Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund

Supporting the Children of America’s Military Heroes

The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance
For over three years, we have been proud to work together to rally support for the children of America’s military heroes.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support. Through the generosity of thousands of Americans, Freedom Alliance has awarded over $600,000 in scholarships in the last several years to hundreds of students.

But our work is far from finished.

Many of freedom’s brave defenders, who have lost their lives fighting terrorism, have left behind young children. In a few short years, they will embark upon their college education. With your continued generosity, the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund will help these deserving young Americans, reminding them that their parent’s sacrifice will never be forgotten by a grateful nation.

Thank you for your generous support and for being our partner in this noble cause. God bless you and God bless the United States of America.

LtCol Oliver North, USMC (Ret.)             Sean Hannity

The Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund

The Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund honors the bravery and dedication exhibited by Americans in our armed forces who have sacrificed life or limb defending our country by providing educational scholarships to their children.

In the last 20 years, over 15,000 American service members have given their lives defending our country. Nearly 2,000 members of our armed forces have been killed in the war in Iraq. A Newsweek magazine article entitled, “Children of the Fallen” states that 450 fathers and 7 mothers have been killed in the war in Iraq, leaving behind 1,043 children.

Thousands more members of our armed forces have been permanently disabled, leaving their families in difficult financial situations. Their children – the sons and daughters of America’s heroes (many of whom are now young) – will be eligible for a Freedom Alliance Scholarship in the years to come.

Freedom Alliance has established a permanent Scholarship Trust Fund to aid the children of these brave Americans and has embarked on a campaign to raise $15 million for the Fund. The Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund will help these fine young Americans, reminding them that their parents’ sacrifice will never be forgotten by a grateful nation.

Scholarships Awarded

Through the generosity of Freedom Alliance’s Scholarship Fund donors, we have created a permanent tribute to Freedom’s Brave Defenders, and over the last several years awarded over $600,000 including:

- A $25,000 grant to the USS Cole Memorial Fund for the children of the 17 sailors who were killed in the terrorist attack against the USS Cole in October, 2000.
- A $40,000 grant for the dependent children of the 21 soldiers and 33 sailors killed at the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.
- 55 individual student scholarships for the 2002-03 academic year.
- 73 individual student scholarships for the 2003-04 academic year.
- 80 individual student scholarships for the 2004-05 academic year.
- 85 individual student scholarships for the 2005-06 academic year.
To Benefit the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund

Freedom Alliance, along with Sean Hannity, 77WABC Radio and Six Flags Great Adventure, hosted the Third Annual Hannity Freedom Concert and Rally for the Troops on July 8, 2005.

The star-studded celebration, at Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey, featured country music superstars LeAnne Rimes, Aaron Tippin and Buddy Jewell, who entertained a sell-out crowd.

Freedom Alliance brought wounded and recuperating troops from Walter Reed Medical Center and Bethesda Naval Medical Center, along with their spouses and children, to the Freedom Concert. These wounded warriors and their families were treated to a hero’s welcome as the crowd of thousands, in thankful and thunderous applause, showed them that their sacrifices will never be forgotten by a grateful nation.

The Freedom Concert generated over $1 million that will go directly to the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund to honor the bravery and dedication of Americans in our armed forces who have sacrificed life or limb by providing educational scholarships to their children.

Freedom Alliance extends our profound thanks to Sean Hannity and his listening audience.

Thank You, Freedom Concert Sponsors!

Freedom Alliance extends a special thank you to Sean Hannity, 77WABC Radio in New York City and Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, New Jersey for making the Freedom Concert possible. We gratefully salute our talented entertainers: country music superstars LeAnne Rimes, Buddy Jewell and Aaron Tippin for their outstanding performances.

We are deeply grateful to the additional Freedom Concert Sponsors, whose generosity contributed enormously to the event’s success.

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The Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund is proud to have awarded scholarships to 80 young Americans for the 2004-2005 academic year. Some of these outstanding students include:

**Kyle Pelz** of Seven Fields, Pennsylvania, is studying Aeronautical Science at Embry Riddle-Aeronautical University. Kyle started flight training when he was 15 years old and dreams of becoming a pilot. Kyle's father served in the U.S. Navy and was killed in action when his helicopter experienced mechanical failure during a routine training mission over the North Arabian Sea.

