

**Pat Tillman Foundation Announces New  
Tillman Military Scholarship University Partners**

Tempe, Arizona – January 28, 2010: The Pat Tillman Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of four new university partners in support of the Tillman Military Scholars program which provides educational scholarships for veterans, servicemembers and their families.

Cleveland State University, Texas A&M University, University of Arizona and University of Oregon have been selected as Tillman Military Scholar university partners for the 2010/2011 academic year.

These four universities join our current university partners Mississippi State University, University of Idaho, University of Arkansas, and University of Maryland. The Pat Tillman Foundation has partnered with these institutions because each are leaders in military support services to student veterans, active servicemembers and their families on campus. Each university partner also helps circulate information and educate eligible students about the Tillman Military Scholar program.

“As the University of Maryland has grown its Veterans Program Office we have found that one of the significant components of our offerings is the need to respond to the very real financial need of our returning veteran and military students. We have found the partnership of staff at the Pat Tillman Foundation to be exceptional.” said Marsha Guenzler-Stevens, Associate Director of Campus Programs. “They have helped us to clarify our own scholarship outreach, helped our students to feel connected to a network of other Tillman Military Scholars, and they have helped us share the stories of our exceptional students. I have no doubt that the inspiration of the Tillman partnership has helped to raise the profile of our veteran students and their magnificent contributions to our university and the community at large, thus enhancing our scholarship campaign.”

In 2009 the Pat Tillman Foundation established the Tillman Military Scholars program, dedicated to supporting educational opportunities for servicemembers and their families by filling the financial gaps in the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill. The Tillman Military Scholars program covers direct study-related expenses such as tuition, fees, books, room and board and other basic needs, including child care.

“This is a competitive scholarship but it is very significant and comprehensive. The scholarships are a life changing resource and another way for the University of Arizona to communicate our commitment to veterans by providing them with another resource,” said Terri Riffe, Director of the University Teaching Center at the University of Arizona.

The Pat Tillman Foundation awarded \$642,000 in 2009 to the inaugural class of 52 Tillman Military Scholars pursuing education at every level from freshmen undergraduates to PhD candidates. All 52 scholars are connected by their intense desire to improve their own lives while continuing to serve their country and communities in a variety of ways.

Overall the first class of Tillman Military Scholars represents 21 different universities across 16 states – Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia.

The Foundation’s goal for the Tillman Military Scholars program is to award annually \$3.6 million in scholarship funds to veteran and active servicemembers and their families. This amount represents Pat’s NFL contract with the Arizona Cardinals which he turned down in order to join the armed forces and serve his country after September 11, 2001.

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The need for support is great. Each year over 300,000 troops complete their military service and return to school or work. More than 1.8 million veterans have served in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001. More than one million children have had a parent deployed since September 11, 2001.

The **Pat Tillman Foundation** is a national leader in providing educational support and resources to veterans, active servicemembers and their dependants. The Tillman Military Scholars program aids all veterans and specifically the ever-growing population of veterans and dependents of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts.

Inspired by the distinguished life and legacy of Pat Tillman – professional athlete, military hero and a man of strong character and kindness – the Pat Tillman Foundation is building a community of scholars dedicated to improving their own lives, the lives of their families and their country by creating a spirit of service.

For more information on the Pat Tillman Foundation, visit [www.patillmanfoundation.org](http://www.patillmanfoundation.org)

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