



Captain Matthew C. Freeman, USMC, Memorial Sibling Scholarship For Siblings of Combat Related Suicide Loss

Background of this scholarship:

The Memorial Sibling Scholarship was established in 2014 in memory of Capt. Matthew Freeman, USMC, and to honor his sisters. As the toll of war has impacted our great country in more ways, suicide from combat trauma has claimed more lives than lost on the battlefield, the importance of creating a scholarship dedicated to this often unrecognized population became apparent. In 2015, the Siblings of Combat Related Suicide Loss was created to acknowledge the struggles and emotional pain of dealing with the loss of a sibling through a combat related death by suicide.

Requirements:

1. Must be a sibling of a combat related suicide loss.
2. Must be entering or attending an accredited university or college of choice and must show proof of acceptance.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

3. A death certificate or Report of Casualty
4. Sealed transcripts
5. Picture(s) of you and your sibling and/or family.
6. Three letters of recommendation
7. An essay describing your relationship with your sibling and how his/her death affected you.

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.

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