



WRITING THE STORY OF A BETTER FUTURE

Founded in 2004, the Pat Tillman Foundation invests in military veterans and their spouses through academic scholarships – building a diverse community of leaders committed to service to others. Each year, up to 60 candidates are selected from thousands of applicants to be Tillman Scholars. These individuals are already making a difference in the fields of medicine, law, business, technology, education, the arts and more.

Up to
60 scholars
chosen each year



\$14 million
invested in academic support to date



35%
first-generation
college students



5 military
branches
represented



APPLY TO BE A 2017 TILLMAN SCHOLAR

Each Tillman Scholar demonstrates clear academic goals, extraordinary leadership potential, and a deep desire to create positive change. That's why a Tillman scholarship is not a gift—it's an investment made by the foundation and its supporters. Tillman Scholars are chosen based exclusively on merit. Each academic scholarship amount is determined by each candidate's financial need. 2017 Tillman Scholars can expect to receive an average of \$10,000 per academic year.

Who is eligible to apply?

- Veteran and active-duty military service members
- Veterans with pre- and/or post-9/11 service from all branches of the U.S. Military, including the National Guard and Reserve
- Current spouses of veterans or active-duty service members, including surviving spouses
- Military veterans or spouses pursuing a degree as a full-time* student:
 - Undergraduate Bachelor's degree
 - Graduate or professional degree
 - At a public or private, U.S.-based accredited institution of higher education

*Full-time as determined by your institution and program of study

What is required for an application?

- Applicants will be required to submit the following:
 - DD-214
 - Resume
 - Two essay questions
 - Financial worksheet
 - Character recommendation from a third party
 - 250 word bio
- If an applicant progresses, we will request the following additional information at junctures in the selection process:
 - Student Aid Report from FAFSA
 - Two photos from military service or with your spouse
 - Institutional financial aid award letter
 - Completion of a background check

On what basis are scholars selected?

- Record of personal achievement
- Academic and career ambitions
- Demonstration of service to others in the community
- Desire to continue to serve others and make a positive impact on your community
- Leadership potential
- Compelling, thoughtful, genuine and thorough essay question responses
- Record of military service and/or community impact as a military spouse
- Please see patillmanfoundation.org/scholars to review some stories of current scholars

The application to join the next class of Tillman Scholars will run February 1, 2017 - March 1, 2017.

For more on eligibility, benefits and expectations, visit patillmanfoundation.org/apply.

"Somewhere inside, we hear a voice. It

LEADS US IN THE DIRECTION

of who we wish to become. But it is up to us whether or not to follow." —Pat Tillman

CARRYING ON PAT'S LEGACY

In 2002, Pat Tillman proudly put his NFL career with the Arizona Cardinals on hold to serve his country. Family and friends established the Pat Tillman Foundation following Pat's death in April 2004 while serving with the 75th Ranger Regiment in Afghanistan. **The qualities we look for in our Tillman Scholars are the same qualities that Pat displayed throughout his life.**



Commitment to Service – Scholars are individuals who will apply the lessons they've learned in the military, both locally and globally, for years to come.



Proven Leadership – Scholars demonstrate leadership through their personal achievements, military service and involvement within their respective communities.



Lifelong Learning – Scholars seek to grow long after they've earned degrees, continuing to better themselves in the hopes of bettering the world.

