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Deadline Feb. 24 for scholarship applications

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FORT LEE, Va. – Eligible students who want to apply for the 2012 Scholarships for Military Children program still have time, but the clock is ticking. Applications must be completed and delivered – *not* postmarked, but delivered – to a commissary by close of business Feb. 24.

Scholarship applications are available in commissaries and online at <http://www.commissaries.com> – choose the “News & Info” tab and then the “Scholarship Info” tab. Applications are also available at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>. At least one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded at every commissary with qualified applicants.

The following are key reminders for scholarship applications, which are also available in greater detail on <http://www.militaryscholar.org>:

- **Current military ID.** Applicants and their sponsors must be enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System DEERS database and have a current military ID card.
- **Military family member.** Applicants must be a dependent, unmarried child – no older than 21, or 23 if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university – of a service member on active duty, a reservist, guardsman or retiree, or survivor of a service member who died while on active duty or survivor of a retiree.
- **College bound.** The student must be planning to attend, or already be attending, an accredited college or university, full time in the fall of 2012 or be enrolled in a

program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

- **Essay.** The essay must be 500 words or less, stapled to the application and written in the following format: typed, double spaced, no more than two pages, applicant's name in upper right-hand corner of each page. The essay topic: "Whose four faces would you place on a 21st century Mount Rushmore-type monument, and why?" The person must be nonfictional, U.S. citizen, male or female – the time frame for the selection is 1850 to 2011.
- **Correct address.** Applicants must provide their permanent home address on the front page of the application – not their college address.
- **Complete package.** The submission package must include the following: 1) transcript or copy of applicant's grades; 2) essay with applicant's name on each page; 3) parent or guardian's signature as well as the applicant's signature on application; and 4) applicant's high school College Board Code number (if available).
- **Keep a copy.** Applicants should also maintain their own copy of their application and essay.
- **Submit to one commissary.** Applicants can only submit their application to one commissary; submitting to more than one store will disqualify the applicant from consideration.
- **No faxes or emails.** Faxed or emailed applications will **not** be accepted.

For more information, call Scholarship Managers at 856-616-9311 or email them at militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com.