

**Air Force Materials and Manufacturing Alumni Association
2017 Merit Scholarship Program**

PURPOSE

The Air Force Materials and Manufacturing Alumni Association (AFMMAA) establishes this merit scholarship program for the purpose of assisting selected high achievement, educationally oriented sons, daughters, and grandchildren of current AFRL/RX government employees and military members (“AFRL/RX”, in this document, refers to AFRL/RX as well as its predecessor organizations).

TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Two merit scholarships are planned:

- ***Alumni Association Scholarship***. Intended for recipients interested in non-technical areas.
- ***Chief Scientist’s Scholarship***. Intended for recipients interested in the pursuit of one or more of the fields of science (including the health sciences), math, and engineering.

AWARD CRITERIA (See Application Form for specifics)

- Scholarship in High School as evidenced by grades, test scores and special recognition/awards.
- Evidence of extra-circular activities and/or community service.
- Names, affiliation, e-mail, and phone for two academic/character references. No letters of recommendation are required.
- Evidence of pending graduation with a minimum equivalent GPA of at least 3.0 on a scale of 4.0.
- Acceptance as a full time student (to be enrolled in the equivalent of at least 12 semester credit hours) in an accredited two or four-year College or University.
- A statement of interest and intent to follow an approved course of study toward a proposed 4 or 5 year Bachelor’s degree. Applicant should discuss what they plan to do upon completion of college/grad school and how they hope to make a difference in the world.
 - For the ***Alumni Association Scholarship***, intent must be to pursue an accredited degree in a non-technical area.
 - For the ***Chief Scientist’s Scholarship***, intent must be to pursue an accredited technical degree in a field of science, health sciences, math, or engineering.
- A maximum two-page essay on the topic described in Program Application Form for that year.

ELIGIBILITY

Any natural or adopted child or grandchild of a current AFRL/RX government (civilian or military) employee is eligible to apply for either, or both, scholarships in a single application.

While the focus of the awards is to assist recent high school graduates entering their first year of an accredited two or four-year College or University program, consideration will also be given one time to students engaged in their first or second (freshman/sophomore) year of a qualified program. The same Award Criteria apply only the application should be tailored to reflect the candidate's academic status and level being pursued.

SELECTION PROCESS

- Applicants will be screened, and recommended recipients selected, by a 5-7 member Selection Committee chaired by an AFMMAA member named by the AFMMAA Executive Board. The Selection Committee Chair will identify remaining Committee members who will also be members of the AFMMAA and whose collective experience (including that as a prior employee of AFRL/RX) will generally be representative of the technical, organizational and functional diversity of AFRL/RX.
- A majority of the Selection Committee, as a group, may conduct a personal interview with recommended recipients before final selection of award winners is made.
- Since the number of recipients in each award category is limited to funds availability, the Selection Committee will submit a recommended list of recipients for each award in priority order of merit to the AFMMAA Board.
- Application deadline for the award in any year is noted on the Application Form for that year.

AWARD

- The AFMMAA Board, on behalf of the Association, and subject to funds availability and one or more merit-based applications meeting selection criteria, will present the awards on a suitable occasion.
- Scholarship in the amount of up to \$2000 may be awarded in each of the scholarship categories, typically in August, for application to the fall academic quarter/semester.
- Award recipients may receive a maximum of two awards; one in each of two years of eligibility.
- As the scholarship fund grows, multiple awards, follow-on awards for successful students and/or larger awards may be given at the discretion of the AFMMAA Executive Board.
- Any Award won, but unclaimed by the end of the calendar year indicated as the basis for the Award application, is subject to forfeiture. Forfeiture does not prejudice future application for an award.

FUNDS MANAGEMENT

Funds management shall be under the direction of the AFMMAA Executive Board.

- The Treasurer, AFMMAA, will manage funds.
- All disbursements for scholarship awards shall only be made with the approval of the AFMMAA Executive Board.
- Scholarship awards shall be made directly to the academic institution that the recipient will be attending for application to tuition fees and general fees the recipient will be incurring.
- Awards shall only be applicable to tuition and/or general fees.

APPLICATION

- Applicants must complete an AFMMAA *Merit Scholarship Program Application* form - obtainable from the AFMMAA scholarship committee, the AFRL/RX intranet or the AFMMAA.org website under scholarships:
- AFMMAA Website: <http://afmmaa.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1222528>
- Scholarship Chair: Dr. Jim Malas, jmalas@utcdayton.com
- **Applicants must provide all items** mentioned in the above “Award Criteria” as specified on the Application Form.