



DEKALB COUNTY
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Jeffrey A. Trail Memorial Scholarship Scholarship Guidelines

Background

Jeffrey A. Trail was the son of Stanley M. and the late B. Ann Trail. He was born in DeKalb, IL on February 25, 1969. Jeff spent his formative years in DeKalb and graduated from DeKalb High School in 1987. During Jeff's senior year at DeKalb High School he applied for admission to the United States Naval Academy. His application was initially denied because of a suspected asthmatic condition. He appealed the decision and continued knocking on the door until they let him in. Jeff entered the Academy on July 1, 1987 having been formally appointed by Senator Paul Simon. In his last year, he was the Fourth Battalion Adjutant. Jeff greatly valued his years at the Academy and in June 1991, he graduated and was commissioned Ensign in the United States Navy. Jeff continued his professional military career until June 1995 when he was department head and promoted to Lieutenant at the Assault Craft Unit One at the Naval Amphibious Base in Coronado, CA.

Purpose

The purpose of the **Jeffrey A. Trail Scholarship Fund** shall be to contribute to the college educational expenses of a DeKalb County, IL resident who is a graduating senior from high school who has been accepted in, and is attending, one of the five United States Service/Military Academies. **All applications and any supporting documents must be submitted online. The application deadline for the 2021 application is 11:59 p.m. on April 1.**

Scholarship Criteria:

To apply for a Jeffrey A. Trail Memorial Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Is a DeKalb County, IL resident who is a graduating senior from high school
- Has achieved formal admission, and is committed to attending, one of the United States Service/Military Academies – which are federal academies for the undergraduate education and training of commissioned officers for the United States Armed Forces. Eligible Academies, as of this date, include:
 - United States Military Academy (West Point, New York)
 - United States Air Force Academy (El Paso County, Colorado)
 - United States Naval Academy (Annapolis, Maryland)
 - United States Coast Guard Academy (New London, Connecticut)
 - United States Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point, New York)

Students who remain enrolled in a United States Service/Military Academy are eligible for a maximum of three additional years of award from the Fund (renewable scholarship), for a total of four awards. The breakdown of award consists of the following:

- Year one - \$1,000
- Year two - \$1,000
- Year three - \$1,000
- Year four - \$2,000

Application Checklist:

- A complete application (please visit <https://dekalbccf.org/receive/scholarship-application/>)
- All materials submitted online by 11:59 p.m. April 1.**

Questions or need additional information?

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