

Sergeant Velton Locklear, III Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: April 17, 2020

Velton Locklear, III was a 1995 graduate of Eastwood High School where he excelled in the classroom and on the football field. After briefly attending college, he followed his father's footsteps into the United States Army. Velton, III was serving as an infantry sergeant in the 25th Infantry Division on his second tour of duty in Iraq when he was severely wounded when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Humvee during combat operations in Riyadh, Iraq. He would die from those injuries on Sept. 23, 2006. Sergeant Locklear was a husband, father of two sons and a dedicated soldier. He touched the lives of many in life and in death.

The Sergeant Velton Locklear, III Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by the El Paso Chapter, Military Officers Association of America Foundation, honors Sergeant Locklear's exemplary character and selfless service to our nation. It recognizes the character, achievements and patriotism of one high-school senior who has demonstrated selflessness in high school athletics and or other extra/co-curricular activities and who plans to pursue a two or four-year college/university or technical school degree while participating in a college Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Program, or serving in the National Guard or Reserves. The scholarship is a one-time award of \$ 1000.00.

Interested seniors must complete all portions of the application. Ideally, the scholarship recipient will be recognized at his/her high school's senior awards ceremony. Note: EP MOAA Foundation rules require that monies will be paid directly to the college or university on the recipient's behalf.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Male _____ Female _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number (____) ____-____ E-mail Address _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Name of High School _____

Counselor's Name _____ Phone number _____

Applicant's Current GPA _____ Class Rank _____

I am committed to serving in the armed forces and have interviewed with a school ROTC program or National Guard/Reserve Recruiter named below.

I have been accepted at and plan to attend (name of college/university or technical school): _____ starting the Fall 2020 Semester or Spring 2021 Semester (circle as appropriate)

I meet all requirements for graduation (Yes/No).

Certification

In submitting this application, I certify the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

PMS, A/PMS or Recruiter Signature (if applicable):

_____ Date _____

Counselor Signature _____ Date _____

ESSAY

Prepare an essay that explains why you desire to serve in the Armed Forces. Cite your reasons for joining, what you hope to achieve while serving and how you expect your service will affect your family, friends and associates.

Your essay must be typed using Arial, font 12, bold, and 1.5 spaced. It must not exceed two pages. Include your name in the upper left corner at the centered at the top of the page. Attach your essay to the applicant information page (it will be page 2).

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Two letters of recommendation: one from a core academic instructor; the other from a coach or club/activity director that you have participated in. You may also include a third letter from your principal, assistant principal or community leader (i.e. pastor, elected official, non-school club director, etc.). These letters should address your overall character and why you are deserving of the scholarship. Attach all letters of recommendation to your application (essays will be pages 3,4 and 5).

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Mail completed application to: EPMOAA, PO Box 6144, Fort Bliss, TX 79906-0144

For more information or questions, please contact: Webster D. Powell,
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