



ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF

2021-2022 MG James Ursano Scholarship Program for Dependent Children of Active, Retired and Deceased Soldiers

GENERAL INFORMATION

Army Emergency Relief (AER) is a non-profit organization with the primary mission of providing financial assistance to Soldiers and their dependents in time of valid emergency need. The MG James Ursano Scholarship Program was established in 1976 as a secondary mission to help Army families with undergraduate college expenses for their dependent children.



We communicate solely by email, therefore we advise you to add scholarships@aerhq.org and tammy.lacroix@aerhq.org to your email contacts to prevent our communications from being labeled as spam. If you need assistance or have questions during the application process, email scholarships@aerhq.org.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

- The MG James Ursano Scholarship Program offers scholarships based solely on financial need as evidenced by the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) reported on the Student Aid Report (SAR) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- The MG James Ursano Scholarship Program is not an entitlement and applications are not automatically approved. Students must reapply each year and are eligible to receive funds for up to four academic years of full-time enrollment.
- Award amounts vary and are not guaranteed year to year. Award amounts are determined based on the total budget allotted, the number of applications received, and each applicant's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) reported on the SAR.
- The MG James Ursano Scholarship will not be awarded for second bachelor's degrees or for graduate degree programs.
- The scholarship funds are mailed or transmitted electronically **directly to the school** prior to each academic term and may be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies, and school room and board (either on or off campus).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Student must be a dependent of a Soldier on federal active duty, a retired Soldier, or a deceased active or deceased retired Soldier. Children of National Guard/Reserve Soldiers are eligible if the Soldier is on Title 10 Orders for the entire academic year.
- Student must be registered as a dependent of the Soldier in DEERS (Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System).
- Student must be under the age of 24 (eligibility ends at the end of the semester/term in which the student reaches their 24th birthday. Example – turning 24 in December would mean the scholarship would be awarded for fall term ONLY.)
- Student must remain unmarried for the entire academic year.
- Student must not be a member of the National Guard, Reserves, or other military branch.
- Student must be enrolled, accepted, or pending acceptance as a full-time student in an accredited post-secondary or vocational institution listed in the US Department of Education's Database of Accredited Postsecondary Institutions (<http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx>). Because financial need is already met, students attending Military Service Academies are not eligible.
- Student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Any MG James Ursano Scholarship recipient who also receives funding from other sources (i.e. GI Bill, scholarships, VA benefits, etc.) may not be eligible to receive their full scholarship from AER. ***The Financial Aid Office at each school will determine the recipient's final eligibility based on the student's complete financial aid package.*** No student can receive funding above the school's established Cost of Attendance – once all costs are covered, the school must return any remaining funds to AER.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

The application is available after 1 January 2021 on our website, www.armyemergencyrelief.org. Click Scholarships to get started. The link to apply is at the bottom of this page. The application and all required documents **must be submitted online in a non-editable format (such as pdf) by midnight EDT on 1 April 2021.** **Do not mail or email documents.** All changes to information furnished to AER must be submitted in writing to scholarships@aerhq.org.

DESCRIPTIONS OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS – ALL DUE BY midnight EDT on 1 APRIL 2021.

1. APPLICATION

The 2021-2022 MG James Ursano Scholarship Application is available on our website after 1 January 2021.

Click this link to access the application: <https://aerhq.academicworks.com>

APPLICATION LINK

2. TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts must include all completed course work **through the student's FALL 2020 SEMESTER** and reflect the cumulative GPA based on a 4.0 scale. If the student has previous college credit, submit college transcripts. If no previous college, submit high school transcripts. **Unofficial transcripts are acceptable as long as they include the student's name, school name, and cumulative GPA based on a 4.0 scale.** Transcripts must be in a **non-editable format (such as pdf).**

3. 2021-2022 STUDENT AID REPORT (SAR)

The Student Aid Report (SAR) from the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is used to determine each applicant's need. The FAFSA must be completed after 1 October each year at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The SAR can be downloaded from the FAFSA website as a pdf a few days after the FAFSA application is completed. Be sure to complete the FAFSA early enough to allow time to upload your SAR into your AER scholarship application. We require the COMPLETE SAR. Do not upload confirmation emails or any other FAFSA document.

4. LEAVE AND EARNINGS STATEMENT (LES)

If the Soldier sponsor is on active duty, the most recent LES must be provided.

5. FEDERAL TITLE 10 ORDERS (if applicable)

If the Soldier Sponsor is on Title 10 Active Guard or Reserve orders, upload a copy of the Title 10 Orders showing federal activation for the entire academic year. **Exceptions may be made to this requirement with a smaller award offered for a single semester based on active duty dates.

6. DD214 (if applicable)

If the Soldier Sponsor is retired, upload a copy of the DD214.

7. CASUALTY REPORT (if applicable)

If the Soldier died while on active duty, upload a copy of the casualty report.

TIME TABLE

1 January	Application available
1 April	Deadline to submit application and all required documents
May	Scholarship award notices for fall term are emailed to all recipients
July	Scholarship funds for fall term are sent to schools after recipients accept awards
November	Email sent to all recipients to confirm enrollment for spring term
November	Scholarship award notices for spring are emailed to those who confirm enrollment
December	Scholarship funds for spring term are sent to schools