

# Freedom Alliance

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## Post 9-11 GI Bill & Marine Gunnery Sgt. John David Fry Scholarship

*Through our various programs and projects, Freedom Alliance honors and supports Americans who serve our country and defend our freedom – especially those in our Armed Forces.*

*One of our programs – the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund – provides college scholarships to the dependent children of U.S. military personnel who have been killed or permanently disabled in a combat mission or training accident.*

### The Post 9-11 GI Bill & Marine Gunnery Sgt. John David Fry Scholarship

Effective August 1, 2010, the federal government will begin to fund college scholarships for the children of service members who die in the line of duty while serving on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces. Specifically, the Post 9-11 GI Bill contains a provision for the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship. This scholarship benefits the children of service members who died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001. Eligible children attending school may receive up to the highest public, in-state undergraduate tuition and fees, plus a monthly living stipend and book allowance. Students may receive up to 36 months of benefits.

### How Does The Fry Scholarship Impact The Efforts of Freedom Alliance?

We applaud the government's effort to honor those who make the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. However, while the benefits provided through the Fry Scholarship are generous to those who qualify, they are limited in scope.

For example, the Fry Scholarship provides funds only for children of service members who died on or after September 11, 2001. It does not provide for the children of military personnel who served and sacrificed prior to September 11, 2001, nor does it assist qualified students who choose to study at vocational, technical or trade schools.

### How Can Freedom Alliance Help Those Not Eligible for the Fry Scholarship?

As mentioned, the benefits of the Fry Scholarship are generous to those who qualify, but they are limited in scope. Through our Scholarship Fund, Freedom Alliance will continue to provide college scholarships to those who are not covered by the federal government. For example Freedom Alliance will continue to provide scholarships to:

- Children who had a parent killed in military service prior to September 11, 2001.
- Children of military personnel who are permanently disabled (100% VA Rating) in a combat mission or a training accident (before or after September 11, 2001).
- Qualified students who choose to study at vocational, technical or trade schools.
- Freedom Alliance will provide benefits to qualified students whose education costs may exceed the maximum allowed by the Fry Scholarship, or who may not be able to complete their college education in 36 months, as required by the Fry Scholarship.

### To Learn More

Students who may qualify for a Freedom Alliance scholarship should visit our scholarship website at [www.fascholarship.com](http://www.fascholarship.com). Here, you can review the criteria and complete an application. To learn more about the Post 9-11 GI Bill and the John David Fry Scholarship, please visit the Department of Veterans Affairs website [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).

Freedom Alliance provides college scholarships to these sons and daughters of American heroes for two reasons. First, to help them pay for the rising costs of a college education, but second, and more importantly, each scholarship is a reminder that their parent's sacrifice will never be forgotten by a grateful nation.