



Captain Matthew C. Freeman, USMC, Memorial Gold Star Sibling Scholarship

Background of this scholarship:

This scholarship was established in 2012 in memory of Captain Matthew C. Freeman, USMC, and to honor his beloved sisters, Marybeth Macias and Virginia Wiedower. It is to acknowledge the struggles and emotional pain when dealing with the loss of a sibling through a combat related death. Captain Freeman was killed in action in Afghanistan on August 7, 2009.

Requirements:

1. Must be a sibling of a fallen military member who was killed while deployed to a combat zone.
2. Must be entering or attending an accredited university or college of choice and must show proof of acceptance.
3. Must attach a DD 1300, Report of Casualty
4. Sealed school transcripts
5. Picture(s) of you and your sibling and/or family
6. Three letters of recommendation
7. It is suggested that you view the video on the website, www.freemanproject.org and/or read through the stories on "In Memory of Matthew Freeman" on Facebook to familiarize yourself with Matthew and how his life affected others.

APPLICATION

Please print or type

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone (cell) _____ **(home)** _____

Email _____

Name and rank of fallen sibling _____ **DOD** _____

Parents names and address

List the Name/Address/Tel.# of three persons who have furnished a written reference for you. Select references from different activities, i.e. community involvement, scouts, school, church, work, sports. Letters should describe their relationship to the applicant and also acknowledge the sibling relationship to the fallen sibling. Include at least one reference who was close to the applicant and witnessed their struggle (i.e. taking care of parents, unable to focus, depression)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____ (If available)

Write an essay describing your relationship with your sibling and how his/her death affected you as well as how it disrupted your education.

I give permission for this essay to be used in publication to build awareness of siblings of fallen soldiers and their role in the family's mourning process. Please indicate if names should be changed for publication.

Sign _____ Date _____

A review committee has been established to include Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, members of the Hess family (Matthew's wife's family), a mentor and/or friend of Captain Freeman and his sisters, Marybeth Macias and Virginia Wiedower. The committee will make the selection and notify you and post it on our website, FreemanProject.org.

Submit completed application, letters of recommendation, and transcripts to:

**Freeman Project Sibling Scholarship
P.O. Box 1608
Richmond Hill, GA 31324**

Or email lfreeman@freemanproject.org