



The Special Forces Scholarship Fund **2012 Application**

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APPLICANT

The Special Forces Scholarship Fund (SFSF) is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization the purpose of which is to award merit based post secondary educational scholarships to the daughters and sons of current and veteran Special Forces Soldiers. Scholarships are awarded annually and are limited to undergraduate and graduate studies that result in a degree or vocational certification from an accredited graduate school, university, college, or vocational/Technical Institution. Recipients of SFSF awards will be eligible to receive no more than four (4) annual scholarships for undergraduate studies and two (2) scholarships for graduate studies.

Please read all instructions carefully before completing the application. The deadline for submitting an application with all required information and documentation is **March 15th, 2012**. Applicants are required to provide all of the requested information. Applicants who are not able to provide requested information must explain why. **Any incomplete applications or packets postmarked after March 15th, 2012 will be ineligible for consideration. Applications will only be accepted via regular mail; use of certified mail is discouraged.**

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Daughter or son of a current or veteran United States Army Special Forces Soldier.
- Age criteria:
 - Undergraduate student must not have reached 26 years of age by 15 October 2012.
 - Graduate student must not have reached 28 years of age by 15 October 2012.
- Full time student pursuing degree/certification completion at an accredited post secondary institution.
- A high school senior, high school graduate, or registered as a full time undergraduate student at an accredited college or post secondary vocational/technical institute.
- For graduate school scholarships, currently enrolled as a college senior or obtained a bachelors degree from an accredited college/university, applied and/or accepted in an accredited graduate school program.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION: Both the applicant and their sponsor are required to read and complete the Statement of Certification at the bottom of the first page of the application. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. If the sponsor is deployed, include a statement of that fact in the application packet. **You must include official documentation verifying the sponsor's possession of an 18-series military occupational specialty (MOS) or service in 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, or 10th Special Forces Group for a cumulative period of not less than five years. Acceptable forms of documentation are the DD Form 214, ERB, or ORB.** The children of non-18-series Soldiers who have served honorably in an active duty group for at least five years are eligible to compete. The children of Soldiers in National Guard SF Groups without five years of service in an active duty group are not currently eligible to compete.



SAT/ACT/GRE/GMAT SCORES: High school seniors will submit a copy of their SAT/ACT score sheet or transcript reflecting the score. Graduate students must provide a copy of their GRE/GMAT test results. If multiple tests were taken, include your highest scores, but do not mix individual scores between tests, even if scores are shown on your transcript.

CLASS RANKING: If class ranking is not shown on the transcript, applicants must provide a letter from a school official indicating their class ranking/standing. Many schools do not have class ranking systems. **If you are unable to submit your class ranking, use block 10 on your application to explain the reason why.**

GRADE POINT AVERAGE/TRANSCRIPTS: Applicants must submit their most recently completed transcript that clearly states their cumulative GPA and reflects all courses completed and grades earned. **If you are unable to provide your most recent transcript, use block 10 on your application to explain the reason why. If not explained on the transcript, applicants must use block 10 to define the GPA point scaled and explain if course scores are weighted or raw.**

APPLICATION EVALUATION: SFSF scholarships are awarded based solely on merit. There are nine (9) categories the Board of Directors will evaluate. Each category is worth six (6) points and given equal weight by the board. **You will receive zero (0) points for any category left blank and not properly explained.** Non-traditional students include students with children, students with part time jobs, students with special needs, or students starting college several years after high school graduation. If you are a non-traditional student and not involved in school activities or clubs, please provide other information you feel would assist us in the evaluation. The Board of Directors will consider all other information submitted with the application. The last section in each application (block 10) is where you have a chance to tell the SFSF board anything that you think it needs to know about you in order to better evaluate your application. Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, or physical ability. **When possible, use bullet comments to answer the questions.**

COMPLETED APPLICATION: Completed scholarship applications including all supporting documentation must be submitted to the SFSF via regular U.S. Postal Service (USPS) mail. If a school will not provide official SAT/ACT/GRE scores, official transcripts, and/or class ranking directly to the student, that information can be mailed separately by the school to the SFSF. Information from previous applications will not be considered. Additional information relevant to the application that might be of assistance in our evaluation may be submitted. This is especially important for non-traditional students who are unable to be evaluated in a specific category. **It is imperative you answer all questions.** **If you are unable to answer a question, please provide an explanation in block 10 of your application. Completed applications must be submitted via the United States Postal Service mail only.** **Applications sent using FEDEX, UPS or other parcel services will not be accepted. Please do not send photos or resumes.** No portion of the application will be returned to you.



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION / FINAL CHECKLIST

Mail completed application packet to the SFSF postmarked no later than March 15, 2012:

- DD Form 214, ERB, or ORB verifying the sponsor's possession of an 18-series MOS or service in 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, or 10th Special Forces Group for a cumulative period of not less than five years
- Complete Application (*pages 4-9 of this document*)
- SAT/ACT/GRE/GMAT Scores
- School Transcripts
- Class Rank & GPA Documentation (*if not reflected on transcripts*)

Mail all required documents postmarked no later than March 15, 2012 to the one SFSF location with which your sponsor is most closely affiliated:

The Special Forces Scholarship Fund [1st SFG(A)] P.O. Box 33990 Ft. Lewis, WA 98433
The Special Forces Scholarship Fund [3rd SFG(A)] P.O. Box 74200 Ft. Bragg, NC 28307
The Special Forces Scholarship Fund [5th SFG(A)] P.O. Box 199 Fort Campbell, KY 42223
The Special Forces Scholarship Fund [7th SFG(A)] P.O. Box 2395 Crestview, FL 32536
The Special Forces Scholarship Fund [10th SFG(A)] 2316 N. Wahsatch Ave. P.O. Box 205 Colorado Springs, CO 80907

*Note: Applicants must use the United States Postal Service mail; please do not mail documents via certified or registered mail.

