A Growing Mission

2200 scholarships awarded valued at $6,600,000 to sons and daughters of Marines and Navy Corpsmen in all 50 states, Washington, DC, and overseas for the 2014-2015 academic year.

89 PERCENT of scholarship recipients are attending a 4 year college or university

50 PERCENT of scholarship recipients are first generation college students

45 PERCENT of our scholarship recipients are majoring in Health, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics - (STEM)

NATIONWIDE REPRESENTATION: 2014-2015 ACADEMIC YEAR
No Marine should ever have to sacrifice an education for their children. That's why the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation remains committed to awarding scholarships to every qualified student who applies. Like the Marines we honor, we leave no one behind.

To honor that promise, and ensure scholarships for future generations of Marine children, the Scholarship Foundation has launched the American Patriots Campaign with the goal of raising $160 million by 2018.

In the next decade, more than 100,000 children of Marines will reach college age. With rising education costs, downsizing of the force, and a lagging economy, the need for support of these deserving students has never been greater.

We've made great progress in 2014, with 115 million raised to date. With your help we can close in on our goal in 2015. Join the ranks of our American Patriots by ensuring an education for the nation's most promising and deserving students.

Investor Spotlight: Toyota

This year, the American Patriots Campaign received a huge boost thanks to a generous contribution from Toyota. In June, the Scholarship Foundation was honored to announce the creation of as many as 300 higher education scholarships over the next five years as a result of an additional $1.35 million contribution from Toyota. As a Corporate Champion of the Scholarship Foundation for more than a decade, Toyota maintains an ongoing commitment to Marines and their families with investments to the Scholarship Foundation of more than $3 million.
In March, the Scholarship Foundation partnered with the Caster Family Center for Nonprofit and Philanthropic Research at the University of San Diego to release a first-of-its-kind nationwide assessment to better understand the evolving trends impacting the children of wounded veterans. The report, titled “Study on Children of Seriously Wounded Service Members” revealed five common trends and their impact on the social and psychological development of these children.

This isn’t your typical teenager’s weekend plan but it’s the stark reality for many of the 52,000 children living with a parent who has been wounded in action. In response to pioneering research like this, the Scholarship Foundation has continued its commitment to these Marine families through our Heroes Tribute Scholarship Program. In 2014 we’ve increased our awards to the children of wounded, ill, and injured Marines by 26%.

Nicholas Popaditch
Nicholas’ father, Gunnery Sergeant Nicholas Popaditch, Sr. USMC (Ret.), received a Silver Star and Purple Heart as a result of the wounds he sustained in Iraq. Upon his return home, GySgt Popaditch demonstrated the importance of a college education to his son by going to school and obtaining a Bachelor’s Degree. With support from the Scholarship Foundation, Nicholas followed his father’s footsteps and is set to graduate with an engineering degree in 2015.

““The Marines I have seen through my life ... have taught me to accomplish, not compromise. Your faith in me keeps me motivated to endeavor for success.”

Nicholas A. Popaditch, Jr.
Son of Gunnery Sergeant Nicholas Popaditch, Sr. USMC (Ret.)
San Diego State University, Class of 2015
Majoring in Civil Engineering
This year, the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation was proud to announce the creation of three new scholarships to memorialize some of our most distinguished Marines and Navy Corpsmen.

The Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Memorial Scholarship: honoring one of the Corps’ most critical occupational specialties and the Marines who carry out this selfless mission.

The 3rd Battalion, 5th Regiment (3/5) “Dark Horse” Memorial Scholarship: honoring the incredible service of the Dark Horse Marines whose sacrifices in Afghanistan marked the highest of any Marine unit.

The Battle of Fallujah Tenth Anniversary Battalion Memorial Scholarships: established in the name of the five individual Marine battalions whose 65 causalities and hundreds wounded made Fallujah the bloodiest battle in the War on Terror to date.
An Expanding Reach

This September, the Scholarship Foundation launched the new MCSF.org! The site offers new ways to engage — including student spotlights, resources for alumni and investors, as well as highlights on current news and integrated social media elements all designed to better connect you with the mission of honoring our Marines by educating their children.

Connect now at www.mcsf.org

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“I cannot express the amount of gratitude I have for the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation and their continuous donations toward my education at North Carolina Central University. Each year, this scholarship has lightened the burden of college tuition and for that I must say thank you.”

Damien Murray
Son of Master Gunnery Sergeant Tyrone Cantey USMC
North Carolina Central University, Class of 2015
Majoring in Business Administration

We’re connecting scholars like Damien with donors and Marines like you.
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AN EDUCATION FOR THEIR CHILDREN SHOULD NEVER BE ONE OF THEM.

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