##### Scholarship applications for each school year beginning in

##### September must be received by May 15 of the same calendar year.

*The following information is provided to help our members and their children understand how our Scholarship Program works and how the program was developed*.

## THE 11ACVVC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The number of **11th Armored Cavalry Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia** Scholarship Awards may vary from year to year based upon the amount of donations received from the Association’s fund raising activities and the size of each award as determined by the Board of Directors. We had sufficient funds to award 19 Scholarships in 2015. Scholarship Awards will be **paid directly to the recipient's educational institution** for expenses incurred up to the total amount of the award.

In addition, one recipient will be selected to receive a special **Colonel Charles L. Schmidt Leadership Scholarship** award in honor of former 11ACVVC President Chuck Schmidt for his leadership and his complete dedication and devotion to the **11th Cavalry “Blackhorse” Troopers** of the Vietnam War.  **Chuck died on Veterans Day 2007** as a result Agent Orange related cancer shortly after being elected to his third term as President.

## THE CRITERIA FOR APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

**An applicant must fall into one of the following categories:**

1. **A child, stepchild, or adopted child** of an **11th Armored Cavalry Trooper** who was Killed In Action

**(KIA)**, Died of wounds **(DOW)**, or died as a result of the Trooper’s service in Vietnam or Cambodia.

## A child, stepchild, or adopted child of a current member of the 11thACVVC in *good standing.*

1. **A child, stepchild, or adopted child of an 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment** veteran who served in Vietnam or Cambodia **but is not a member** of the 11th ACVVC may apply **after** their father joins/rejoins the 11th ACVVC.

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## ADDITIONAL CRITERIA AND INFORMATION

## There is no age limit for applicants. Scholarships are for undergraduate and graduate studies. Preference will be given to undergraduate applicants. A Maximum of one scholarship award will be approved for any applicant. Grandchildren are not eligible to apply.

## HOW TO APPLY

The applicant must **[1]** Fill out the Scholarship Application Form completely; **[2]** Attach grade transcripts; and **[3]** Enclose the applicant’s personal Narrative. The Scholarship Chairman must receive **all three** above items from the applicant **no later than** the deadline of **May 15** of each year or any announced extension of that date.

The Scholarship Application is available on the website at [***www.11thcavnam.com***](http://www.11thcavnam.com)***/scholar.html.*** An Application may also be requested by mail or email from the Scholarship Chairman.

**JUDGING**

**Scholarship Applicants are judged in three categories:**

1. Application completion, legibility, and following the instructions on the form and in this Guide
2. Grades of the Applicants’ most recent two years of education (high school or college)
3. Typed narrative response to questions in item #11 of the 11th ACVVC Scholarship Application

**The Scholarship Chairman and Committee Members select the Judges**. The main considerations for selection of Judges is that they must be impartial, educated, readily available, and have an excellent understanding of what it takes to succeed in College.

**The judges are asked to rate each applicant on a 30-point system.** The point total for a perfect score is **30**.

1. **Up to 7 points** may be awarded for **Category I**
2. **Up to 8 points** may be awarded for **Category II**
3. **Up to 15 points** may be awarded to the narrative response for **Category III**
4. **Each** applicant will be judged independently by **each** Judge. Currently we have five participating independent Judges.
5. The scores are combined and then divided by the number of judges to obtain an **average score** for each applicant.
6. **If any of the applicants are graduate students, the scholarship chairman shall add 4.0 points to the average score of each undergraduate applicant. Then all applicant’s scores will be arranged in descending final score order.**
7. The **11th ACVVC Board of Directors** will determine the number of Scholarship awards to be granted in any given year based on the available donated funds and the dollar amount determined for each scholarship award. The **Scholarship Committee** will then apply that number to the list of applicants in descending score order to determine who will receive the Awards.

Every effort will be made to notify all recipients of the 11thACVVC Scholarship in writing by early August. The Recipient’s Notification Letter will include instructions to arrange for the Scholarship Funds to be sent to the Educational Institution the Recipient is attending. Recipients will have up to **44 months** from the date of the Notification Letter to provide verification of enrollment and to arrange for payment of Scholarship Funds, as directed in the Notification Letter, to the Educational Institution.

**Colonel Charles L. Schmidt's Leadership Scholarship** **Award**: A designated representative or **family** member of deceased Colonel **Charles L. Schmidt will decide the recipient of the special** Colonel **Charles L. Schmidt's Leadership Scholarship** award. The representative will select one recipient based on criteria of her/his choosing, but with an emphasis on demonstrated leadership. **Currently, the designated family member is** Colonel **Charles L. Schmidt's widow, Mrs. Bonnie Schmidt. Mrs. Schmidt has committed to pay $1000 from Colonel Schmidt’s estate to the recipient of this award. The $1000 will be paid in addition to the 11ACVVC Scholarship Award. The 11ACVVC Board of Directors will designate an additional amount to be paid to the recipient of the special** Colonel **Charles L. Schmidt's Leadership Scholarship** award **in addition** to both the 11ACVVC Scholarship Award and the award from Colonel Schmidt’s estate.

#### HISTORY OF THE 11ACVVC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The 11thACVVC / **11th Armored Cavalry Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia** is an IRC 501© Non-profit association chartered in 1986. The membership decided at the 1996 Reunion Membership Meeting to form a Scholarship Committee to establish a Scholarship Program exclusively for 11th ACVVC members, children of our members, children of our KIAs, and children of our deceased members. The program has evolved and grown over the years. From 1996 through 2015, **375 scholarships totaling $1,202,000** have been awarded by our membership to deserving students.

**FUNDING.** Primarily member donations and fund raising activities within the 11ACVVC membership fund the Scholarship Program. The annual fund raising activities include donations received for the Blackhorse Calendar, a Raffle, and a Silent Auction held each year at the annual reunion. The 11ACVVC Scholarship Program is intended to benefit all qualified people associated with 11ACVVC membership.

The Board of Directors voted in 2001 that a portion of the income generated from the Association’s investment accounts might be used to help fund the Scholarship Program. During the 2001 Scholarship season, it was decided that the intent and spirit of the 11ACVVC Scholarship Program was to benefit the children of all members *-* and members themselves if qualified. After a long discussion, the consideration of financial need was **removed** from the criteria.

The Board of Directors voted in January 2006 that the 11th ACVVC Scholarship program would limit awards to undergraduate students only.  Graduate and Doctoral level students are **not** eligible.

In August 2008 the Board of Directors determined that it needed to allocate the first $25000 of donations received from 2009 calendar sales to offset the deficit on the improvement and preservation of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment’s Memorial at Fort Knox.

Effective for 2008, each recipient’s Scholarship Award will be dedicated to honor the service and the ultimate sacrifice of a specific 11th Cavalry “Blackhorse” Trooper who was Killed In Action **(KIA)** in Vietnam or Cambodia. The Blackhorse KIAs to be honored each year will be selected on an impartial and random basis.

We thank the thousands of Troopers, their supportive families and loved ones, and all who have contributed so generously over the years to make this program a success. All of us together, contributing what we can, have helped make this program one for which we can all be proud.

**Address For Correspondence and Completed Applications with Attachments:**

**11th ACVVC Scholarship**

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**For QUESTIONS,** please send me an email at: [platoonmedic36@gmail.com](mailto:platoonmedic36@gmail.com). E M***ail is my preferred method of contact*** *but if you do not have access to E mail you may call me at* 915-792-2804 or 575-915-2921(cell)**.**

**Sincerely,**

**Mike “Doc” Rafferty**

11th ACVVC Scholarship Committee Chairman

Board of Directors Member

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