



SHADOW WARRIOR ASSOCIATION
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Subject: Semi-annual Shadow Warrior Association (SWA) Competitive Scholarship Program.

1. **Purpose:** To outline the Semi-annual SWA Competitive Scholarship Program eligibility, guidelines, and criteria.

2. **General:**

a. **Timelines.** SWA Competitive Scholarships are offered semi-annually in conjunction with collegiate Fall and Spring semesters. The Window to submit a SWA Scholarship packet for the *Fall Semester is 1-31 May* annually, and the window to submit a SWA Scholarship packet for the *Spring Semester is 1-30 November* annually. Awardees will be notified within 45 days of the close of the submission window.

b. **Resubmission.** Candidates can submit a packet for each sequential semester if they meet the criteria in paragraph 4 below. *However, if a candidate is awarded a SWA Scholarship, they must wait a full year before they can recomplete for any SWA scholarship category.*

c. **Categories.** There are two categories of SWA scholarships available for full-time students pursuing associate or bachelor degrees at U.S. based Colleges and Universities.

1) **The SWA MG Dave Bryan STEM Scholarship Award.** (\$5,000 scholarship). This award provides a tuition scholarship to selected high school or college candidate pursuing an associate or bachelor degree in a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) degree program. *The candidate must be registered in an approved STEM field of study to receive this scholarship.*

2) **SWA General Studies Scholarship Awards** (\$2,500 scholarship). This award provides a tuition scholarship to selected high school or college candidates pursuing an associate or bachelor degree in any area of study.

d. Scholarship awards are subject to availability of funding and are restricted to tuition and mandatory fees.

e. SWA Scholarships are available to candidates who meet the eligibility criteria.

3. **SWA Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:**

a. **Active Duty Soldiers or Veterans with an Honorable Discharge:** Active Duty



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Soldiers who are currently serving or have previously served in the 112th Signal Battalion; or Veterans with an Honorable Discharge and have service time in the 112th Signal Battalion.

b. **Spouse of a 112th Signal Battalion Soldier:** A spouse married to an Active Duty Soldier who is currently serving or has previously served in the 112th Signal Battalion; or a spouse married to a Veteran who received an Honorable Discharge with service time in the 112th Signal Battalion.

c. **Child** (23 years of age or younger): A dependent child of an Active Duty Soldier who is currently serving or has previously served in the 112th Signal Battalion; or a child of a Veteran who received an Honorable Discharge with service time in the 112th Signal Battalion.

d. **Current Member of the Shadow Warrior Association:** All Active Duty Applicants or Applicants who are Veterans with an Honorable Discharge *must be active members of the Shadow Warrior Association*. For applicants who are spouses or children; their Active Duty/Honorably Discharged Spouse/Parent must be active members of the Shadow Warrior Association.

e. **Enrollment or Acceptance Letter:** Applicants must be enrolled in, or have received an acceptance letter in, an undergraduate degree program at an accredited U.S. college or university for the semester the application is submitted for.

f. **High School GPA:** High school applicants must have a minimum unweighted high school GPA of 2.8 (on a 4.0 basis) to be eligible to apply.

g. **College GPA:** College applicants must have a minimum unweighted college GPA of 2.8 (on a 4.0 basis) to be eligible to apply.

h. **Degree Status Criteria:** Applicants who have already earned an undergraduate degree or who are enrolled in a graduate degree program are not eligible.

i. **Military Academies:** Applicants who receive an appointment to one of the U.S. Military Academies or affiliated preparatory schools, or are awarded a full scholarship at any accredited U.S. post-secondary institution of higher education are not eligible to receive funds from this program.

j. **Recompete Criteria:** Candidates can submit a packet for each sequential semester if they meet the criteria in paragraph 4. However, if a candidate is awarded a



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4. SWA Scholarship Submission Requirements:

a. **Completed Application Form:** Complete and submit the SWA Scholarship Application Form. The application form is available for download on the SWA home page: <http://www.112swa.org>.

b. **Essay:** Submit a 300 word essay addressing one of the following six topics:

- 1) What are your values and what do you think is important in life? Why?
- 2) Describe your community service or other activities, explaining how this involvement has influenced your life.
- 3) Describe an event that affected you in some way i.e. socially, physically, emotionally or spiritually, giving better insight into you as a person.
- 4) What does the opportunity for higher education mean to you and what will you do with it?
- 5) How have America's military values influenced your life?
- 6) Who is your hero and why?

c. **112th Signal Battalion Assignment Orders:** If applicant is Active Duty or is a Veteran with an Honorable Discharge; provide a copy of the Army orders assigning you to the 112th Signal Battalion. If applicant is the spouse or child of an Active Duty/ Honorably Discharged Service Member; include Army orders assigning Active Duty/ Honorably Discharged Spouse or Parent to the 112th Signal Battalion.

d. **Certificate of Good Service (Active Duty) or DD 214 (Certificate of Discharge)**

1) **Certificate of Good Service (Active Duty):** All Active Duty applicants must provide a Statement of Good Service. For applicants that are a spouse or child of Active Duty Soldier; the spouse/parent Active Duty Soldier must provide a Statement of Good Service. Provide the Statement of Good Service on unit letterhead signed by the unit commander, commander's representative, or by the personnel office. The statement should include that the service member is currently serving honorably and is on active duty with that unit.



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2) **DD 214 (Certificate of Discharge):** If the applicant is a Veteran or the spouse or parent of the applicant is a Veteran, a Certificate of Good Service is not required. However, a copy of their Certificate of Discharge (DD 214) must be submitted. This is required if the applicant was Honorably Discharged from the Army. For applicants that are the spouse or child of a Veteran with an Honorable Discharge; the Veteran spouse or parent of the applicant must provide a Certificate of Discharge (DD 214).

e. **Scholastic Record:** Include Scholastic Records as part of the application submission package- do not mail separately. Applicants who are high school graduates without college-level credits must include their most recent high school transcript. Applicants with less than 30 hours of college-level credits must submit their most recent college transcript along with their high school transcript. Applicants with 30 or more hours of college-level credits need only submit college transcripts.

f. **Photograph:** Include Applicant photograph suitable for reproduction as photographs of scholarship winners may be displayed on SWA web site or in other SWA materials. Photographs should not be stapled to the application. Minimum photograph size is 2"x2".

5. **Deadline for Submission:** Completed application packages must be emailed between *1-31 May for the Fall Semester*, and emailed between *1-30 November for the Spring Semester*. Email the completed packet to tankins2020@gmail.com

6. **Complete Applications:** The following is a checklist of items required for the SWA Scholarship submission packet:

- Completed and signed application.
- Essay
- Army Assignment Orders for the Active Duty/Honorably Discharged Member assigned to the 112th Signal Battalion.
- Statement of Good Service for Active Duty Service Members or a Certificate of Discharge (DD 214) for Veterans with an Honorable Discharge.
- Transcript(s)
- Photograph, minimum 2 inches by 2 inches in size



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7. Submission:

a. The scholarship committee **will not** consider incomplete applications, be sure that all supporting documents are included.

b. By submitting the application, applicants agree that the application and all materials submitted with the application become the property of the Shadow Warrior Association.

8. Email your Application to: tankins2020@gmail.com

9. Acknowledgement: You will receive an email acknowledgement upon receipt of your application.

10. Questions: For questions please email Dana Tankins (SWA Scholarship Director) at: tankins2020@gmail.com

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