



ATHENA SCHOLARSHIP

The following material includes information relating to the Green Beret Foundation Athena Scholarship Program including eligibility and application requirements.

General Information:

The Green Beret Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to provide U.S. Army Special Forces Soldiers and their families with emergency, immediate, and ongoing support.

Green Beret Foundation scholarship funds are to be used for tuition. Funds will be issued directly to the applicant's academic institution. Scholarship awardees will be contacted on or before **May 1, 2025**.

Purpose:

To provide educational scholarships to deserving spouses within the U.S. Army Special Forces community pursuing their undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be a spouse of a current or former U.S. Army Special Forces soldier.

Spouses of U.S. Army Special Forces soldiers killed in action are not eligible for this scholarship.

The applicant must have been accepted by or currently enrolled at an accredited undergraduate or graduate institution.

The following documentation is required for an application to be considered:

- DD 214 Form Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, Current (within the last year) Enlisted Record Brief, Officer Record Brief, or Soldier Talent Profile reflecting U.S. Army Special Forces qualification of sponsor to be submitted with scholarship application. **Orders and Special Forces Tab Award letters will not be accepted.**
- Proof of enrollment at an accredited undergraduate or graduate institution. Acceptable proof includes: acceptance letter if this is your first semester at the educational institution, or most recent transcript if you have been attending the educational institution,
- A personal statement (500-1000 words) explaining how your experiences as a spouse of a U.S. Army Special Forces soldier have affected you, your financial need for the



scholarship, and your personal and educational goals for the future. **Please do not include sponsor's name or Special Forces Group (1st, 3rd, 5th, etc.) affiliations within the statement.**

- Completed Green Beret Foundation Photo Release Waiver
- A recent photograph suitable for publication; i.e., a cap and gown photo, or other professional quality and professionally dressed photograph to be published in the GBF's newsletter and on GBF's social media.

We prefer all communication be directly with you, the applicant, not a third party. If all documents are not included in the original submission, then the application will not be considered.

All documents must be submitted electronically. Submission of documents via mail **will not be considered.**

For more information:

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Applications are accepted beginning February 1, 2025, and must be submitted by 11:59 PM EST March 15, 2025.