In the midst of this unprecedented year, the Scholarship Foundation is closely monitoring the impacts of COVID-19 on higher education, the demand for our scholarships, and the academic plans of individual students.

We recently surveyed our 2020-21 scholarship recipients about the impacts of COVID-19 on their families and academic plans. Over 2,000 recipients responded, and their replies make one thing clear: now more than ever before, your support is critical. Marine families must know they can continue to rely on the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation as a stable anchor for their children’s academic futures.

**Academic Impact**

- **99 percent** of students continued their education, attending classes online or in-person in the 2020-21 academic year.
- **50 percent** of students attended classes completely online.
- Our Marine Scholars are determined to push forward with their educational plans. Whether that education takes place online, or in a socially distanced classroom, they are not delaying the pursuit of their degrees or certifications.

**Economic Impact**

- **47 percent** of scholarship recipients indicated their family incomes have been negatively impacted by the pandemic.
- **45 percent** of scholarship recipients indicated that their ability to pay for school has been negatively impacted (a 96% increase from our survey conducted in the fall).
- **33 percent** of scholarship recipients face long-term uncertainty about their family’s economic future.

**Marine Scholars on the Frontlines**

- Over **220 Marine Scholars** indicated they have volunteered in their communities or worked directly on the COVID-19 frontlines.

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**Student Profile**

Kaleb Turner

Son of veteran Cpl Kerric Turner USMC

Arkansas Tech University

Class of 2021

Studying Parks and Recreation Management

Entering his senior year, Kaleb wasn’t sure what the school year would look like. He told us “with colleges closing last March I had to change how I studied.” Despite the challenges of this year, he’s preparing to graduate and give back to his community. He’s heavily involved with local youth groups and wants to work for the National Headquarters of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Kaleb said, “This scholarship has changed my life and I am so grateful to be in this position and blessed that I have learned what I have.”

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