Staff Sergeant John Reiners Memorial Scholarship Application 2020

This application is for students who attend and meet the qualifications of this scholarship.

Number of scholarship awarded: varies  Amount awarded: $500
This scholarship is in memory of SSG John Reiners who was an alumni of Haines City High School and the Hornet Battalion JROTC Program. He was killed on Feb. 13, 2010. This scholarship is designed to continue his legacy of giving back to his nation and his community

Scholarship criteria
3.0 GPA minimum  SAT/ACT reported
Community Service minimum 300

Applicant must be a JROTC Cadet. Cadet must have participated in the SSG John Reiners Memorial Walk/Jog-a-thon at Haines City High School.
Must demonstrate financial need.

Applicant must provide letter of acceptance to an accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university.

Additional essay required: There are many ways that society honors fallen Soldiers such as Memorial Day, Veterans' Day and memorial services where we honor and remember those who gave everything to defend their country. Explain the importance of honoring our fallen Soldiers. Include in what way you (the individual Cadet) have honored America's Fallen Soldiers. Also provide a list, by year, of activities and leadership positions held, service-related activities in clubs, sports, JROTC or other organizations (i.e. church).

This award administered by the Polk Education Foundation.

This hard copy application must be postmarked by Friday, March 27, 2020 and sent to:

Polk Education Foundation
1530 Shumate Drive
Bartow, FL 33830
(863) 534-0519

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:
Completed application - You will print and complete this application, sign it and attach all the required items listed below. Please secure all items to application with one staple.

- Completed application
- A copy of high school transcript
• Parent's income information or if independent, student income information please provide one of the following: 2019 W-2(s), 2019 income tax return, 2019 FAFSA or SAR report
• List of activities and leadership positions, by year
• Letter of acceptance from an accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university
• General personal essay #1
• Additional essay #2: Explain the importance of honoring our fallen Soldiers

Type or print entire application neatly in black ink.

Name___________________________________________ School___________________________

Your Mailing address_______________________________________________________________

City, ZIP___________________________ Phone_________________________________________

Email address________________________________________________________________________

Wght.GPA__________ ACT score__________ (if taken) SAT score__________ (if taken)

Mother’s Name_____________________________________ Employment____________________________

Father’s Name______________________________________ Employment____________________________

# people living in your home________

# of family members attending college including you___________

Your past and Present Employment History______________________________________________
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Selected college or institution_________________________________________________________

Have you been accepted? ___________ Intended college major_____________________________

List all other scholarships or financial aid for which you have applied and/or received other than those on this form, award Name, Amount per year, and if it is received, denied or pending.
Did you participate in the walk for Sergeant John Reiners?  Yes  or  No
What year? ___________

Please type or computer generate both essays and attach to your scholarship package.

#1 Essay - Use this essay to provide information requested by each individual scholarship; personal financial need information, college and career plans, and any other information you feel would help in the selection process. Things like medical problems, divorce, and special family situations could all be considered when awarding scholarships. Most scholarships will be chosen solely on the information contained in this essay, so be specific and state your need clearly. Honors, awards, clubs, volunteer time, leadership roles and extra-curricular activities may be included in your essay; however, do not send certificates, resumes or other documents as they are discarded and not considered. Minimum type size 10 point.

#2 Essay – Explain the importance of honoring our fallen Soldiers.
Minimum type size 10 point.
SCHOLARSHIP STATEMENT

I understand that:
(a) if my application is incomplete or does not contain all items from the required list, my application will not be considered, acknowledged or returned,
(b) many scholarships will be decided based solely on the essay,
(c) those other than Polk Education Foundation staff may review my application for the selection process,
(d) only those chosen to be interviewed will be notified of interview date/time,
(e) if requested, I must attend an interview or be disqualified,
(f) only the recipients of the scholarships will be notified by graduation.

I further understand and agree that if I am chosen as a recipient:
(a) I will attend the Senior Awards program at my high school to receive the award(s),
(b) I will send a thank you note to the sponsor(s) of my scholarship(s) and a copy of the same thank you note to the Polk Education Foundation,
(c) my scholarship check will not be released until my College Information Sheet AND a copy of my thank you note has been received by the Foundation office,
(d) the Foundation may use my name and photo to publicize my award without any further compensation,
(e) if I change colleges, it is my responsibility to request that the balance of funds be transferred back to the Polk Education Foundation to be reissued to the college I will be attending. I will notify the Polk Education Foundation of this in writing,
(f) all monies received from a one-time award must be used within five years of my graduation. Any money remaining after that time will revert back to the Polk Education Foundation,
(g) all scholarship checks will be sent on/about July 1 for Fall enrollment IF the above mentioned paperwork is returned to the Polk Education Foundation.

Student's Signature________________________________________________________________________
Date________________

Parent’s Signature________________________________________________________________________

Parent’s Printed Name_______________________________________________________________________