

PRITZKER MILITARY FOUNDATION IN COLLABORATION WITH MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION

ROTC MERIT AWARDS

<p><b>Guidelines for Selection of Student Merit Award Recipients</b></p>	<p><b><u>Individual Student Eligibility Criteria:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maximum of two (2) student recipients per academic grade level</li><li>• Merit-based monetary awards are a one-time, fixed amount of:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ \$500 for Freshman/Sophomores</li><li>○ \$750 for Juniors/Seniors (or, if contracted to commission, \$1,000)</li></ul></li><li>• Student applicants may NOT receive more than one award; they may not apply in future years after receiving an award.</li><li>• Each student must have a minimum 3.3 GPA (B+)</li><li>• Each student must score in the top 15% of physical fitness standards for your branch of service (comparative to all students in your program in the current academic year)</li><li>• Each student <b>must</b> have a recommendation letter from a teacher not affiliated with ROTC.</li><li>• Each student <b>must</b> write an essay about 1 or 2 historical figures that embody the spirit and legacy of what it means to be a “citizen soldier.”<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Minimum 2 pages, single-spaced, 1 inch margin, 11-point font.</li><li>○ How did those people impact history or influence events?</li><li>○ What lesson(s) can civilians and service members alike learn from these figures and ‘citizen soldiers’ in general?</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b><u>Additional Detail Cadre Must Collect</u></b> <i>(For informational purposes only. These questions should not impact student selection process. This information should be relayed to MCA (only for the students selected) at the end of the academic year with the summary report, per below)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Is the student currently contracted?</li><li>2. Did the student participate in JROTC or previously serve in the US Armed Forces?</li><li>3. Is one or more parent/guardian a member of law enforcement or the US Armed Forces (past or present)?</li><li>4. Does the student have an active PMML membership?</li><li>5. Does the student participate in extra-curricular non-ROTC activities (i.e. school clubs or volunteering off-campus)?</li><li>6. Does the student participate in non-required activities like Ranger Challenge, drill team, STEM clubs, local or national competitions, professional development seminars, leadership or specialty training that may be provided through your program?</li></ol> <p>Please note that PMF and MCA require a report at the end of the academic year (<b>NLT 01 JUNE</b>) that outlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Full names, grade level, GPAs, copy of recommendation letter and citizen soldier essays of each student selected for a merit award.</li><li>○ Detailed budget of grant expenditures (see template below).</li><li>○ If funds are not awarded, the cadre must submit via email to PMF (<a href="mailto:kcruz@pritzkermilitaryfoundation.org">kcruz@pritzkermilitaryfoundation.org</a>) a request to retain remaining funding for use in the immediately following academic year, restricted to merit awards. If approved by PMF, remaining funds must be expended for the intended purpose in the immediately following academic year. If a new application for merit award funding is requested in the immediately following academic year, the amount awarded by PMF may be adjusted by the amount remaining from the prior year.</li><li>○ If the year-end report is not received by PMF and MCA on or before 01 JUNE, it may impact future invitations to reapply for funding.</li></ul>
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**Merit Awards Reports (DUE NLT 01 JUNE):**

	Student's Full Name	Grade Level (indicate with number only 1 = Freshman, 2 = Sophomore etc.)	GPA	Amount Received	Notes (i.e. chosen major? are they contracted? Have they chosen a career path upon commissioning?)
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
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Attach:

- A. Copy of each student's recommendation letter
- B. Copy of each student's essay on the citizen soldier of their choice
- C. Additional miscellaneous information per guidelines document

**Send compiled information/report to MCA:**

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