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MEMORANDUM FOR: Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) Vendors

SUBJECT: Scholarships for Military Children Program

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information regarding the Scholarships for Military Children Program for school year 2012-13.

The 2012-13 program will open on Thursday, December 1, 2011, and remain open through Friday, February 24, 2012. During that period, students who possess a Department of Defense Dependent Identification Card (DD Form 1173) can either download an application from the web site www.militaryscholar.org or pick one up at the customer service desk at any commissary.

The Scholarships for Military Children Program is made possible primarily through the donations of DeCA vendors. The program is administered by Fisher House Foundation through a contract with Scholarship Managers. In 11 years, 6,069 recipients have received a total of \$9,316,000 in scholarship grants. Last year, scholarship grants totaling \$1,005,000 were awarded to 670 military children, thanks to the generous donations from DeCA vendors. There is at least one recipient at every commissary that has received applications from eligible students.

It is important to note that the Defense Commissary Agency cannot accept donations. Donations should be sent to Fisher House Foundation, an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) public charity (FID 11-3158401). Neither DeCA nor Fisher House Foundation is involved in the selection of recipients.

The amount of money that can be awarded each year in scholarship grants depends upon the amount of money received from sponsors. The selection process begins immediately following receipt of all applications in February. As a result, Fisher House Foundation must either have all donations by mid-March or a pledge that the donation will be forthcoming.

Sponsoring companies are matched to individual commissaries by Fisher House Foundation, and they are invited to attend and participate in recognition ceremonies for the recipients that are hosted by individual commissary store directors. Each year, Fisher House Foundation produces a poster to recognize sponsors, and the poster is distributed to every commissary for permanent display. Additionally, sponsoring companies are invited to a reception in their honor at the annual DeCA Training Conference, to be held in Richmond, Virginia, May 1-3, 2012.

For more information, contact [Marye Carr](#) who serves as the DeCA scholarship liaison (804/734-8000, ext. 52781) or [Jim Weiskopf](#) at Fisher House Foundation (202/607-1067).


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