**Rebekah Ginez** of Placentia, California is a Child and Adolescent Development major at California State, Fullerton. Her father served in the U.S. Army and lost his right eye, right arm and suffered multiple burns during his service. He was awarded the Purple Heart and was 100 percent disabled from the injuries when he suffered a heart attack and passed away when Rebekah was 18 years old. Rebekah’s mother has also recently passed away.

**Bryce Hattamer** of Gwinn, Michigan is the son of an Army Staff Sergeant who was killed in a mortar attack on Christmas Day, 2003, in Iraq. Bryce’s father, Steven, was awarded a Bronze Star, and a Purple Heart. Bryce is studying Engineering at Saint Norbert College in DePere, Wisconsin.

**Emily Davis** of Galesburg, Illinois is the daughter of a U.S. Army officer. She attends Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Illinois, where she is majoring in Political Science. Emily’s father was a Desert Storm veteran who was killed during a Bradley training exercise accident. Because of his actions, other men in his Bradley were able to escape with minimal injury.

**Mystii Woodley** is originally from Gaston, North Carolina and is majoring in Journalism and Computer Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mystii’s father served in the U.S. Army and was 100 percent disabled. He died in 1997 when Mystii was only 12 years old.

**Bradley Szkrybalo** of Howell, Michigan is majoring in Mechanical Engineering at Michigan Tech. Bradley’s father, a U.S. Army officer, was killed in action in Operation Desert Storm, when Bradley was only four years old.

**Emily Davis** of Galesburg, Illinois is the daughter of a U.S. Army officer. She attends Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Illinois, where she is majoring in Political Science. Emily’s father was a Desert Storm veteran who was killed during a Bradley training exercise accident. Because of his actions, other men in his Bradley were able to escape with minimal injury.

**Melissa Sanborn** from Olympia, Washington is majoring in Liberal Arts at Evergreen State College. Melissa’s father, Gregory, was killed in action in a helicopter crash while serving in the U.S. Army.

**Michelle Logan** is the daughter of U.S. Air Force TSgt Gary Logan, who was killed when his C130 went down in the South China Sea. At the time, Michelle was only three years old. Originally of Shalimar, Florida, she recently graduated from Virginia College of Pensacola with a degree in Surgical Technology.

**Trina Aitken**, of Braintree, Massachusetts, graduated in January 2005 from Berklee College of Music with a Music degree. She is the daughter of Richard Aitken, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was permanently disabled until his death, when Trina was a baby.

**Natasha Colbert** of Hermitage, Tennessee is majoring in Political Science and Social Work at Prairie View A&M University. Both of Natasha’s parents served in the U.S. Air Force. Her father, Marlon Colbert, was killed in the line of duty.

**Matthew Maguire** of Camden, Maine is a Psychology major at Clark University. Matthew’s father, Robert, served in the U.S. Marine Corps and was killed in action in a helicopter crash during a training mission.
**Freedom Alliance Scholarship Recipients**

**Kelsey Hynds** is a Communications major at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, where she is on the Dean’s list. Kelsey’s father, James, is a highly decorated, permanently disabled veteran and a Purple Heart recipient.

**Aaron Tolentino** of Columbia, Maryland is majoring in International Business at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pennsylvania. Aaron’s father served in the U.S. Army and was 100 percent permanently disabled. His father died (when Aaron was only two years old) of service-connected disabilities.

**Judith Terry** is a Pre-Medicine student at Massasoit Community College in Brockton, Massachusetts pursuing a degree in Business Accounting. Nicholas’ father, Wayne, served in the U.S. Army and sustained serious injuries when his helicopter was shot down. He is 100 percent permanently disabled.

**Nicholas Hamlet** is an honor roll student at Massasoit Community College in Brockton, Massachusetts. His father served in the U.S. Navy and is now a 100 percent permanently disabled veteran.

**Teresa Branham** of Shoreline, Washington is a Business major at the University of Washington. Her father served in the United States Navy and is 100 percent permanently disabled due to injuries he suffered from an explosion.

**Laurie Beth Reyna** of San Antonio, Texas is a Mechanical Engineering student at the University of Texas, San Antonio. Laurie Beth’s father served in the U.S. Marines. He was awarded a National Defense Service Medal and a Purple Heart and he is 100 percent permanently disabled.

**Isaiah Branton** from Starke, Florida is majoring in Political Science at Florida A&M University. Isaiah’s father served in the U.S. Marine Corps and suffered a critical injury when he was ejected from a helicopter. The injury left him 100 percent permanently disabled.

