We grant Tillman Scholars $1,000 stipends to support their leadership and professional development. Scholars may use the stipends to present at conferences and workshops, support academic projects and initiatives, or pursue training and certification to increase their impact as leaders in their respective fields.

We award Tillman Scholars an average of $11,000 per academic year to finance their tuition, books and living expenses. Scholarships are renewable each year for the duration of the scholar’s academic program.

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2013  TILLMAN SCHOLAR  U.S. ARMY  CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK  B.A., POLITICAL SCIENCE

SAMUEL INNOCENT

Sam Innocent joined the military in 2004 as a path to pursue higher education. Now, as a veteran specialist for a workforce development company, Sam collaborates with government agencies to develop workforce programs. He is a passionate advocate for quality education, jobs and affordable healthcare in low-income neighborhoods like his own in Brownsville, Brooklyn. Appointed as the Vice Chair of the Veterans' Advisory Board for the Commissioner of Veterans’ Affairs, he has also played a role in several legislative successes for veterans in New York City.

2016  TILLMAN SCHOLAR  U.S. ARMY  NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY  DVM, VETERINARY MEDICINE

AMIE PFRAUM

When the events of 9/11 cut deeply into her tightknit suburb outside Washington D.C., Amie Pflaum felt compelled to join in the fight against terrorism. After four years in ROTC, Amie joined the Army Aviation Corps as a Blackhawk helicopter pilot. Since then, she's spent a decade serving across the globe and is now pursuing a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree at North Carolina State University. She hopes to use her understanding of species epidemiology and the ecology of zoonotic and foodborne diseases to improve animal and human health in the U.S. and abroad.

UNIVERSITY PARTNERS

While Tillman Scholar candidates may apply from any accredited institution of higher education, we are proud to partner with 15 colleges and universities to support Tillman Scholars enrolled at the following institutions. If you are a student at one of our University Partners and have a question specific to your institution, please contact the POC listed at: PatTillmanFoundation.org/apply

UNIVERSITY PARTNERS

Through a premier fellowship program, the Pat Tillman Foundation unites and empowers remarkable military veterans and spouses as the next generation of private and public sector leaders committed to service beyond self. The program supports Tillman Scholars with academic scholarships, a national network, and professional development opportunities, so they are empowered to make an impact in the world.
CARRYING ON PAT’S LEGACY

In 2002, Pat Tillman proudly put his NFL career with the Arizona Cardinals on hold to serve his country. Family and friends established the Pat Tillman Foundation following Pat’s death in April 2004 while serving with the 75th Ranger Regiment in Afghanistan. The qualities we look for in our Tillman Scholars are the same qualities that Pat displayed throughout his life.

APPLY TO BE A 2020 TILLMAN SCHOLAR

Tillman Scholars are chosen based on merit. Strong applicants demonstrate clear academic goals, extraordinary leadership potential, and a deep desire to create positive change. They believe their best years of service to our country are still ahead of them, and are committed to strengthening communities at home and around the world.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

1. Veteran and active-duty military service members
2. Veterans with pre- and/or post-9/11 service from all branches of the U.S. Military, including the National Guard and Reserve
3. Current spouses of veterans or active-duty service members, including surviving spouses
4. Military veterans or spouses pursuing a degree as a full-time* student:
   - Undergraduate Bachelor’s degree
   - Graduate or professional degree
   - At a public or private, U.S.-based accredited institution of higher education

*Full-time as determined by your institution and program of study

WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR AN APPLICATION?

1. Applicants will be required to submit the following:
   - Resume
   - Two essay questions
   - Financial worksheet
   - Character recommendation from a third party
   - 250 word biography
2. If an applicant progresses, we will request the following additional information at junctures in the selection process:
   - Student Aid Report from FAFSA
   - Two photos from military service or with your spouse
   - Institutional financial aid award letter
   - Completion of a background check

ON WHAT CORE VALUES ARE SCHOLARS SELECTED?

SERVICE
Dedicated to service beyond self, in and out of uniform.

SCHOLARSHIP
A lifelong learner, passionate about intellectual growth.

HUMBLE LEADERSHIP
Selflessly committed to leading by example.

IMPACT
Determined to unite others and advance ideas that change the world.

FOR MORE ON ELIGIBILITY, BENEFITS AND EXPECTATIONS, VISIT
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