

Army Women's Foundation Expands its Legacy Scholarship Program

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September 30, 2014 -- The U.S. Army Women's Foundation, the only non-profit organization dedicated solely to helping women soldiers, announced today that it is expanding its Legacy Scholarship Program.

The Army Women's Foundation is raising the total awards for the 2015-2016 academic year to \$75,000. This is the seventh consecutive year that the foundation has increased its support for educational excellence.

"These women have given so much to our country. At a time when increases in college tuition far outpace pay raises, we are pleased that we can help these patriots attain their education and career goals," said Major General Dee Ann McWilliams, USA, Ret.

According to Forbes, college tuition is rising at 7 percent a year. Seventy percent of students require some kind of financial assistance to attend school.

The Legacy Scholarship Program offers financial support to Army woman and their lineal descendants in four areas: Technical Certificate programs, Community College coursework, Undergraduate Degrees, and Graduate Degrees. Those who are eligible include female soldiers who are or have served honorably in the U.S. Army, and the children of those soldiers.

Scholarships are based on merit, academic potential, community service, letters of recommendation, and need. Coursework must be through accredited institutions. The application process is open until Jan. 15, 2015. All applications must be received by that date.

To apply, please visit <http://www.awfdn.org/source/scholarships.shtml>

The Foundation awarded its first scholarship in 2008. Since then, the program has grown to help 83 students. In all, the Army Women's Foundation has awarded \$144,000 in scholarships.

The U.S. Army Women's Foundation is the premier center for educational excellence, the national network for today's Army women and a dynamic advocate for telling the history of Army women.

About the U.S. Army Women's Foundation: The U.S. Army Women's Foundation is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization originally established in 1969. The mission of the U.S. Army Women's Foundation is to honor and preserve the service of women in the Army.

Army Women's Foundation Legacy Scholarships at a Glance 2008 – 2014

Scholarships Awarded 2008 – 2014: 83

Amount Awarded: \$144,000

Number of States Represented: 27

Army Women Receiving Awards: 63

Children of Army Women Receiving Awards: 20

Certificate Program Awards: 5

Four-year Institution Awards: 55

Community College Awards: 17

Graduate Awards: 6