

## **WPAFB Educational Fund Summary**

The Wright Patterson Educational Fund is a voluntary, mutual assistance fund to grant college scholarships to students based on academic achievement. The future of our nation is dependent upon a highly educated populace, but the cost of that education continues to rise each year. Wright-Patterson AFB has highly educated employees who encourage their children to achieve academically. Individually, parents may be challenged to provide sufficient funds for their children's education; but collectively, we can raise relatively large sums for the education of the children and grandchildren of base employees.

The Fund was established as a non-government, tax-exempt, corporation with a "non solicitation" policy. While public contributions are welcome, we do not aggressively solicit support. The Fund was established solely for the benefit of the children and grandchildren of military and civilian employees at WPAFB. The Fund operates to maximize the number of scholarships and publishes the names of annual scholarship winners. Founded in 1986, the Wright Patterson Educational Fund has awarded \$349,000 of scholarships to graduating high school seniors since its inception.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for Fund operation and management and includes past and present senior leaders in base organizations. All Trustees are volunteers and receive no compensation for their services. All Trustees are dedicated to insuring scholarship selections are fair and non-discriminatory, with proper accounting and allocation of funds.

In January each year scholarship applications are provided to high schools in the greater Miami Valley area and are also made available on line. The deadline for submitting applications is 1 April. By June, the Board of Trustees recommends scholarship recipients and the President notifies applicants by letter and issues public announcements. Subsequently, scholarship winners and their families are invited to an awards ceremony, where certificates and checks are presented to each student.

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