



Exceptional Fidelity

“Since 1962, the Scholarship Foundation has demonstrated *exceptional fidelity* to Marine families through steadfast financial assistance for the education of their deserving children.”

—**General James F. Amos USMC**
Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps
Pictured: David Baird, recipient of The Commandant's Scholarship in Honor of General James F. Amos USMC.

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation provides scholarships to the children of Marines and Navy Corpsmen attending accredited community colleges, universities, and vocational/technical institutions, with particular attention given to those whose parent was killed or wounded in action, or who have demonstrated financial need.

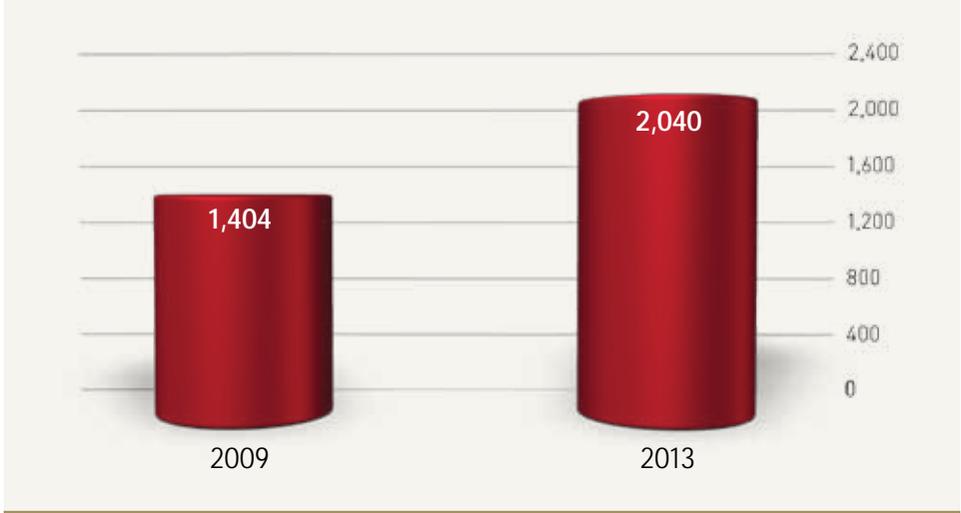
The Scholarship Foundation is the Nation's oldest and largest provider of need-based scholarships to military children, having awarded more than **30,000** scholarships valued at over **\$80,000,000** since 1962.

Our Commitment

We believe that the bedrock of our Nation's democracy and competitiveness is a well-educated and skilled workforce.

We remain committed to providing Marine Corps families with the funds they need to send their children to college and vocational or technical institutions. We recognize that American innovation and competitiveness depends upon our Nation's ability to produce citizens with the education and skills to compete globally.

Since 2009, Scholarship Foundation awards have increased 45%



The rising cost of post-high school education continues to outpace the salaries earned by our military service members. **Since 2009, Scholarship Foundation applications have increased 23%.**

We are calling on all Americans to join with us to address this critical need.



Pictured: Scholarship recipients LCpl Michael Meyers USMCR and Erin Meyers at the 2013 Chicago Scholarship Announcement Ceremony. Michael and Erin are the children of veteran LCpl Michael Meyers USMC. Some scholarship recipients honor their parents service by themselves serving in the Marines.

Successful Outcomes

Our scholarships have substantial impact at a time when the unemployment rate for veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan is more than **9 percent**, and the cost of higher education continues to outpace the average Marine family income. Scholarships provided to military children help create a strong American workforce poised to lead in the future.

Of our scholarship recipients:

52% are first-generation college students.

45% are studying science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM).

87% are children of enlisted Marines and Navy Corpsmen.

86% graduate from their chosen degree program.



“Without this scholarship, I would not have been granted the opportunities I have been afforded.”

—**Tatiana Pile**, Class of 2014, Howard University,
Pictured with her father, then Gunnery Sergeant Claude Pile USMC, and her siblings.



Honoring the Children of Wounded and Fallen Marines

We believe that it is our duty to help those who have sacrificed everything to protect our freedom.

Our ***Heroes Tribute Scholarship Program for the Children of the Wounded*** and ***Heroes Tribute Scholarship Program for Children of the Fallen*** support the children of wounded and fallen Marines and Navy Corpsmen by providing substantial scholarships to fund their college education or vocational and technical training.

“No matter where you are, no matter how long it has been since you or someone you know has served, you can always count on love and support from the *Semper Fi* family.”

—**Kiana Mendoza**, Class of 2015, Claremont McKenna College
Kiana’s father, Major Ray Mendoza USMC, was killed in Iraq in 2005.