**Edward Joseph, Jr.** of Lakewood, New Jersey is a Science major at Rutgers University School of Arts and Science. Edward’s father, a Purple Heart and Bronze Star recipient, served in the U.S. Army. He suffered the loss of a limb and other combat injuries, and was 100 percent permanently disabled prior to his recent death.

**Gregory Hook** of Goldsboro, North Carolina is a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill who has been on the Dean’s list since his freshman year. He is currently double majoring in Religion and Recreation. Gregory’s father served in the U.S. Air Force and perished when his F-15E went down over Oman.

**Michelle Johnson** of Racine, Wisconsin is a student at Fordham University where she is majoring in Chemistry. Michelle’s father, Dale, served in the U.S. Army and died in January 1992.

**Laurie Biddle** of Aberdeen, Maryland is a student at SUNY Fredonia in New York. Her father, Martin, served in the U.S. Navy on the aircraft carrier USS Biddle. He sustained serious injuries that left him permanently disabled until his death in 1985.

**Steven Aston** of High Hill, Missouri is majoring in Criminal Justice at Central Missouri State University. He currently works for the New Florence Fire Department while enrolled in 16 credit hours at college. Steven’s mother and father both served in the U.S. Air Force. His father is a permanently disabled veteran.

**Sally Bergom** of Waverly, Iowa is a Literature major at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, New York. Her father served in the U.S. Marine Corps and died from service-connected disabilities.

**Rachel Jewell** of Aberdeen, Maryland is a student at the University of Maryland-Baltimore where she is studying Psychology. Rachel’s father, Robert, served in the U.S. Army. Multiple injuries suffered during a jumping mission with the Special Forces group have left him 100 percent permanently disabled.
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Jabaric Glass of Jackson, Mississippi attends the University of Mississippi majoring in Music Education and Management. His father, Joe, is 100 percent permanently disabled U.S. Army veteran.


Elizabeth Ashby of Huntingdon, Tennessee graduated from the University of Tennessee-Martin with a degree in Communications. She is the daughter of Michael Ashby, a U.S. Marine Corps officer, who was 100 percent disabled and passed away in August, 2004.

Terri Rice is a Rehabilitation Science major at Clemson University. Originally from St. Lawrence, South Carolina, Terri’s father served in the U.S. Army and is 100 percent permanently disabled.

Ryan Steele, of Woodbridge, Virginia, is studying criminal justice at Radford University in Radford, Virginia and the son of Lt. Col. Terry Steele. Ryan’s father served in the U.S. Marine Corps and passed away from service-connected injuries.

Leonard Nowcid from Elmer, New Jersey is majoring in Communications at Rowan University. Leonard’s father served in the U.S. Marine Corps and is 100 percent permanently disabled.

Joshua McFarland of Layton, Utah is a Business Management major at the University of Southern Idaho. His father, Dillon McFarland, was a U.S. Air Force pilot who was killed in action when his F-16 crashed in 2002. Joshua was 16 years old when his father was killed.

Elizabeth Hoover of North Bend, Oregon is a gifted writer, singer, photographer and actress. She is a student at the Academy of Art College in San Francisco, California. Elizabeth’s father served in the U.S. Army and suffers from extensive combat-related injuries which, at the age of just 20, left him 100 percent permanently disabled.

Johanna Ward of Tuskegee, Alabama is majoring in Biology at Tuskegee University. Johanna’s father, Rafael, who served in the U.S. Army, was a 100 percent permanently disabled veteran who has since passed away.

Vaughan Bennally of Tohatchi, New Mexico is a Pre-Med major at New Mexico Highlands University. He is the son of a U.S. Army officer who suffered numerous injuries and is 100 percent permanently disabled.

Suzanne Lussier is majoring in Computer Science at Grantham University in Jackson, Tennessee. Originally of Hohenwald, Tennessee, she is working toward a Private Investigator certification, a Police Science certification, and a Crime Scene Investigation certification. Suzanne is the daughter of a 21-year U.S. Marines Corps veteran who is permanently disabled.

Melissa Napolitano of Phoenix, Arizona attends Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Now majoring in Globalization, Security and Intelligence, she hopes to obtain a job working for Homeland Security. Melissa’s father served in the U.S. Army and was injured from an exploding landmine. He is the recipient of the Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster and is permanently disabled.

