

**Heart of Texas Chapter  
Military Officers Association of America**



**Announcement**

**2012 Educational Scholarship Program**

**The HOT Chapter of MOAA sponsors, manages, and supports patriotic, educational, charitable, community service, and military and veteran’s service activities. The Chapter strives to protect the rights and interests of active duty, retired, Reserve and National Guard, and veteran military personnel and their dependents and survivors.**

**The HOT Chapter of MOAA educational scholarship program supports the above objectives. Chapter scholarships are awarded to all deserving students attending or planning to attend accredited schools of higher education. Selection preference is given to members of an active duty military or military veteran’s immediate family, a member of the military or a veteran, or to a dependent, spouse or widow(er) of a fallen warrior. Applicants must reside in the central Texas area. Awarded scholarship funds are paid directly to the accredited school of higher education on behalf of the recipient.**

**In 2011, the Chapter awarded five educational scholarships totaling \$6,500. Scholarships are awarded in two categories, “Freedom Is Not Free” and in the honor and memory of “General Harry A. Goodall”. The number of scholarships awarded and the amounts of each scholarship are dependent on the number and calibre of applications received and Chapter funding available. Applicants need to review and complete as thoroughly as possible the scholarship application. Applicants also must submit, with the completed application, the necessary additional documents cited in the application. Applications must be sent not later than April 20, 2012 to the address cited on the application.**



## **2012 EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

### **GENERAL**

The Heart of Texas Chapter of MOAA awards educational scholarships to deserving students who are pursuing or plan to pursue undergraduate or graduate studies at an accredited institution of higher education. An applicant's permanent residence must be in the Central Texas area. Applications are considered without regard to race, color, creed or gender by a selection board comprised of retired and/or active duty commissioned officers of the uniformed services.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis. Consideration is given to an applicant's Grade Point Average (GPA), financial need, the "whole person" as reflected by participation in extracurricular activities both at school and in the community, educational pursuits, and a required essay.

Preference is given to an applicant who is the dependent or surviving spouse of a uniformed service member who died while on active duty. Consideration is also given to applicants who are: (1) military veterans; (2) currently serving in the Active or Reserve components of the military and their immediate family members; and (3) enrolled in or intend to enroll in a program leading to being commissioned as an officer in any branch of the military, the U.S. Public Health Service, or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

After evaluating all applications, the selection board will interview leading candidates before selecting the scholarship recipients.

### **APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

Application submissions must be prepared electronically, printed and submitted along with the other supporting documentation. Contact Dr. Harold E. Rafuse at [hrafuse@hot.rr.com](mailto:hrafuse@hot.rr.com) to receive an application in Microsoft Word format.

Completed applications must be postmarked not later than April 20, 2012. An application that is postmarked after that date or an application that is incomplete will not be considered by the selection board.

Mail your application to: **Heart of Texas Chapter  
Military Officers Association of America  
PO Box 23964  
Waco, Texas 76702-3964**

Please refer any questions about this application to Dr. Harold E. Rafuse, phone: 254-717-8112

## SECTION I: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Full Name

Street Address

City

Zip Code

Telephone Number

E-Mail Address

Date of Birth

Applicant's Signature

Check one:

- I am the surviving spouse or dependent of a uniformed service member who died on active duty (attach a copy of the service member's DD-214 to this application).
- I am currently on active duty or a member of the Reserve Component (attach a copy of your Identification Card to this application).
- I am currently enrolled in or will enroll in a ROTC program.
- I am a veteran (attach a copy of your DD-214 to this application).
- I am the spouse or dependent of a uniformed service member who is currently on active duty (attach a copy of your dependent ID card).
- I am the spouse or dependent of a uniformed service veteran (attach a copy of the veteran's DD-214 to this application).
- I am the grandchild of a veteran or member of a uniformed service who is on active duty (attach a copy of the veteran's DD-214 or the active service member's Identification Card to this application).
- None of the categories listed above describe me.

## SECTION II: EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

- I am currently a student at \_\_\_\_\_.
- I have been accepted for admission to \_\_\_\_\_.
- I have applied for admission to \_\_\_\_\_.

## SECTION III: REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

- Attach to this application a copy of the most recent high school or higher education institution transcript(s), each signed by an institutional official certifying correctness.
- Attach to this application a recent photograph, taken within the last six months.

**SECTION IV: FINANCIAL NEED**

Describe your need for financial support. If more space is required, attach additional pages marked as "Section IV: Financial Need (continued)".

**SECTION V: EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Describe your involvement and accomplishments in extracurricular activities at school and in the community. If more space is required, attach additional pages marked as "Section V: Extracurricular Activities (continued)".

**SECTION VI: FUTURE GOALS**

Briefly describe your life goals and how you imagine that your educational pursuits will enable you to meet them. Include any desire you have to serve our country and our society, if applicable. If more space is required, attach additional pages marked as "Section VI: Future Goals (continued)".

**SECTION VII: ESSAY**

Write an essay of not more than 500 words on the topic, "What America Means to Me". If more space is required, attach an additional page marked as "Section VII: Essay (continued)".