



Pat Tillman Foundation Announces New Tillman Military Scholar University Partners

Tempe, Ariz. (January 18, 2012) – The [Pat Tillman Foundation](#) is pleased to announce the addition of three new University Partners in support of the Tillman Military Scholars program which provides educational scholarships for veteran and active servicemembers and their spouses.

Arizona State University, Eastern Kentucky University and University of Minnesota have been selected as Tillman Military Scholar University Partners for the 2012/2013 academic year.

These three universities join returning university partners Columbia University, Mississippi State University, San Diego State University, Texas A&M University, University of Arizona, University of Arkansas, University of Maryland, University of Michigan – Flint, University of Oregon, University of South Florida and University of Wyoming. The Pat Tillman Foundation is partnering with these institutions because each is a leader in support services for student veterans, active servicemembers and their families on campus. Each University Partner helps identify and select final candidates during the screening process and upon selection of Tillman Military Scholars on their campus supports the building of community regionally throughout the U.S.

“We are truly honored to be chosen as a University Partner for the Tillman Military Scholars program,” states Chris Rauschenbach, Arizona State University Program Manager for Veteran Services. “We recognize the financial challenges some veterans and their spouses face as they seek to get an education. This program is great for meeting such needs while encouraging recipients to stay engaged in their communities.”

In 2008 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 not only direct study-related expenses such as tuition and fees, but also other needs, including housing and child care.

“Columbia University wishes to express appreciation for our partnership with the Pat Tillman Foundation. The Foundation’s support of Columbia’s Tillman Military Scholars has inspired and encouraged our students to be stronger leaders in our University community,” said Amber Griffiths, Veterans Affairs Coordinator at Columbia University. “We praise the Pat Tillman Foundation and its vision to affect positive, lifelong change in their Scholars.”

Over the past three years, the Pat Tillman Foundation has awarded over \$2.2 million in scholarship funds to 171 Tillman Military Scholars pursuing education at every level from freshmen undergraduates to PhD candidates. Overall, Tillman Military Scholars represent 59 different universities across 32 states.

Beyond just receiving much needed financial aid, Scholars are engaged in the Tillman Community – where they are connected by their intense desire to improve their own lives while continuing to serve their country and communities.

The application to become a Tillman Military Scholar opens on Monday, February 13. Learn more about eligibility and criteria at <http://www.patillmanfoundation.org/tillman-military-scholars/apply/>.



About the Pat Tillman Foundation

Family and friends established the Pat Tillman Foundation following Pat's death in 2004 while serving with the 75th Ranger Regiment in Afghanistan. Created to honor Pat's legacy and pay tribute to his commitment to leadership and service, the Pat Tillman Foundation is a national leader in providing educational support and resources to veterans, active servicemembers and their spouses. Inspired by Pat's attributes of leadership, passion for education and spirit of service, the Foundation annually awards educational scholarships through Tillman Military Scholars program. To date, the Foundation has provided over \$2.2 million in scholarships to 171 active servicemembers, veterans and dependents. For more information, visit: www.patillmanfoundation.org.

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