



**The EOD Memorial
FOUNDATION**

2012 Scholarship Application Instructions

Welcome to the 2012 EOD Memorial Foundation Scholarship Program. We are excited to be able to offer this scholarship to our EOD families, and are grateful for the donations and volunteer efforts that enable us to operate. These instructions have been developed to explain the application process and to answer common questions.

APPLICATION PERIOD

Applications will be available on January 1, 2012. The deadline for submission of application materials will be March 15, 2012. Anything sent by mail, including Official Transcripts, must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2012. Late materials and incomplete application packages will not be considered for an award.

APPLICATION CONTENT

- Online application form ([Link below](#))
- Attached sponsor signature page with applicant and sponsor signatures, or death certificate in lieu. The signature page is attached below.
- Official academic transcripts for grades 9-12 and any college classes taken.
- 2 letters of recommendation.
- DD214 for those requesting Wounded Warrior Preference.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be the child, stepchild, spouse, grandchild, or other DOD recognized dependent of a graduate of NAVSCOLEOD.
- No applicant will be awarded more than 4 scholarships.
- Children or DOD recognized dependents must be 23 years or younger.
- There is no age limit for spouses.
- NAVSCOLEOD graduates are not eligible for scholarship awards.
- Active Duty members are not eligible for scholarship awards regardless of relationship to NAVSCOLEOD graduates.

- Service Academy Cadets are not eligible for scholarship awards.

AWARD EVALUATION AND CRITERIA

An anonymous committee of 5-7 EOD community volunteers evaluates the applications. Every effort is made to recruit a diverse representation of the community, including former and retired EOD techs and their spouses from all services, representing both officer and enlisted personnel. These volunteers will each spend a total of 20-25 hours, carefully reading and evaluating each completed package across the following 8 categories:

- Grade Point Average
- Volunteerism and Community Involvement
- Extra-Curricular Activities
- Awards
- Paid Employment
- Essays
- Letters of Recommendation
- Overall Impression

Historically, these scholarships have been very competitive. Past awardees have done well in most if not all of these categories. Successful applicants demonstrate strong academics and a strong writing ability, combined with community involvement and the ability to manage their time effectively. This application is a sales pitch to the volunteers on the scholarship committee. Make sure you sell yourself as a good candidate by making sure that they know what you can do, and what you have done for your community.

Wounded Warrior and Legacy Applicants

Applicants whose sponsor is an EOD Memorial Honoree, or an EOD Wounded Warrior will automatically be awarded the scholarship if they submit a complete application.

AWARD AMOUNT

The amount and number of awards varies annually due to the number of qualified applicants and the funds available. Legacy and Wounded Warrior families are given priority. The merit award amounts are subject to available funding.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

All questions on the application require answers or the requested documentation. If the requested information or documentation is unknown or unavailable, an explanation is required. Any blank or unanswered questions, without the respective

explanation will result in the application being classified as incomplete and be disqualified from consideration.

GPA's should be calculated on a 4.0 scale. Not all schools offer 5.0 grading for advanced courses. Scholarship Committee members will take the academic load into account when evaluating applicants.

Supporting Documentation should have sensitive data like Social Security Numbers blacked out before they are submitted, for your security.

There are 3 essay questions required out of the 4 on the application. Please select two of the first three. **The goals essay is required.**

Academic transcripts should be sent directly by the school to the address referenced below.

APPLICATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

The website for the online application follow. You will be able to save your progress by providing an email address.

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/632527/EOD-Memorial-Scholarship-Application-2012>

Please have your school send your transcripts to the following address:

EOD Memorial Scholarship Application
8341 Uxbridge Ct
Springfield, VA 22151

If you have any problems with the website, please contact the Scholarship Committee Chair, David Meese via email.

david.meese@eodmemorial.org

**EOD Memorial Foundation Scholarship Application
Signature Page**

Student Applicant Name: _____

EOD Sponsor Name: _____

Authority to request this information is derived from Title 5, United States Code 301, Departmental Regulations. The purpose of this information is to apply for educational financial assistance through the EOD Memorial Foundation. Information provided will be used solely to assess personal and scholastic achievement.

By signing this application, you attest to the truth and accuracy of the information. A scholarship, if awarded, will be relinquished and any amounts remaining in the scholarship account will be returned if any of this information is found to be false or misleading, or if the sponsor's EOD qualification is revoked for cause.

Applicant Signature

Date

EOD Sponsor Signature

Date

This page should be scanned and returned with the application.