



# **NATIONAL TACTICAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION**

## **EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The National Tactical Officers Association is an IRS 501 C (3) charitable organization. In the spirit of our charitable status the NTOA has established The NTOA Educational Scholarship Program for eligible members of this association.

### **Scholarship Description**

The NTOA Scholarship Program is designed to provide college funding for tuition and other eligible expenses through a direct payment to an educational institution or through the creation and funding of an IRS 529 College Savings Plan.

Under current IRS regulations, a 529 plan funds grow tax-free from federal income tax and when used for qualified higher educational expense may be withdrawn free from federal income taxes. The NTOA Educational Scholarships will be awarded with a parent or duly appointed guardian as the owner and the dependent child as the beneficiary.

529 scholarship funds may be used for the following:

- Tuition
- Room and board
- Required books
- Required supplies
- Required equipment
- Mandatory fees
- Special needs services

Nearly all colleges, universities, community colleges, law, medical or business schools qualify. Many career or technical schools are also eligible. The school must be eligible to participate in the federal financial aid programs.

The number and amount of the scholarships shall be awarded at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the NTOA and will be announced annually by the NTOA.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Dependent children of members with active NTOA individual memberships, who are at least 16 years old and a United States citizen, are eligible to apply. Any active member consistent with the above requirements may sponsor a child of a deceased NTOA member for a scholarship. Family members of NTOA employees, directors and staff are not eligible for this award.

## **Selection Criteria**

Nominated individuals will be required to submit an application including a personal written essay addressing their educational goals and aspirations together with documentation of academic achievements and affiliations, awards, extracurricular activities and community and public service. At least one letter of reference from a non-family member and one letter of reference from a high school or college faculty member are required. A selection committee will review all submitted material to determine award winners.

A nominated individual may only win one NTOA Scholarship. Scholarship recipients *must* notify the NTOA of their intention to accept the award prior to July 1 of the award year.

## **General Instructions**

- Complete the NTOA Educational Scholarship Application Form.
- Attach the personal essay directed to the NTOA Educational Scholarship Committee addressing educational goals and aspirations. The essay should be at least 300 words.
- Attach at least one letter of reference from a non-family member.
- Attach at least one letter of reference from a high school or college faculty member on official school letterhead.
- Attach information concerning academic achievement and extra-curricular activities. Information may be in the form of copies of grade transcripts, awards, memberships and academic affiliations, etc.
- Attach information of volunteer, community or public service and work experience.

## **Checklist of Submitted Materials**

- NTOA Educational Scholarship Application Form
- Personal correspondence addressing educational goals and aspirations
- At least one letter of reference from a non-family member
- At least one letter of reference from a high school or college faculty member
- Documentation of academic achievement and extracurricular activities
- Documentation of community and/or public service
- Documentation of volunteer and/or work experience

## **Mail completed application and all attachments to:**

NTOA Scholarship Selection Committee  
National Tactical Officers Association  
P.O. Box 797  
Doylestown, PA 18901





