



Signal Corps Regimental Association Coulter, Castle, and Johnson Scholarship Awards

Each year the Fort Gordon Signal Corps Regimental Association will award three scholarships up to \$500 to students with financial need. One scholarship will be reserved for a high school senior that has lost his/her parent/guardian in the War in Iraq Operation Iraq Freedom, or the War in Afghanistan, Operation Enduring Freedom. One scholarship will be awarded to an active duty service member who wants to attend college. The final scholarship will be awarded to one military family member that is a high school senior with a GPA of 3.4 or better.

Fort Gordon Signal Corps Regimental Association is extremely committed to higher education, and we take great pride in assisting young students and service members in the pursuit of furthering their education. We feel that the late CW2 Alexander S. Coulter, SSG Samuel T. Castle and SPC Maurice J. Johnson would be very pleased in the way we are honoring their names for their sacrifices and service to the nation.

The scholarships will be awarded based on high school GPA, leadership experience and community service, and an essay. All awards will be mailed to the admissions or financial aid office of the college or university where the students are enrolled.

To apply for this scholarship please submit the following materials.

- Application Form
- Resume
- Essay

ENCLS:

Essay Instruction Sheets, Sample Cover Sheet, Sample Reference Page

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WRITING YOUR ESSAY

- 1. Topic:** The topic of the essay will be, “How has new media (IM, Blog, Myspace, Facebook, etc.) impacted society?” The essay competition is based on the **honor** system; no “**plagiarism**” allowed. You have to do your own work.
- 2. Length:** The length of the essay will be no less than 3 pages and no more than 5 pages, with the cover sheet counting as one of the pages. Do not count the reference page as one of the five pages.
- 3. Cover Sheet:** You are required to prepare a cover sheet for your essay; page 4 gives an example of the cover sheet.
- 4. Print Style and Font:** You should use block lettering such as Times New Roman or Arial with a 12 Pitch Font.
- 5. Format:** Essay should be prepared in **paragraph** format with **double** space between each line of text and **triple** space between each paragraph. Each paragraph will contain no less than three lines and no more than **twenty-two** lines of printed text. The beginning of each paragraph can be **indented** or **flush left**; whichever format you choose, it must be **consistent** throughout the essay.
- 6. Introduction:** Your essay must open with a **topic sentence** that briefly identifies the main point or points of your paper and smoothly transitions into the body of the text.
- 7. Main Body:** The main body of your text should expand on the points you identified in your introduction. It should be arranged in an orderly fashion so that the reader can clearly understand what you are attempting to convey, and he or she can follow the essay from the opening statement to the conclusion.
- 8. Conclusion:** The words “**In conclusion**” does not have to be present; however, if you choose not to use it, you must ensure that you **transition** from the main body to the conclusion of your essay in a way that alerts the reader that he or she is about to reach the end. You want to avoid **abrupt** endings.
- 9. References:** You will not have to include footnotes or endnotes; however, you will have to provide a **reference page**. Page 5 gives an example of a reference page.
- 10. Edit:** Ensure that you edit your paper for misspelled words, subject / verb agreement, and proper punctuation. Also, pronouns must agree in gender (i.e., masculine, feminine, or neuter). Use *who* for humans, and use *that* or *which* for animals and objects. Use neuter pronouns to refer to animals unless you know its name and gender. For example:
 - The dog was tested unrestrained in an open area, which was *its* usual context for training and testing. (**Gender and name unknown**).

- Sheba was tested unrestrained in an open area, which was her usual context for training and testing. (Gender and name known).

11. Scoring: Scoring will be based on the 100 points system. Applicant must score 80% to qualify for scholarship. The essay will be evaluated for its subject matter, content, style, format, and presentation. Points will be deducted for the followings reasons:

- Misspelled words = 1 point deduction
- Improper punctuation = 0.5 point deduction
- Improper use of pronouns = 0.5 point deduction
- Incorrect subject/verb agreement = 1 point deduction
- Failure to follow essay format instructions = 1 point deduction

12. Self-Bio: Submit a separate email, providing your mailing address and phone number, a brief self-bio, some of your passed achievements and accomplishments in the community or at school, and some of your goals and aspirations.

13. Submission Date: Essays must be submitted by email no later than June 08, 2008 in order to compete for the scholarship award. The winners will be announced and presented certificates around at the Annual Signal Ball. A member of the Signal Corps Regimental Association will contact the winners and inform them of the exact date, time, and location of the ceremony.

13. Mailing Address: E-mail your essay to: jenninjj@aol.com

If you have any questions pertaining to this information, please contact Command Sergeant Major (R) Gerald L. Tyce at 496-3531 or email gtyce@yahoo.com.

Good Luck!

EXAMPLE OF AN ESSAY COVER SHEET

SIGNAL CORPS REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION ESSAY COMPETITION

TITLE OF ESSAY

Applicant's Name
Month, Day, and Year
EXAMPLE OF A REFERENCE PAGE

References:

Example of information gathered from a textbook:

Meyers, Robert J. (2004). *Business Communication for Managers: An Advance Approach* (5th ed.). Mason, Ohio: South-Western.

Example of information gathered from a periodical or journal:

Sommers, David W. (2000). *I'm Not A Hero; I was Just Doing My Job*. *NCOA Journal*, 5(2), 22.

Example of information retrieved from the Internet:

Prepaid-Paid Legal Services, Inc., Independent Associates. *Employee Benefits*. Retrieved July 3, 2004, from <http://wserverO.prepaidlegal.com/jsp/corpggrp/grpregsel.jsp>