

## Award Details

For the 2015-2016 academic year, AER awarded over nine million dollars in scholarships to more than 4,000 recipients. The average award was \$1,800 for Spouses and \$2,500 for Children. Award amounts vary each year based on the total number of complete applications and approved budget amount.

## Notes

### *from Award Recipients*

I am forever grateful for your help in furthering my education and in helping to set me up for a bright future.

- Kayla

I would like to wholeheartedly thank you for selecting me as a scholarship recipient. I promise to honor the money by continuing to work hard toward my secondary education degree as well as support my husband as a military spouse.

- Stephanie

I wanted to thank you for the generous gift toward my education. Your scholarship will contribute to the ever-growing list of college expenses, easing the burden for me for years to come.

- Tyler

Your generosity has given me the chance to come closer to my goals. I hope that one day, I too, will be able to help others achieve their goals and dreams just as you helped me.

- Jaime

I am so honored to be a recipient. You are making my dreams, along with a lot of other students' dreams become realities! Thank you and your team for all you do!

- Jessica

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for your generosity in helping me find myself during a most difficult time in my life. Words cannot express my thankfulness...

- Timothy

## Contact Information

### AER Scholarship Department

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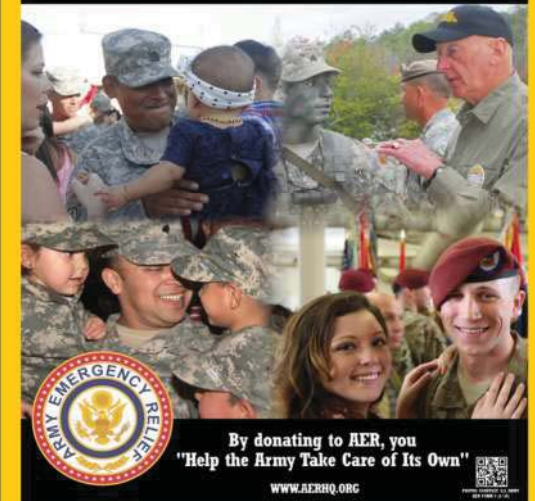
For applications and more information about AER's Scholarships, please visit our website:

[WWW.AERHQ.ORG](http://WWW.AERHQ.ORG)



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## SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE 2016-2017



# Army Emergency Relief

**Army Emergency Relief (AER)** was incorporated in 1942 by the Secretary of War and the Army Chief of Staff. AER is the Army's own emergency financial assistance organization and is dedicated to "Helping the Army Take Care of Its Own."

AER provides commanders a valuable tool to help accomplish their basic command responsibility for the morale and welfare of Soldiers.

AER is a private non-profit organization whose mission is to provide financial assistance to Army Soldiers in times of valid emergency need.

AER's Scholarship Program is a secondary mission to help Army families with the cost of education.

## Scholarship Programs

AER offers the following scholarship programs:

**Spouse Education Assistance Program** provides scholarships for Spouses of Army Soldiers. Recipients are eligible to receive scholarships for up to 4 years of full-time enrollment or 8 years of part-time enrollment. Funds may be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies, ESL and GED classes, CLEP and TOEFL tests.

**MG James Ursano Scholarship Program** provides scholarships for Children of Army Soldiers. Recipients are eligible to receive scholarships for up to 4 years of full-time enrollment. An application must be completed each year. Funds may be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies, and room and board.

**Pentagon Scholarship Program** provides scholarships for dependents of Army Soldiers killed or severely wounded in the attack on the Pentagon on 9/11. Email [scholarships@aerhq.org](mailto:scholarships@aerhq.org) for details on this program.

## Scholarship Eligibility

### Spouse Education Assistance Program

- Applicant must be the Spouse of either a Soldier on federal active duty, a retired Soldier, or the widow(er) of a Soldier who died on active duty or in a retired status.
- Applicant must be registered as the Spouse of the sponsoring Soldier in DEERS.
- Applicant must be pursuing their first undergraduate degree or certificate at an accredited college or university.
- Applicant may be enrolled part-time or full-time. Part-time = 6 credit hours per semester/term. Full-time = 12 credit hours per semester/term.
- Applicant must have and maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicant must not be a member of the National Guard, Reserves, or other military branch.

### MG James Ursano Scholarship Program

- Applicant must be the dependent Child of either a Soldier on federal active duty, a retired Soldier, or a Soldier who died on active duty or in a retired status.
- Applicant must be registered as a dependent of the sponsoring Soldier in DEERS.
- Applicant must be under the age of 23.
- Applicant must remain unmarried for the entire academic year.
- Applicant must be enrolled full-time and be pursuing their first undergraduate degree or certificate at an accredited college or university.
- Applicant must have and maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicant must have a high school diploma or a GED.
- Applicant must not be a member of the National Guard, Reserves, or other military branch.

## Scholarship Procedure

The scholarship applications and instructions are available on the AER website, [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org), the first week of January.

- Complete the online application each year by the applicable deadline date as described in the online instructions on the AER website.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year after 1 January at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and upload the resulting Student Aid Report (SAR) into your application on the AER website. Scholarship awards are based on financial need as demonstrated by the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) on the applicant's SAR from the FAFSA.
- Submit transcripts reflecting all coursework through the most recently completed college semester. (New college freshmen applying for the MG James Ursano Scholarship must submit high school transcripts).
- Submit all other documents as requested on the application website by the deadline date.

## Scholarship Timeline

Applications are available on AER's website the first week of January.

1 May	Application and all supporting documents are due.
May-June	Award Letters are emailed to recipients.
June	Scholarship Agreements are completed by recipients on the AER website.
July & Nov	Checks are sent to the college or university indicated on the Scholarship Agreement.