



Fort Gordon Sergeants Major Association Annual Scholarship Award Program

This year the Fort Gordon Sergeants Major Association will award five scholarships to high school graduating seniors.

These are awards in which we are extremely committed to, and we take great pride in assisting young students in the pursuit of furthering their education.

The scholarships will be awarded based on criteria that includes the best-prepared essay, community involvement, biography of the applicant, as well as their goals. Pages 2 thru 5 consist of the guidelines and instructions to be followed by the applicants for preparing their packets. The checks will be mailed to the admission or financial aid offices of the college, university, or institution where the students have been accepted and are enrolled.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be enrolled in DEERS.
- Applicant must be residing in and attending high school within the CSRA
- Applicant must be a high school senior
- Applicant must be scheduled to graduate during the 2022 spring/summer school Year

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Essay instruction sheets, sample cover sheet, sample reference page

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WRITING YOUR ESSAY

1. Topic Choose one:

- A. Adaptability: How did you maintain your education/schooling during the pandemic.
- B. How has the pandemic impacted your Long-Term Career Goals
- C. Mayhem in Russia's Near Abroad: Assess Putin's geopolitical goals for massing forces on the Ukrainian Border.
- D. Strategic Complexity: Provide an assessment on the three primary threats to America's national security and provide a policy recommendation on how to deal with each threat.

The essay competition is based on the **honor** system; no "**plagiarism**" allowed. You must do your own work.

3. Length: The length of the essay will be no less than 4 pages (body) and no more than 6 pages, do not count the cover sheet or the reference page as one of the six pages.

3. Cover Sheet: You are required to prepare a cover sheet for your essay; page 4 gives an example of the cover sheet.

4. Print Style and Font: You will use Times New Roman with a 12 Pitch Font.

5. Scoring: Scoring will be based on the 100 points system. The essay will be evaluated for its subject matter, content, style, format, and presentation. Points will be deducted for the followings reasons:

- Misspelled words = 1 point deduction
- Improper punctuation = 0.5 point deduction
- Improper use of pronouns = 0.5 point deduction
- Incorrect subject/verb agreement = 1 point deduction
- Failure to follow essay format instructions = 2 point deduction

6. Self-Biography: On a separate sheet of paper, you need to provide your **first name, middle initial, and last name; mailing address, phone number and email address;** a brief self-bio; some of your previous achievements and/or accomplishments in the community or at school; and some of your goals and aspirations.

7. Submission Date: Essays must be mailed to Fort Gordon Sergeant Major Association; P.O. Box 7914; Ft Gordon, Ga 30905. All essays must be received or post-marked in the mail no later than **April 18, 2022** in order to compete for the scholarship award. The winners will be announced and presented certificates during the presentation ceremony on Friday, June 11, 2022 at the Sergeants Major Association scholarship awards ceremony. A member of the Sergeants Major Association will contact the winners and inform them of the time, and location of the ceremony.

8. Mailing Address: Mail your essay to:

**Sergeants Major Association
P.O. Box 7914
Fort Gordon, Georgia 30905**

NOTE: Place your essay and bio sheet in an envelope along with the name, mailing address and phone number of the college or university's admission and/or student financial aid office where you have been accepted to attend. Please do not return the essay instruction information.

If you have any questions pertaining to this information, please contact Command Sergeant Major (Ret) Charlie Bryant Jr, sgmbryant@gmail.com 706-518-7445 or Command Sergeant Major (Ret) Israel Butler, ijtransportllc@gmail.com 706-373-2150

EXAMPLE OF AN ESSAY COVER SHEET

Running head: PLACE TITLE OF YOUR PAPER HERE

Sergeants Major Association Essay Competition

Applicants Name

Place Title of Your Paper Here

April 18, 2022

EXAMPLE OF A REFERENCE PAGE

References:

Example of information gathered from a textbook:

Meyers, Robert J. (2004). *Business Communication for Managers: An Advance Approach* (5th ed.). Mason, Ohio: South-Western.

Example of information gathered from a periodical or journal:

Sommers, David W. (2000). *I'm Not a Hero; I was Just Doing My Job*. *NCOA Journal*, 5(2), 22.

Example of information retrieved from the Internet:

Prepaid-Paid Legal Services, Inc., Independent Associates. *Employee Benefits*. Retrieved July 3, 2004, from <http://wserverO.prepaidlegal.com/jsp/corpgrp/grpregsel.jsp>