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MEMORANDUM FOR: Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) Vendors

SUBJECT: Scholarships for Military Children Program

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information regarding the Scholarships for Military Children Program for school year 2017-18.

The program is now in its 17<sup>th</sup> year. In its first 16 years, Fisher House Foundation has been honored to having been able to enrich the lives of 9,414 students by awarding scholarship grants totaling \$15,33,000. These grants were possible primarily through the generosity of DeCA vendors whose donations sustain the program.

As each scholarship grant will be \$2,000, we ask vendors to donate a minimum of \$2,000 if they wish to receive recognition and acknowledgement for sponsoring a scholarship.

The 2017-18 program will open on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, and will remain open through Friday, February 17, 2017. During that period, students who possess a Department of Defense Dependent Identification Card (DD Form 1173) can either download an application from the web site [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org) or pick one up at the customer service desk at any commissary.

It is important to note that the Defense Commissary Agency cannot accept donations. Donations should be sent to Fisher House Foundation, an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) public charity (FID 11-3158401). Neither DeCA nor Fisher House Foundation is involved in the selection of recipients.

For scholarship year 2017-18, Fisher House Foundation will award 700 scholarship grants of \$2,000 each. The selection process begins immediately following receipt of all applications in February. As a result, Fisher House Foundation must have all donations by mid-March or a pledge that the donation will be forthcoming.

Sponsoring companies are matched to individual commissaries by Fisher House Foundation, and they are invited to attend a scholarship presentation at the annual Commissary Roundtable, where they are recognized by the Director, Defense Commissary Agency. Additionally, each year, Fisher House Foundation produces a poster to recognize sponsors, and the poster is distributed to every commissary for permanent display.

For more information, contact [Marye Dobson](#), who serves the the DeCA scholarship liaison (804/734-8000, ext. 5281) or [Jim Weiskopf](#) at Fisher House Foundation (202/607-1067).

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