fees: \$ _____

Supplies \$ _____

Equipment: \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

****PLEASE BE PREPARED TO SUBMIT OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION FROM YOUR INSTITUTION THAT SUPPORTS THE FIGURES STATED ABOVE.**

Please submit copies of all financial information and forms submitted to the post-secondary educational institution in which you are enrolled or intend to enroll, including (but not limited to) a copy of the Applicant's completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid, available at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> (the "FAFSA"). Grant applicants must submit a completed FAFSA to AFCEF even if they have not or do not intend to submit the FAFSA to the educational institution in which they are enrolled or intend to enroll.

VIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

(If you are only applying for a need-based grant, then you may skip this Section VIII.)

Please submit written evidence of all standardized test scores received, including but not limited to the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the American College Testing examination, Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate examinations, or tests used by graduate schools (e.g., the LSAT, MCAT, GMAT, etc.).

Please also provide a description of any extra-curricular activities in the past three (3) years which you would like considered by the reviewer(s).

CERTIFICATION:

In consideration of being considered for educational assistance, and in further consideration of an award I may receive, if any, I understand, agree and hereby unconditionally and irrevocably grant permission to A Million Thanks, Inc. d/b/a Armed Forces Children's Education Fund ("AFCEF") to use my likeness, name, home town, and educational institution in connection with the promotion of the AFCEF program, provided such statements are made in good faith and accurate. I understand and agree that AFCEF is solely responsible for the selection of the award winners and that its decision is final. I have completed the award application and have attached the requested documents. I grant permission to the educational institution(s) I current attend and have attended to release information concerning my enrollment status, academic standing and financial need to AFCEF for use in administering my award. In submitting this application, I certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further understand and agree that falsification of information will result in my being ineligible for any award, for termination of any such award, and for my being responsible for repayment of any amounts awarded by AFCEF to me.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

In consideration of my child's being considered for educational assistance, and in further consideration of an award my child may receive, if any, I understand, agree and hereby unconditionally and irrevocably grant permission to A Million Thanks, Inc. d/b/a Armed Forces Children's Education Fund ("AFCEF") to use my child's likeness, name, home town, and educational institution in connection with the promotion of the AFCEF program, provided such statements are made in good faith and accurate. I understand and agree that AFCEF is solely responsible for the selection of the award winners and that its decision is final. I and my child have completed the award application and have attached the requested documents. I grant permission to the educational institution(s) my child current attends and has attended to release information concerning my child's enrollment status, academic standing and financial need to AFCEF for use in administering my child's award. In submitting this application, I certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further understand and agree that falsification of information will result in my child's being ineligible for any award, for termination of any such award, and for my being responsible for repayment of any amounts awarded by AFCEF to my child.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature (if applicant is under 18): _____ Date: _____

Attach to this application a PHOTOCOPY of the deceased veteran's Certificate of Death (OW - 1300), along with all other requested information that is applicable to you.

Mail/Fax/E-mail completed application postmarked between January 1,2015 - March 31,2015 or July 1,2015 – October 15, 2015 to:

A MILLION THANKS, Attn: FUND A SCHOLAR, 23 Rancho Circle, Lake Forest, CA 92630
- OR -
E-Mail: Info@AMillionThanks.org with "FUND-A-SCHOLAR APPLICATION" in the subject line

Additional rules and conditions applicable to A Million Thanks's Fund-A-Scholar program shall be:

1. AFCEF Awards are for undergraduate study at an accredited, nonprofit institution of higher education within the United States, except when the recipient is from a possession of the United States, in which case he/she can select an otherwise eligible educational institution in that possession or in the United States.
2. The recipient must be accepted or enrolled as a full-time student in order for the funds to be awarded to the institution.
3. The number and amount of the awards will be determined at the sole discretion of AFCEF.
4. Award funds may only be used to defray necessary costs of the student's education (i.e. tuition, books & supplies, fees and equipment required by the student's particular course of study or school).
5. The award recipient may reapply for the scholarship annually. The amount of the fund request cannot exceed the cost of education expenses.
6. Students may make only one (1) request for funds per semester or quarter.
7. Award checks will be issued upon receipt of a "Request for Funds" form. It is the normal and customary procedure that the scholarship check will be a two-party check made payable to the student and school.

Thank you

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