

# **Special Forces Association Chapter Zero**

## **2026-2027 SSG Bruce L. Miller Memorial Scholarship**



The Chapter 0 Memorial Scholarship Program is designed to provide education grants to eligible students who embody the ARSOF Core Attributes and uphold the values of the Special Forces Regiment. Each year, Chapter 0 will announce a scholarship in memory of the men who made the ultimate sacrifice while training to earn the Combat Diver Badge.

### **Important Information**

- The Chapter 0 Memorial Scholarship Program and its related terms and conditions are subject to approval by the voting members of Chapter 0.
- The Scholarship Program is funded by donations and, as such, award amounts may vary and are not guaranteed from year to year.
- Scholarship awards may not exceed \$5,000 for a single academic year.
- Applications are not automatically renewed - applicants must reapply each year.
- Applicants are eligible to receive scholarship funds for up to four academic years.
- Scholarship funds may only be used to pay for tuition, administrative and/or campus fees, and required textbooks and supplies.

**For the 2026-2027 school year, two scholarships of \$3,000 each will be awarded.**

## Eligibility

Applicants must meet one of the following eligibility criteria to be considered:

1. Be a dependent spouse <sup>1</sup>, child, or grandchild of a U.S. Army Special Operations Forces (ARSOF) Soldier who graduated from a Special Forces Underwater Operations (SFUWO) School training course <sup>2</sup> and was killed in the line of duty, either in training or in action.
2. Be a dependent spouse, child, or grandchild of a current member of SFA Chapter O <sup>3</sup>.
3. Be a current resident of Monroe County, FL with sponsorship from an active member of SFA Chapter O or the Key West Military Affairs Committee.

Applicants must also meet the following academic criteria:

1. Accepted or currently enrolled at an accredited university, junior college, or vocational institute <sup>4</sup>.
2. Have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.7 on a 4.0 scale, as reflected on high school or college transcripts.
3. Have not previously completed or attempted more than 90 credit hours at a university or junior college.
4. Have not previously been awarded a bachelor's degree <sup>5</sup>.

- <sup>1</sup>. Includes former spouses of eligible ARSOF Soldiers who were married at the time of the Soldier's passing and have since re-married.
- <sup>2</sup>. Qualifying SFUWO Courses are the Combat Diver Qualification Course (CDQC), Combat Diving Supervisor Course (CDSC), Diving Medical Technician Course (DMTC), and the Waterborne Infiltration Course (WIC).
- <sup>3</sup>. Excludes Chapter Officers, members of the Scholarship Committee, and their families.
- <sup>4</sup>. Vocational applications must include a clear education path to attain an industry-recognized technical certification or professional license.
- <sup>5</sup>. Or technical certification/license for vocational applicants.

## Application Requirements

Applications for the 2026-2027 academic year will be accepted from May 1<sup>st</sup> through July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026. All required documents must be received by midnight EDT on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**Submit all application documents and related communications to:**

**[scholarships@southernmostsfa.org](mailto:scholarships@southernmostsfa.org)**

### Required Documents

1. **APPLICATION FORM:** The attached application form must be completed in its entirety and submitted with the application packet.
2. **PERSONAL LETTER:** Written and signed by the applicant. This document should include:
  - a. The applicant's full name, mailing address, phone number, and email.
  - b. The applicant's education and career aspirations, to include their planned major or program of study.
  - c. A summary of activities and achievements, including academic honors, participation in athletics or extracurricular programs, and volunteer or work experience.
  - d. Information describing how the applicant's personal values and goals align with the ARSOF Core Attributes: Integrity, Courage, Responsibility, Professionalism, Adaptability, Teamwork, and Capability.
3. **TRANSCRIPTS:** Transcripts should include all course work completed through the **Spring 2026 Semester** and must reflect the applicant's cumulative GPA. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable if they include the applicant's full name, student or campus ID number, and cumulative GPA. Unofficial transcripts must be submitted in PDF format.
4. **ACCEPTANCE LETTER:** For graduating high school seniors who have not previously attended a university, junior college, or vocational school, please include a copy of the acceptance letter from your school.

5. **SPONSOR LETTER (if applicable under eligibility criterion #3):** Written and signed by a Member in Good Standing of Chapter 0 or the Key West Military Affairs Committee. The sponsor letter should include:
  - a. The sponsor's full name, rank or title, SFA member number (if applicable), and contact information.
  - b. A statement substantiating the applicant's eligibility for the scholarship.
  - c. Statements regarding the applicant's personal character and achievements.
  - d. Any other information that demonstrates the applicant's merit for consideration.

### **Additional Documents**

1. **PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY:** The Scholarship Committee may request substantiating documents or additional information to establish applicant eligibility. Substantiating documents should be redacted to protect Social Security Numbers and other Personally Identifiable Information.

## **Award Process**

### **Applicant Evaluation and Selection**

The Chapter 0 Scholarship Program is merit-based; applicants are evaluated on academic performance, extracurricular activities, individual goals and achievements, and personal character. It is critical that applications include all information requested, as incomplete applications will not be considered. Recipients will be chosen by the Chapter 0 Scholarship Committee and reviewed by the Chapter 0 Board of Directors.

### **Award Notification**

Scholarship recipients will be notified via email no later than July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Recipients must complete the scholarship agreement form and submit it via email or USPS no later than August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Please address all written correspondence to:

Special Forces Association  
Chapter 0  
ATTN: Scholarships  
P.O. Box 2172  
Key West, FL 33045

### **Award Presentation**

Award of a scholarship will take place as soon as possible upon acceptance by the recipient. If possible, a formal presentation will be made during an appropriate occasion, such as a class graduation or chapter meeting. By accepting a scholarship, recipients agree to the use of their name, hometown, and chosen university in Chapter 0 promotional materials related to the Memorial Scholarship Program.

## **Award Timeline**

1 May	Applications open.
19 July	Application deadline.
By 31 July	Recipients notified via email.
7 August	Deadline to accept award.