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MEMORANDUM FOR Essayons Scholarship Applicants

SUBJECT: **LTG (R) Robert B. Flowers (Regimental) and the Falaniko (Sapper) Scholarship**

Scholarship Opportunities.
Funded through the generosity of its members, partners, and donors, the Sapper Association maintains two distinct scholarship funds: the LTG (R) Robert B. Flowers (Regimental) Scholarship and the Falaniko (Sapper) Scholarship. These awards provide financial support to four undergraduate students pursuing higher education on either a full-time or part-time basis. Each scholarship features a total valuation of $5,000, which is distributed as four separate awards of $2,500 each.

To satisfy the eligibility criteria, applicants must be the dependent child, spouse, or widow of a tabbed graduate from the Sapper Leader Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Furthermore, the applicant's military sponsor must hold an active membership with the Sapper Association (specifically via a Black Card, Red Card, Hall of Fame, or Gold Star Family status) prior to the application deadline. Please note that these Essayons Scholarships are designated exclusively for dependents and widows; active-duty Sapper Instructors are currently ineligible to apply. Finally, all selected recipients must participate in a video recording at the Sapper Rendezvous or submit a recorded 1–2-minute video component for historical documentation.

Application Procedure.

1. Applications are available annually in July. Applications can be downloaded on The Sapper Association website or requested at president@sappersfirst.org or sapperassoc@gmail.com. **Applications are due NLT March 20th of each year**. No exceptions. Screening and Selection process will occur for both Scholarships annually in March. Recipients will be notified by the end of March NLT the 1st week in April.

2. To apply, candidates must submit a completed application, official or current academic transcripts, two letters of recommendation, two letters from a volunteer coordinator at a reputable charitable organization, and a personal, one-page essay discussing the importance of "Making A Difference" within the community.

Application Guidelines and Criteria

- **Evaluation Standards:** Responses should be clear, concise, and authentic, allowing the Scholarship Committee to accurately evaluate each candidate's background and character.
- **Length Constraints:** Applicants may append supplementary pages if additional space is required, provided the total application packet does not exceed two pages.
- **Receipt Verification:** Candidates should allow three business days following submission before following up to confirm that the Sapper Association Scholarship Committee Chairman has successfully received their materials.

All application materials must be typed and submitted electronically, to include inquiries regarding the application process may be directed to the President of the Sapper Association, Ernest M. Urquieta, at sapperassoc@gmail.com or president@sappersfirst.org by the **March 20th deadline**.

3. **The Scholarship Committee Chairman will notify selected recipients via email after reviewing all applications.** Awardees are highly encouraged to attend the formal presentation ceremony with their military sponsor at the annual Sapper Rendezvous in April. If attendance is not possible, the recipient's sponsor must contact the Scholarship Committee Chairperson at least 72 hours prior to the event to arrange for an executive review and determination.

4. Applicants sponsor must be a Sapper Association Member. Scholarships are awarded for one academic year, though eligible dependents, including spouses, children, and Gold Star Family members, may re-apply in subsequent years.

   While qualifying individuals can receive up to four scholarship awards in total, returning applicants must compete directly against new applicants each year. To maintain eligibility, the applicant's military sponsor must be an active member in good standing of the Sapper Association.

5. **Please initial the Essayons Memorial Scholarship Applying for:**

   LTG (R) Robert B. Flowers Regimental Scholarship_____
   The Falaniko Sapper Memorial Scholarship_____

   Personal/Contact Information

   Name: _____

   Home Address: _____

   College Address: _____

   Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

   Email: _____

   Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name: _____

   Sponsors Name: _____ Sapper Grad Date: _____

   If Sponsor (Sapper) was KIA, provide year and location:
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   Is Sponsor or Family Member a member of Sapper Association? _____Year Joined_____?

   Check One:

   Black Card_____ Red Card _____Hall of Fame_____ Gold Star Family_____ BSC Winner_____

   School Activities

   List group or individual school activities in which you're an active member and identify any leadership role or responsibilities you may have (Sports, FFA, DECA, STEM etc...).

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Community Service Involvement

Identify Community Service Organizations in which you've been active in and state ***"your"*** impacts.

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Extracurricular Activities

List activities outside of school such as hobbies and interests and identify leadership roles and responsibilities you have performed. Please be specific.

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Eligibility

1. To qualify for this scholarship, applicants must be the eligible child, spouse, or un-remarried widow of a Sapper Leader Course ***graduate from Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri*** (ranks E-5 through O-6).

Eligibility Definitions:

- **Sponsor Requirements:** The sponsor must be an active, card-carrying Sapper Association member (Black Card, Red Card, Best Sapper Winner, Hall of Fame, or Gold Star status).
- **Tabbed Sapper:** Any active duty, Marine, National Guard, Reserve, veteran, or deceased (killed in combat/training) service member who earned the Sapper Tab.
- **Eligible Child:** An unmarried biological or legally adopted child who remains under the age of 24 for the entire academic year.
- **Eligible Spouse/Widow:** A person legally married to the Sapper, or a widow who has not remarried at the time of application.

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Select One	Scholarship Name	Sponsors Name	Qualified Spouse	Qualified Child	Required GPA	Other
	LTG (R) Robert B. Flowers				3.0 / 4.0	Sapper Grad/
	Falaniko				3.0 / 4.0	GSFM

Academic

Name of current Academic Institution:

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Date of Graduation: _____

High School Class Rank_____out of _____High School Grade Point Average_____*
Name of College attending: _____ City, State_____

Name of Trade School, Seminary or Certification Course attending_____

City, State_____

High School or College Status as of Current School Year Circle one:
Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Cumulative College Grade Point Average_____* Major_____Minor_____

Do you plan to attend college as a full-time student for the full school year?
o Yes o No

If yes, which school? _____City, State_____

Have you received an Essayons Memorial Scholarship in the past?
o Yes o No
If yes, which one? _____ Date awarded_____

List recognition, awards or honors you've received in school, church, work, or community in the past year.

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*Please include a copy of your academic transcripts with this application from High School or College as appropriate. By submitting this application, I authorize the Scholarship Committee to verify my GPA, credits and class load with my current Academic Institution.

Your Personal Journey

Please respond thoughtfully and specifically to each question, developing and expressing your ideas **on a separate sheet of paper (2-3 paragraphs per answer).**

Typed responses are preferred.

1. Give a brief summary and outline of your personal, professional and educational goals.
2. How has your Sponsor (Sapper) influenced and impacted your life?
3. Why is it important to overcome failure?
4. Explain why this scholarship is important to you.
5. **Two Letters of Recommendations are required (Cannot come from a Family Member)**

Please give name, email, home address and phone number of two-character references who can attest to your character, personal and educational goals.

Name 1: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

How do you know this person? _____

Name 2: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

How do you know this person? _____

Would you be available for a personal interview or can you provide a short video (3-4m) on the importance of this Scholarship? o Yes oNo

Thank you for applying for the Essayons Memorial Scholarship Award!

Scholarship Application Checklist:

- Completed Application
- School Transcript
- Recommendation Letters
- Community Service Verification Letter
- 1–2-minute video on the impact of receiving the Scholarship

Your Signature: _____ Date_____

Sponsors Signature_____ Date_____

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