

2023 Chris Kyle Memorial Scholarship

The American Valor Foundation is a privately funded, non-profit foundation established in 2014, whose mission includes awarding annual higher education scholarships to individuals who are active or retired military or first responders OR whose family members are active or retired military or first responders and who wish to continue their pursuit of higher education. Scholarships will be awarded to those with a desire to continue their education in a field that will have a positive impact on Community, State, and Country.

Eligibility Requirements and Rules Governing the Award of Scholarship Money

The Chris Kyle Memorial Scholarship shall be administered by the American Valor Foundation Board of Directors ("Committee") in a manner consistent with the following criteria and guidelines.

- A. The eligibility requirements which an individual must meet to qualify for scholarship monies are:
- The applicant must be active or retired Veteran or First Responder, OR
 - The applicant must be an immediate family member of an active or retired Veteran or First Responder. Immediate family member will be defined as parent, sibling, or grandparent.**
 - The applicant must become and remain a full-time student for at least two terms or semesters at an accredited university, junior or senior college, in the year in which the applicant applies, OR
 - The applicant must participate full-time in a program offered by an accredited trade school or other agency upon completion of which the applicant will be certified or licensed in a trade or profession, OR
 - The applicant must be engaged part-time in a program at an accredited university, etc. or accredited trade school and must demonstrate to the Committee reasonable commitment to the ultimate completion of a degree or certification. Under this requirement applicants will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and qualification is solely at the discretion of the Committee.
- B. The Rules governing the award of scholarships are:
- An applicant for a 2023 Scholarship shall submit the application and essay to American Valor Foundation on the form approved by the Committee (see following) **accompanied by an official copy of your high school and/or college transcript(s) no later than April 14, 2023.**
 - The Committee will notify all applicants of the decision made regarding their application around May 1, 2023.
 - The Committee will screen all applications to assure guidelines are met and will check references.
 - Each year, the Committee will award a designated number of \$5,000 scholarships approved by the membership of the American Valor Foundation Board of Directors.
 - Applicants awarded scholarships who fail to remain successfully enrolled in their course of study and maintain a 2.5 GPA will not be eligible to receive the 2nd installment of their scholarship monies. Applicants will be responsible for providing the American Valor Foundation Board of Directors a copy of their completed Fall semester transcript, including name and student ID no later than January 15, 2024.**
 - All scholarship monies awarded shall be paid on behalf of the successful applicant to the appropriate office of the accredited institution which the applicant will be attending. The successful applicant must provide the name of the institution, the name, address, and phone number of the office to which the monies are to be paid and any student ID numbers that are required.
 - Within forty-five days of being notified that he/she has received a scholarship award, the successful applicant must have contacted the Treasurer of the American Valor Foundation and provided the required details as to how the money should be paid to the applicant's educational institution. **If the scholarship recipient fails to make this notification by July 1, 2023 the scholarship will be forfeited.**

Application Form

From a very young age, Chris Kyle showed that he had a huge, tender heart and would reach out to the less fortunate individuals. Whenever Chris had a desire to achieve a goal, he would put everything he had into to doing just that. No matter how many people told him he could never accomplish the goal, when he made up his mind to achieve it, nothing would stop him. One goal Chris had was to become a Navy SEAL. In 1999 he entered the Navy and after completing boot camp and initial schooling, he began his SEAL training. He officially became a Navy SEAL in 2001 prior to 9/11. During his service as a Navy SEAL, he became the most lethal sniper in military history. This label was not what Chris was interested in. He would rather be known more for how many lives he had saved while doing his job. He did not like the awards, medals, and notoriety that came with his accomplishments. He wanted to be known for the strong character within that he possessed.

CPO Chris Kyle possessed the characteristics of loyalty, honor, respect, truthfulness, and love for God, Country and Family. He was a mountain of a man, not necessarily in stature, but in character and with a most humble heart. He was a leader, but not wanting the recognition of such. On February 2, 2013 Chris tragically lost his life while doing what he loved doing most, helping others. This scholarship will be awarded to a student possessing these same characteristics and wanting to pursue a career that will be a tribute to the standards that Chris possessed and stood for.

Application Instructions:

Complete and return by April 14, 2023 to:
American Valor Foundation
PO Box 782
Hamilton, TX 76531

Include with your application an official copy of your high school and/or college transcript(s). You may also include any additional information you would like to have considered.

Section One

In an essay not to exceed 1500 words (*please attach), describe how your qualities (moral, academic and leadership) exemplify those of CPO Chris Kyle and based on these criteria, why should be awarded this scholarship.

The Committee will use this essay to learn more about the person applying for the scholarship beyond the academics. A large percentage of the decision will be made based on the essay that is submitted.

Section Two

Date: _____

Applicants Personal Information:

Full Name: _____ Gender: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address

Street Number/P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

E-mail address: _____

High School/and or college: _____

GPA: _____

Are you or is anyone in your family currently serving or retired from any of the following? (Check all that apply)

Military ____ Law Enforcement ____ Firefighter ____ EMS ____

Full Name and contact information of the Veteran/First Responder to whom you are related:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Station: _____ Department: _____

Street Number/P.O. Box _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

E-mail address: _____

Activities in High School, College and Community Service:

What will your major field of study? Why have you chosen this field?

Future Goals

If you are currently enrolled at a college/trade school and plan to continue there, indicate the name of the institution below:

OR

List institution(s) to which you have/will apply:

1. _____ Accepted yet? Yes No
2. _____ Accepted yet? Yes No
3. _____ Accepted yet? Yes No

Three references other than family members:

1. _____
Full Name Telephone Number

Street Number/P.O. Box

City

State

Zip

2. _____
Full Name Telephone Number

Street Number/P.O. Box

City

State

Zip

3. _____
Full Name Telephone Number

Street Number/P.O. Box

City

State

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To the best of my knowledge, the foregoing information and any attached information are true and correct.

Signature of Applicant