

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

Spouse Education Assistance Program provides need-based scholarships for Spouses of Soldiers. Recipients are eligible to receive scholarships for up to 4 years of full-time enrollment or 8 years of part-time enrollment in an accredited college or university. Funds may be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies, ESL and GED classes, CLEP and TOEFL tests. Scholarships may not be used for second undergraduate degrees or master's programs.

MG James Ursano Scholarship Program for Dependent Children provides need-based scholarships for Children of Soldiers. Recipients are eligible to receive scholarships for up to 4 years of full-time enrollment in an accredited college or university. Funds may be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies, and room and board. Scholarships may not be used for second undergraduate degrees or master's programs.

Scholarship Eligibility

- Spouse or dependent Child of a Soldier on active duty, a retired Soldier, or a Soldier who died on active duty.
- Spouse or dependent Child of the sponsoring Soldier must be registered in DEERS.
- Applicant must be pursuing their first undergraduate degree and maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- Spouse Program 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.*)
- Dependent Child applicant must be enrolled full-time.
- Dependent Child applicant must be under the age of 23 and have graduated from high school or received a GED by the beginning of the 2017-2018 academic year.

Scholarship Procedures

- Visit the AER website, www.aerhq.org, click on "Apply for Scholarship." Read all instructions and complete the online application by the applicable deadline date.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after 1 October at www.fafsa.ed.gov, and upload the resulting Student Aid Report (SAR) into your AER application. *Scholarship award amounts are based on financial need as demonstrated by the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) on the applicant's SAR.*
- Submit transcripts reflecting all coursework through the most recently completed college semester. (New college freshmen must submit high school transcripts through the most recently completed high school semester).
- Submit all other documents as requested on the application website by the deadline date.

Scholarship Timeline

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| 1 January | Application is available on the AER website. |
| 1 April | Application and all supporting documents submitted online. |
| June | Award Letters are emailed to Recipients and Scholarship Agreements are completed by recipients on the AER website. |
| Early July | Fall checks are mailed to the college or university indicated on the Scholarship Agreement. |
| Late November | Spring checks are mailed to the college or university indicated on the Scholarship Agreement. |

Award Details

For the 2016-2017 academic year, AER awarded \$7.9M in scholarships to 4,149 dependent Children and Spouses of Army Soldiers. The average award was \$1,516 for Spouses and \$2,065 for Children. Award amounts vary each year based on the total number of complete applications and the approved budget amount for the academic year.

Notes

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

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For the online application and more information about AER's Scholarships, please visit our website:

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