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December 6, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL STORE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: 2022 Scholarships for Military Children Program

The Scholarship for Military Children Program has been created in recognition of the contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and to celebrate the role of the commissary in the military family community. A scholarship, funded through outside contributions, will be awarded annually at each commissary operated by the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA). The Fisher House Foundation continues to serve as the program administrator and will contract again this year with Scholarship Managers to evaluate the program's applications.

The following program guidelines and application procedures are provided:

- a. The Scholarships for Military Children program will open on December 13, 2021 and close February 16, 2022. Scholarship awards will be based on funds available; however, we anticipate individual awards of at least \$2,000. If there are no eligible applicants from a particular commissary, the funds designated for that commissary will be awarded as an additional scholarship at another installation.
- b. Children of active duty, reserve/guard, or retired military personnel may apply for a scholarship under this program. Eligibility will be determined by Scholarship Managers; it is not the responsibility of store personnel to monitor eligibility. Scholarship Managers will screen the completed applications, not DeCA or Fisher House.
- c. A press release and flyer to publicize the program are available on share point under DeCA's Public Folders/Scholarships.
- d. Additional military media outlets (e.g., television or bulletin boards) can be used to attract interest from qualified applicants.
- e. Applications will be submitted online only between December 13, 2021 and February 16, 2022 through the website www.militaryscholar.org
- f. During the final certification process, Scholarship Managers will notify recipients of their selection. This notification will be prior to the store director's notification, which will be on or about May 15, 2022. Results will be posted on the scholarship Website at www.militaryscholar.org on or about May 20, 2022.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of this most important program. My point of contact is Ms. Marye A. Dobson, Program Liaison, DSN 687-8000 or 804-734-8000, extension 5-2781.

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