

BIG ISLAND RETIRED MILITARY ASSOCIATION

\$2,000 BIRMA-Mark Allen Traxler Memorial Scholarship

2020 APPLICATION

BIRMA is a nonprofit, 501c3 tax-exempt organization operating under the laws of the State of Hawaii. The purpose of our association is to strive to protect and preserve the vested rights, benefits and privileges of retired U. S. Armed Forces personnel, to award scholarships to eligible high school graduates and to perform/support community service projects. See www.biretiredmilitary.org for more information.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Applicant is a U.S. citizen and Hawaii County resident who is or will be a graduate from a Big Island High School and who has been accepted at an accredited college, university or community college in the United States; and
2. Applicant is: a) a relative (i.e. child, grandchild, great grandchild, niece, nephew) of a retired, active duty or veteran of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, reserves or National Guard; or b) is a current active member or veteran of any U.S. armed service, guard or reserve; or c) has completed at least two (2) years in a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) or Civil Air Patrol (CAP) program; and
3. Applicant's high school GPA is 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 grading system.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Once the basic eligibility and conditions of use have been met, scholarships will be based on the following criteria:

1. Career goals that indicate a preference for military or other government/public service.
2. Demonstrated leadership ability and record of community service.
3. Previous academic performance as indicated by GPA and complexity of high school & advanced placement coursework.
4. Other appropriate selection criteria established by majority vote of the BIRMA Scholarship Committee members, such as financial need.

CONDITIONS:

1. You must register for and remain in full-time student status for the entire academic year.
2. The scholarship will be paid directly to the college. If for any reason you cannot attend or are not accepted, the scholarship will be returned to BIRMA.

HOW TO APPLY:

Complete the General Information and Agreement portion of this application and submit.

At least one letter of recommendation from an individual who is familiar with your character and accomplishments. Letters should not be from a member of your family.

A written essay describing your college and career goals. Your essay shall be a minimum of 400 words and a maximum of 500 words. It shall be typed and double-spaced.

Evidence and a summary of your leadership activities and community service work.

A copy of your acceptance letter from accredited college or university.

An official academic transcript from your high school reflecting your most recent course work.

If applying under provision 2.a), provide a photocopy of your relative's Military Identification card (both sides) or DD214 for verification of their military service status. Also, state your relationship to your relative

If applying under provision 2.b), provide a copy of your active duty ID card (both sides).

If applying under provision 2.c), provide a letter from your Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp (JROTC) or Civilian Air Patrol (CAP) commander will be required to verify completion of a minimum of two years participation in the program.

MAIL OR EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION BY MARCH 31, 2020 TO:

BIRMA Scholarship Committee
c/o 224 Paukaa Dr
Hilo, HI 96720

nfherbert@twc.com

Questions: 808-935-1946

GENERAL INFORMATION AND AGREEMENT – 2019 BIRMA SCHOLARSHIP

(Please Print)

NAME: _____
(Family/Last Name) (First/Given Name) (MI)

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** HI **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

I am claiming eligibility for this award as *(Check all that Apply to You):*

_____ A relative of a current active duty, reserve, National Guard **or** retired military member of the armed forces of the United States of America. State relationship _____

_____ An active member or veteran of any U.S. armed service, guard or reserve

_____ Two or more years satisfactory membership of a JROTC or Civil Air Patrol unit.

How did you hear about us? _____

Please Read The Following Statement. Sign & Date On The Line Provided:

I agree to the terms listed above. I understand that I must refund the entire amount of this scholarship to the Big Island Retired Military Association (BIRMA) if I, do not successfully complete the academic year. I further attest that all of the information provided above is true and correct. I also grant permission for the release of any information provided on this application to any agency involved in determining my eligibility for this scholarship.

_____ / _____
(Signature) (Date)

Attachments:

_____ Your College & Career Goals essay.

_____ Letter(s) of Recommendation.

_____ Description of substantive volunteer, community service, & leadership

_____ Official academic transcript enclosed or forwarded separately by school

_____ Copy of acceptance letter(s) from accredited college or university.

_____ Relative's military ID or DD-214; or active duty ID card; or JROTC/CAP Commander's certification.