

2010 Tillman Military Scholars Program Application Opens March 15

Veterans, active servicemembers and their families are eligible.

Tempe, Arizona (March 10, 2010) – The Pat Tillman Foundation is pleased to announce the second annual Tillman Military Scholars program application process opens Monday, March 15, 2010. The Tillman Military Scholars program provides educational scholarships for veterans, active servicemembers and their direct dependents (spouse and children).

For specific details on eligibility and to apply online please visit: <http://pattillmanfoundation.org/tillman-military-scholars.aspx>. The application process will be open for a month and a half, closing at 5 p.m. EST on Friday, April 30, 2010.

In 2009 the Pat Tillman Foundation established the Tillman Military Scholars program to support 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.

The Pat Tillman Foundation awarded \$642,000 to the 2009 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, Idaho, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia and Washington D.C.

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 dependents. 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.pattillmanfoundation.org.

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