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2012 Tillman Military Scholars Application Opens February 13

Veterans, active servicemembers and their spouses are eligible

Tempe, Ariz. (February 13, 2012) – The Pat Tillman Foundation is pleased to announce the fourth annual Tillman Military Scholars application process opened today, **Monday, February 13, 2012 at 12:00 a.m. EST**. The Tillman Military Scholars program provides educational scholarships for veterans, active servicemembers and their spouses.

For specific details on eligibility and to apply online please visit: <http://www.pattillmanfoundation.org/tillman-military-scholars/apply>. The application will close on **Friday, March 16, 2012 at 11:59:59 p.m. PDT**. All applicants will receive notification of selection results via e-mail no later than June 21, 2012. All scholarships will be granted for the 2012/2013 academic year.

In 2008, 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 and books, as well as, other basic needs such as housing and childcare.

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.

The scholarship funds awarded are just a portion of the Tillman Military Scholar experience which also focuses on guiding an engaged community and providing essential resources that empower Scholars to serve and lead in their local communities and ease the transition from military to civilian life

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 spouses. For more information, visit: www.pattillmanfoundation.org.

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