

Staff Sergeant John Reiners Memorial Scholarship Application 2018

This application is for students who attend school outside Polk County but meet the qualifications of this scholarship.

**Polk County students should apply online by noon, Feb. 6, at
polkeducationfoundation.org**

Number of scholarship awarded: up to 8 Amount awarded: \$500
This scholarship is in memory of SSG John Reiners who was an alumni of Haines City High School and the Hornet Battalion JROTC Program. He was killed on Feb. 13, 2010. This scholarship is designed to continue his legacy of giving back to his nation and his community

Scholarship criteria

2.5 GPA minimum SAT/ACT minimum 950/19

Community Service minimum 200

Applicant **must be** a JROTC Cadet. Cadet **must have participated** in the Feb. 13, 2016 SSG John Reiners Memorial Walk/Jog-a-thon at Haines City High School.

Income is not considered, focus in on academic achievement.

Applicant must **provide letter of acceptance** to an accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university.

Additional essay required: There are many ways that society honors fallen Soldiers such as Memorial Day, Veterans' Day and memorial services where we honor and remember those who gave everything to defend their country. Explain the importance of honoring our fallen Soldiers. Include in what way you (the individual Cadet) have honored America's Fallen Soldiers. Also provide a list, by year, of activities and leadership positions held, service-related activities in clubs, sports, JROTC or other organizations (i.e. church).

This award administered by the Polk Education Foundation.

this hard copy application must be postmarked by Monday, Feb. 12 and sent to:

Polk Education Foundation
1530 Shumate Drive
Bartow, FL 33830
(863) 534-0519

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

Completed application - You will print and complete this application, sign it and attach all the required items listed below. Please secure all items to application with one staple.

- Completed application
- Headshot photo of applicant with your name and school written on the back
- A copy of high school transcript
- Parent's income information or if independent, student income information please provide one of the following: 2016 W-2(s), 2016 income tax report, 2016-17 FAFSA or SAR report
- List of activities and leadership positions, by year
- Letter of acceptance from an accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university
- General personal essay #1
- Additional essay #2: Explain the importance of honoring our fallen Soldiers

Type or print entire application neatly in black ink.

Name _____ School _____

Your Mailing address _____

City, ZIP _____ Phone _____

Email address _____

Wght.GPA _____ ACT score _____ (if taken) SAT score _____ (if taken)

Mother's Name _____ Employment _____

Father's Name _____ Employment _____

people living in your home _____

of family members attending college **including** you _____

Your past and Present Employment History _____

Selected college or institution _____

Have you been accepted? _____ Intended college major _____

List all other scholarships or financial aid for which you have applied and/or received other than those on this form, award Name, Amount per year, and if it is received, denied or pending.

Did you participate in the walk for Sergeant John Reiners on Feb. 13, 2016? Yes or No

Please type or computer generate both essays and attach to your scholarship package.

#1 Essay - Use this essay to provide information requested by each individual scholarship; personal financial need information, college and career plans, and any other information you feel would help in the selection process. Things like medical problems, divorce, and special family situations could all be considered when awarding scholarships. **Most scholarships will be chosen solely on the information contained in this essay, so be specific and state your need clearly.** Honors, awards, clubs, volunteer time, leadership roles and extra-curricular activities may be included in your essay; however, do not send certificates, resumes or other documents as they are discarded and not considered. **Minimum type size 10 point.**

#2 Essay – Explain the importance of honoring our fallen Soldiers.
Minimum type size 10 point.

SCHOLARSHIP STATEMENT

I understand that:

- (a) if my application is incomplete or does not contain all items from the required list, my application will not be considered, acknowledged or returned,
- (b) many scholarships will be decided based solely on the essay,
- (c) those other than Polk Education Foundation staff may review my application for the selection process,
- (d) only those chosen to be interviewed will be notified of interview date/time,
- (e) if requested, I must attend an interview or be disqualified,
- (f) only the recipients of the scholarships will be notified by graduation.

I further understand and agree that if I am chosen as a recipient:

- (a) I will attend the Senior Awards program at my high school to receive the award(s),
- (b) I will send a thank you note to the sponsor(s) of my scholarship(s) and a copy of the same thank you note to the Polk Education Foundation,
- (c) my scholarship check will not be released until my College Information Sheet AND a copy of my thank you note has been received by the Foundation office,**
- (d) the Foundation may use my name and photo to publicize my award without any further compensation,
- (e) if I change colleges, it is my responsibility to request that the balance of funds be transferred back to the Polk Education Foundation to be reissued to the college I will be attending. I will notify the Polk Education Foundation of this in writing,
- (f) all monies received from a one-time award must be used within five years of my graduation. Any money remaining after that time will revert back to the Polk Education Foundation,
- (g) all scholarship checks will be sent on/about July 1 for Fall enrollment IF the above mentioned paperwork is returned to the Polk Education Foundation.

Student's

Signature _____

Date _____

Parent's

Signature _____

Parent's Printed

Name _____