

TCAA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

TCAA has two college scholarship programs available to members. One is the Heritage Matching Fund Program offered by the Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA). Once TCAA achieves the proper level of funding, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually in perpetuity in the name of TCAA. If a member desires to have a scholarship awarded annually in their name, a contribution of \$15,000 can also be made to separate Heritage Matching Fund Program via TCAA.

The second program is a one-time scholarship award offered by AAAA. If a member (or TCAA) desires to have a single scholarship awarded in his or her name, a \$1,000 contribution is required. If made before May, the scholarship will be awarded that same year; if made after May, the scholarship will be awarded the following year. Money used to fund a one-time scholarship cannot be simultaneously added to the amount needed to fund the Heritage Matching Fund Program. The two programs are independent of each other.

For a student to be eligible for a TCAA/AAAA scholarship, a family member must be a member of TCAA. Life Members who pass away retain their TCAA membership in the name of the spouse or nearest relative. TCAA will broadcast to its members when one or more scholarships are available. Remember one thing: These are MERIT scholarships, not hardship. They are one-time awards of \$1000. To receive a second or more awards, the student must compete annually. Their school must be accredited, offering a degree; junior colleges qualify, trade schools do not. As far as TCAA is concerned, the student can be a close or distant relative, including a great-grandchild, of the member. The TCAA member submits a request in letter form to TCAA asking that their relative be considered for the award. If the applicant is the spouse, child, or grandchild of the member, TCAA will determine if the member is also a member of AAAA and for how long. AAAA normally requires a one-year membership prior to applying for a scholarship. However, if the application is for a Heritage Matching Fund scholarship, the one-year period is waived. Remember, if applying for a non-Heritage Scholarship, the TCAA member or the student must have been an AAAA member for at least a year!!!! If the applicant is other than a spouse, child, or grandchild of the TCAA member, they must join AAAA themselves; the student dues are \$15. Once TCAA contacts AAAA and provides the applicant's information and verification of AAAA membership, AAAA will send the scholarship package directly to the applicant. AAAA convenes a scholarship board and selects the winners. All qualified TCAA applicants will compete for available TCAA scholarships. Should TCAA have no qualified applicant, the scholarship will be awarded to another AAAA member.

We encourage TCAA members to contribute to our Heritage Matching Fund Scholarship Program in any amount desired. If interested in donating a one-time scholarship, a check in the amount of \$1000 is required. All contributions are tax deductible. Make checks out to TCAA and mail to Warren Joyce, TCAA Treasurer, 955 Harpersville Road, Apartment 3052, Newport News, Virginia 23601. For more information, please contact Ted Cimral at tcimral@cox.net.