



SY2025 The Rucker Foundation Scholarship Invitation

CW4 Marquis Eugene Smith, Sr. Memorial STEM Scholarship

This memorial scholarship is in honor of CW4 Marquis Eugene Smith (Oct 2, 1978 – May 6, 2021). He passed away on May 6, 2021, in Honolulu, Hawaii while serving on active duty in the U.S. Army. He was born to Wanda and Michael Smith in Portsmouth, Virginia on Oct 2, 1978. He grew up in Arlington, Texas. He was a great father, son, brother, friend, and Warrant Officer! Marquis enlisted in the United States Army in 1996 as a Private E1. He would continually advance in the enlisted ranks to the grade of Sergeant E5. He then applied for Warrant Officer Candidate School and was accepted. He was promoted to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 1 upon graduating from Warrant Officer Candidate School and his rank at the time of his death was Chief Warrant Officer 3. He was boarded for the rank Chief Warrant Officer 4 prior to his death and the Department of the Army Centralized Promotion Board approved his promotion to Chief Warrant Officer 4, and he was posthumously promoted to Chief Warrant Officer 4.

At the time of his death, Marquis was serving as the G6 Chief of Defensive Cyber Operations at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. He supervised and managed Information Systems. His technical knowledge and skills supported a Headquarters Command where he advised commanders and staff on planning, managing, and maintaining secure information systems. Marquis loved the U.S. Army. He was a great leader, mentor, and trainer, always looking to further his knowledge as the G6 Chief of Defensive Cyber Operations. He exceeded all tasks assigned to him. Marquis loved his kids Serenity and Marquis Jr

This scholarship is available to multiple graduating senior applicants commencing study at a 4- year University in Mississippi, with a minimum 3.5 CGPA, and no disciplinary actions. The applicants must be in pursuit of a 4-year degree in one of multiple STEM degrees. All applicants for this scholarship should send a submission of 1000 words on **"Why They Are Pursuing a Degree in Computer Science, Information Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, or Cyber Security"**, before **May 12, 2025**. There will be multiple \$1,000 scholarships awarded to qualified graduates from South Delta High School. The winners of this scholarship will also receive mentorship and a potential Junior or Senior Year Internship from TRECIG, LLC (www.trecig.com), which could lead to full-time employment after successful college graduation. This scholarship is sponsored by TRECIG, LLC and its CEO Roy L. Rucker Sr., the family of CW4 Smith, and friends of CW4 Smith Sr. Please send us your submission with the application and entitle the document "The CW4 Marquis Eugene Smith Sr. Memorial STEM Scholarship " via email to:

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