Application related questions may be addressed directly to any Special Forces Scholarship Board Member or e-mailed to us at:

[**application@sfscholarshipfund.org**](mailto:application@sfscholarshipfund.org)



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APPLICANT INFORMATION SECTION

Applicant's Name (First, Middle Initial, Last) _____		
Applicant's Social Security Number (SSN) (last four numbers only) _____		
Gender (M/F) _____	Date of Birth (YY/MM/DD) _____	Place of Birth _____
Applicant's relationship to the Sponsor: _____		
Sponsor status: (Please check one) Current Special Forces Soldier _____ Veteran Special Forces Soldier _____		
Special Forces Group Assignments _____		
Date(s) Sponsor Served in U.S. Army Special Forces: From (YY/MM) _____ To (YY/MM) _____		

Applicant's Contact Information (PLEASE DO NOT USE TEMPORARY/SCHOOL YEAR ADDRESS!)		
Applicants Name _____		
Number and Street Address _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip Code _____
Home Telephone Number _____	Cell Number _____	Work Number _____
Email Address _____		
Are you enrolled in a College ROTC Program? (Please check one) YES _____ NO _____		
If not, do you intend to enroll in College ROTC Program? (Please check one) YES _____ NO _____		
Have you ever been convicted of any charges other than minor traffic violations? (If yes, please explain below)		
YES _____ NO _____		

Sponsor's Name _____		
Number and Street Address _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip Code _____
Home Telephone Number _____	Cell Number _____	Work Number _____
Email Address _____		
Was your Sponsor awarded the Purple Heart? YES _____ NO _____		
Was your Sponsor Killed in Action? YES _____ NO _____		
Does your Sponsor have a Veterans Administration Service Connected Disability? YES _____ NO _____		



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STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

I certify the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand failure to provide full documentation or falsification of credentials will result in disqualification of this application. I agree to provide, if requested, official documentation to verify information reported on this application. In the event I receive a 2012 SFSF scholarship award and elect not to attend school during that school year, the award will be returned to SFSF. I also understand the decision of the SFSF Board of Directors is final.

Applicant's Name _____ Date _____

Applicant's Signature _____

Sponsor's Name _____ Date _____

Sponsor's Signature _____

If the Sponsor is unavailable to certify the application with a signature, please explain why below:



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EVALUATION SECTION

List the High School you currently attend and/or previously attended:

Institution: _____	City _____	State _____	YY/MM _____
Institution: _____	City _____	State _____	YY/MM _____
Institution: _____	City _____	State _____	YY/MM _____
Institution: _____	City _____	State _____	YY/MM _____

List current or future post secondary schools to which you have applied, been accepted or are attending:

Institution _____	Attending ___	Applied ___	Accepted ___
Institution _____	Attending ___	Applied ___	Accepted ___
Institution _____	Attending ___	Applied ___	Accepted ___
Institution _____	Attending ___	Applied ___	Accepted ___

Grade you will be entering in the fall of 2012 (*check one*) Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior ___
 Area of Study _____ Degree Type: BS _____ BA _____ Other _____

1. SAT/ACT/GRE Scores: SAT _____ ACT _____ GRE _____ Other _____

2. Class Ranking: High School Ranking ___ of ___ total students
Undergraduate Ranking ___ of ___ total students

3. Grade Point Average (GPA):
 High School Cumulative Un-Weighted GPA: _____ Weighted GPA _____
 Undergraduate Cumulative GPA _____
 Graduate School Cumulative GPA _____

4. List any clubs/organizations in which you were a member of within the last 12 months (*Include High School / College, Social, Service, Fraternal, Professional Organizations, Religious Organizations, etc.; List the organization, the duties that you performed, and the time period that you were a member*).



5. List any volunteer/community service in which you participated in during the last 12 months (List the activity/event, the duties that you performed, and the period of performance).

6. List leadership positions held within the last 12 months to include any awards and/or honors. (i.e., Student Government, Team Captain, Club Officer, Scouting, ROTC, Shift Leader, Coaching, teaching, mentoring, etc.).

7. List athletic participation in organized sports, physical activities, or other similar activities during the last 12 months, include awards earned and honors won. (i.e., Collegiate Basketball Team, Cheerleading, Drill Team, Marching Band, Recreational Sports, Intramural Sports, Church League, Coaching, etc.)

8. List any employment during the last 24 months:

YY/MM _____	to _____	Employer _____	Position _____	Hrs/Wk _____
YY/MM _____	to _____	Employer _____	Position _____	Hrs/Wk _____
YY/MM _____	to _____	Employer _____	Position _____	Hrs/Wk _____
YY/MM _____	to _____	Employer _____	Position _____	Hrs/Wk _____