Shannon Snell, from Vista, California, is a Humanities and Arts major at the University of California-Irvine. Her sister, Corinne Snell, is a sophomore at Mueller College studying to be a massage therapist. They are the daughters of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm veteran and highly decorated Marine MSgt Snell. He served in the Marines for 21 years was killed in action when his UH-1 helicopter crashed during a training mission. Shannon was only six and Corinne was nine years old when they lost their father.

“I would like to thank Freedom Alliance for my scholarship. My father would be very proud of me today if he were still alive and because of this award he is still able to contribute to the continuation of my education. Thanks to Freedom Alliance for supporting the children of servicemen and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice so that we may live in freedom.”

Corinne Snell
The Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund has provided scholarships to two or more children in the same family. Many students, who have been awarded a scholarship, have younger sisters and brothers who will be eligible for scholarships in the next few years.

The Rifkin Family of Columbus, Georgia

Randi Rifkin graduated in 2005 from the University of North Carolina with a Theater degree. Her sister, Shari, is a 2004 Magna Cum Laude graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. She has also earned a Master’s Degree in Education and is teaching Math and Science to high school students. Their younger brother will be going to college in a few short years and will be applying for a scholarship too!

Their father, Dr. Jeffrey J. Rifkin, was a U.S. Army military physician for 20 years until he was killed in 1999. His daughters were 15 and 17 years old when they lost their dad.

The Hanlon Family of Veguita, New Mexico

Allan Hanlon, Jr., is a Business Administration major at the University of New Mexico. His sister, Amanda, is an Elementary Education major at the University of New Mexico. It is her dream, as well as her father’s, to earn a college degree. Their brother, Tony, recently graduated from the University of New Mexico with a degree in Business Administration. Their father, Allan, served in the U.S. Marine Corps and is 100 percent permanently disabled.

The Sullivan Family of Columbia, South Carolina

DeMarcus Sullivan is a Biblical Studies major at Liberty University in Virginia. His sister, Shannon, is a student at the Midlands Technical College majoring in Art. Their father served in the U.S. Army and is 100 percent permanently disabled.

The Cousins Family of Cheyenne, Wyoming

Joshua Cousins, is majoring in Geography at the University of Colorado. His sister, Jamie, is a Business Management major at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. Their father, Joseph Cousins, served in the U.S. Marine Corps and is 100 percent permanently disabled.

The Lail Family of Rapid City, South Dakota

Jocelyn Lail is studying Biblical Literature and Business Administration at Indiana Wesleyan University. Her brother, Nathan, is also a student at Indiana Wesleyan University. Their father served in the U.S. Air Force and is a permanently disabled veteran.

The Young Family of Fitzgerald, Georgia

Aaron Young is majoring in Business and Marketing at the University of Georgia-Athens. His brother, Nathan, is majoring in Biology at Georgia State University. He is on the Dean’s List and has been named in Who’s Who Among College Students. Their father, Hal Young, is a U.S. Marine veteran who is 100 percent permanently disabled from critical injuries he sustained from a land mine explosion.

The Richardson Family of Old Town, Florida

Adrienne Richardson is majoring in Music Education and Sacred Music at Florida Southern College. Her sister, Meghan, also attends Florida Southern College, where she is majoring in Studio Arts. Their father, William, served in the U.S. Army and is a Purple Heart recipient. He is a double amputee and is 100 percent permanently disabled. Adrienne and Meghan have a younger brother who will be eligible for a Freedom Alliance Scholarship in a few years.
Helping the Children Our Heroes Have Left Behind

How You Can Help

The Scholarship Fund is made possible through the generous contributions of freedom-loving Americans who want to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Individual, foundation and corporate contributions, including matching gifts and stock and estate gifts, are gratefully accepted and tax-deductible.

For more information about giving opportunities, please contact Freedom Alliance Director of Development Bob Smith at 800-475-6620. Freedom Alliance is a member of the Combined Federal Campaign. If you wish to contribute this way, please designate Freedom Alliance, ID # 2979.

How to Apply for a Freedom Alliance Scholarship

Students are eligible to apply if they are the dependent child of a service member who was killed or 100 percent permanently disabled in the line of duty, or who is currently classified as POW or MIA. The applicant must be a senior in high school, or a high school graduate, or be enrolled in an institution of higher learning, including colleges, universities or vocational schools. To request an application, call Freedom Alliance at: 800-475-6620 or visit www.freedomalliance.org.