

GySgt Christopher W. Eckard Scholarship



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Application Requirements

- You must have at least a 3.0 GPA, proven leadership ability, and be a participant in church and community service activities.
- Each application is judged on its own merit and awarded to applicants that are exceptional.
- This is an annual needs-based scholarship of \$500. The total number of award distributions is based on the availability of funds.
- Applicants may apply each semester.
- Scholarship funds may be used for qualified education expenses. This includes but is not limited to tuition and fees; course related expenses such as books, supplies, and equipment.
- Scholarship is tax free to the recipient.

Making Scholarships Work For You

If you don't apply for scholarships, you are just throwing away free money that you could spend on educational expenses. Money awarded through scholarships doesn't have to be repaid and that money can save you hundreds—even thousands—of dollars over the course of a college career. Scholarships are usually awarded to those who go above and beyond the normal boundaries of their classmates. Why not go for it? You have absolutely nothing to lose, and everything to gain. If you are planning to enroll in college, do not miss this scholarship opportunity.

Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility for this scholarship is limited to the children, grandchildren, or a legally adopted child of a veteran. The parent or grandparent must have served at least one day of active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. A photocopy of Certificate of Release from Active Duty (DD214) or Certificate of Death (DD1300) is required.

Application Process

All applications must be typed using the application found on the website: (www.chriseckardscholarship.org)

Applications will not be considered if handwritten. A completed application with supporting documents and proof of military service must be mailed to the Scholarship Chairman postmarked by the deadline. Funds will be two-party checks payable to the applicant (winner) and school. Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, disability, or genetic information.

Military Awards/Decorations

- * Purple Heart
- * 2—Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals with Combat V
- * 2—Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals with Combat V
- * 2—Combat Action Ribbons
- * 2—Marine Corps Good Conduct Medals
- * 1—National Defense Service Medal
- * 1—Afghanistan Campaign Medal
- * 1—Iraq Campaign Medal with 2 stars
- * 1—Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- * 1—Seas Service Deployment with 1 Silver Star
- * 1—Nato Medal ISAF



Background of GySgt Christopher W. Eckard

GySgt Eckard was born and raised in Hickory, NC. He joined the Army National Guard in 1998 and enlisted in the Marine Corps in May 2001. He completed two deployments in 2002; deployed to Fallujah, Iraq in the fall of 2004; Ramadi, Iraq in the summer of 2007; Fallujah, Iraq again in the summer of 2008; and Afghanistan in the fall of 2009—a total of five deployments.

GySgt Eckard was killed 20 February 2010 in Afghanistan while conducting Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) operations in support of a dismounted patrol.



*Greater love has no one than this,
that he lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13*

Funds for the operation of the GySgt Christopher W. Eckard Scholarship are provided from donations from generous individuals and businesses.

100% of every dollar donated goes directly to funding the scholarship to provide educational assistance for students.

To help us continue this proud tradition with a contribution or to request additional information contact:

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