*Augusta Military Academy*

Alumni Foundation, Inc.

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# LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FOR DIRECT DESCENDANTS OF ALUMNI

**The AMA Alumni Foundation, Inc.** has established several scholarships to directly support post-secondary education for the descendants of former cadets of Augusta Military Academy.

**Award:** AMA Legacy scholarships will be awarded to students attending any grade at a college or a recognized technical/vocational school for further education or training beyond high school.

**Purpose:** These scholarships have been established to benefit the direct descendants of former AMA cadets (including deceased) who attended AMA no less than one (1) year, and to award student achievement in the following areas: academics, special talents, leadership, and community service.

Unlike other scholarships, winners are not limited to a 4-year college or university program. Students may use this scholarship to further their education and training beyond high school in pursuit of their future goals at community colleges or accredited technical/trade schools as well.

**Eligibility:** The applicant must be a direct descendant of a former cadet: child, grandchild, great-grandchild, *et al*. This is meant to include natural, step, or legally adopted children, grandchildren, *et al*, under the age of 25.

Each scholarship award is a separate act. The granting of a scholarship for one year does not prevent the granting of a scholarship to the same student in a subsequent year. But the granting of a scholarship in one year is no guarantee of future assistance. Applicants may only receive an award twice. The criteria will be based on the best candidates for the scholarships as described in **(Purpose)** above, and judging will be done by an outside educator without influence from the AMA Alumni Foundation officers, board members, or Scholarship Committee Members who are alumni. Preferences will be given to students entering college for the first time (*i.e.* graduating high school seniors.)

**Selection Criteria:** Selection of the scholarship winner(s) will be based on the following:

1. High School academic record
2. Special talents
3. Leadership qualities
4. Community involvement
5. Hardships
6. Two letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the applicant's academic and personal achievements and potential
7. Letter of acceptance from a post-secondary institution
8. Willingness to submit a progress report to the AMA Foundation Trustees for presentation during the Foundation's annual reunion and for possible publication in the Foundation's newsletter

**Judging:** The selection of the recipient of this scholarship will be made by an impartial committee of distinguished education professionals experienced in judging such awards. Each section of the application is scored on a four point rubric.

**Submission:** Submit a completed online application. It will be sent automatically to the Scholarship Committee.

**Deadline:** All completed applications must be submitted no later than April 30, 2026.

**Method of Payment:** Scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the institutions attended by the recipients for the 2026-2027 school year. Funds will be sent directly to the learning institutions on behalf of the Scholarship recipient in October and February of the school year.

**Award Date:** The recipients of the scholarships will be notified before the 2026 Alumni Foundation Annual Reunion (September, 2026), where the winners will be announced.

*Contributions are welcome from any individual or organization to support these scholarships. You may send your tax-deductible contribution to:*

**The AMA Alumni Foundation, Inc., Legacy Scholarship fund,**
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