



November, 2019

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 2020-21.

This year, the program celebrates its 20th year! In its first 19 years, Fisher House Foundation has been honored to having been able to enrich the lives of 11,314 students by awarding scholarship grants totaling \$19,126,000. 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 2020-21 program will open on Monday, December 16, 2019, and will remain open through Monday, February 24, 2020. During that period, students who possess a United States Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173) can review requirements and complete the application online from the web site www.militaryscholar.org.

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 2020-21, Fisher House Foundation will award 500 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 as the DeCA scholarship liaison or [Jim Weiskopf](#), the program administrator at Fisher House Foundation.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim".

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