



## NC Patriot Star Family Scholarship Programs



### Scholarship Programs Overview

Since 2003, Patriot Foundation has supported the educational goals of military and veteran families through scholarships. In 2020, Patriot Foundation and the North Carolina State Legislature entered in a public/private partnership.

Patriot Foundation administers two scholarship programs using North Carolina state and federal funds: The **NC Patriot STAR Family Scholarship Program** and the **NC Patriot Star Family RECOVERY Scholarship Program**.

These scholarships are **available to the children and spouses of fallen or disabled veterans, children of injured active-duty service members, and qualifying disabled veterans**. Applicants must be **North Carolina residents** accepted to or **attending North Carolina post-secondary institutions**. Disabled veterans must have a **VA disability rating of at least 50%**. The RECOVERY program is funded through the American Rescue Plan with the goal of remediating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is a need-based scholarship that includes specific household income requirements. The STAR program does not have income restrictions.

Scholarships for the STAR Program are up to \$3,250 per semester and up to \$6,500 per semester for the RECOVERY Program. Funds may be used to cover up to the cost of attendance. Applicants must have qualifying expenses not met by other grants, stipends, or scholarships.



## Scholarship Programs Eligibility Requirements

### Who is Eligible

- Children of fallen or disabled veterans or injured active-duty service members
- Spouses of fallen or disabled veterans
- Disabled veterans with a veteran disability rating of 50% or greater

### Applicant Criteria (must meet each of the following)

- Resident of North Carolina
- Accepted to or attending a North Carolina post-secondary institution
- Registered for Selective Service, if applicable

### Sponsoring Veteran/Service Member Criteria

- Must be one of the following:
  - Resident of North Carolina
  - Was a legal resident of North Carolina upon entrance to the armed services
  - Was stationed in North Carolina at time of their death
  - Active-duty service member is permanently stationed in North Carolina (for children only)
- And, must be one of the following:
  - Killed in the line of duty
  - Died from service-connected injury or illness
  - Veteran living with a disability rating of 50% or greater
  - Active-duty service member incurred traumatic wounds or illness (for children only)

### Income Criteria (for RECOVERY Program only)

- Total household income is less than 350% of the federal poverty level, excluding veteran disability payments and related compensation

## Application Information

Applicants will use one online application to apply for consideration for the two scholarship programs. The eligibility of the applicant will determine the scholarship program for which the applicant will be considered.

**Apply online at [patriotfoundation.org](https://patriotfoundation.org). Use QR Code to learn more!**

**2024-2025 Scholarship Application Cycle**  
March 15, 2024 - May 15, 2024

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