

Rolling Thunder®[®], Inc. Indiana Chapter One Scholarship Program



Version 1.1

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History of Changes

- 1. Version 1.0 Revised date November 16th, 2014**
- 2. Version 1.1 Revised date March 2nd, 2015** – Changed application deadline date from May 31st to April 30th. **Changed statement** “Applications will be family members of an Indiana POW/MIA” to “Applicant must be a family member of an Indiana Service Member listed as a Prisoner of War (POW), Former Prisoner of War, or Missing in Action (MIA)”.

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Purpose

Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1 scholarship is intended to help students pursuing a professional degree to cover the costs of qualified expenses, including graduate and undergraduate tuition, fees, books, and on-campus room and board for the given year. It is meant to enable them more time to study, rather than work, so that they can achieve their degree in a timelier manner.

The major function of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1 is to publicize the POW-MIA issue: To educate the public that many American Prisoners of War were left behind after all previous wars and to help correct the past and to protect the future Veterans from being left behind should they become Prisoners Of War-Missing In Action. We are committed to helping American Veterans from all wars. Rolling Thunder®, Inc. is a non-profit organization and everyone donates his or her time because they believe in the POW/MIA Issue that we are working on.

The lives of Military individuals and families are forever changed as a result of their Military duties.

It is in this spirit of military fellowship that Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1 offers the scholarship to one student per academic year to an individual that meets the required criteria.

Scholarship Award Given

The scholarship is in the amount of \$500.00 and awarded to an individual that is either enrolled for the spring semester or registered for the fall semester. Being enrolled in summer classes does not make you eligible to enter.

The scholarship will be awarded during the July meeting. Application deadline is April 30th and the Evaluation committee decision made by June 30th.

This scholarship is awarded based upon the decision of the Board of Directors and scholarship dollar amounts may vary from year to year by the decisions of the Board of Directors.

Applicant must be a family member of an Indiana Service Member listed as a Prisoner of War (POW), Former Prisoner of War, or Missing in Action (MIA).

Eligibility Criteria

- An individual must be sponsored by a Rolling Thunder member in good standing or from a Friend of Rolling Thunder Chapter 1. (A friend is defined as having participated in the annual protest and ride to Washington DC.)
- Family member of Indiana MIA (WW-II, Korean War, Cold War, Vietnam War, and OEF, OIF)
- Family member of Indiana Former POW (WW-II, Korean War, Cold War, Vietnam War, and OEF, OIF)
- Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen and legal resident of Indiana.
- Acceptance letter from accredited Intuition approved by the Chapter Board.
- Clear contact information (name, mailing address, preferred means of contact).
- All scholars must submit an official high school, college, or university grade transcript indicating Graduation Date, Class Rank, and School Seal with their application.
- Any State or Federal Taxes that may apply, it is the responsibility of the recipients to file.
- *Veterans*: provide proof of previous service.

Proof of Eligibility

- Copy of DD214 (Proof of Military Service) if service member was separated from the service.
- Copy of DD Form 1300 (Report of Casualty) if service member is MIA.
- Proof of relationship to the service member if family member.
- Proof of Indiana Residency.
 - Last Year Tax Return
 - Indiana Driver License
 - BMV issued ID Card
 - Military ID Card

Submission Requirements

- Clear contact information (name, mailing address, preferred means of contact)
- Please explain your circumstances and what the scholarship would be used for.
- Please explain what steps you have taken to assist in paying for your own education in addition to federal financial aid.
- A few sentences about yourself and a recent photo of yourself which will be used for publicity purposes on the chapter's web Site and Newsletter.
- Write a 500 – 700 word essay about one of the subjects listed below and also include why you personally deserve to be a scholarship recipient. Provide some insight into your background and area of need; convince us that you would be the best choice. These will be judged based on originality, creativity, organization of thought, and proper spelling, punctuation, and grammar.
 - History of Rolling Thunder, i.e., where did the name come from, what is their history from the beginning to now.
 - What are the current House bills/resolutions and Senate bills that affect veterans and their families, describe each and their current status.
 - The history of Veterans Day and what it means to you.
 - The history of 'agent orange' and how it is affecting current and future generations.
 - The history of the Joint POW-MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) and their mission.
 - The history of the Defense Prisoner of War/Mission in Action Office (DPMO) and their mission.
 - Interview a Blue and Gold Star mom and tell their story.
 - Read the Frank Anton book Why Didn't You Get Me Out and provide a report.
 - Interview an Indiana Ex-Prisoner of War (POW) and tell their story.
 - Interview the family of an Indiana Missing In Action (MIA) service member and tell their story.
 - Interview the family of a former Indiana POW and tell their story.

How to Apply for a Scholarship

Obtain an application from a Member of Rolling Thunder Indiana Chapter 1 or by writing to:

**Rolling Thunder Indiana Chapter 1
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 26458
Indianapolis, Indiana 46226**

All scholarship applications are to be presented to the Board of Directors Chairman, or President of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1 no later than April 30th of the requested academic year.

Scholarship Acceptance

- Once an entrant is notified of winning, the entrant has three days to respond and accept the scholarship award. If the selected winner does not respond within the allotted time, another winner will be chosen.
- Once the winner is announced, award has been accepted, and valid mailing addresses have been obtained, Rolling Thunder Chapter 1 will issue two-party check payable to the student and school.

Additional Notes

All essays submitted become the intellectual property of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1.

We will not use the private information or images provided of non-winners in any form other than the awarded recipient's name and photo images to be stated within Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter 1 Newsletter and web site in association with the annual scholarship essay award.

We will not use your contact information to send you spam advertising messages or sell it to other advertisers.