



## 1SG P. Andrew McKenna, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

The 1SG P. Andrew McKenna, Jr. Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating High School Senior in the State of Rhode Island. The applicant must be a legal U.S. Citizen, a resident of the state of Rhode Island, who has been accepted into an accredited two or four year college or university as a full time student. He or she must have demonstrated academic excellence with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. The applicant must also meet one or more of the following criteria:

- A member of the JROTC / ROTC
- A member of their High School Track/Cross Country Team for at least 2 years
- Has a parent/guardian or sibling who is actively serving in the U.S. Armed Forces
- Has a parent/guardian or sibling who served honorably overseas

**All applicants must include** one letter of recommendation from a Head Coach, Assistant Coach or teacher that details your character as a person and/or an athlete.

### **Application Deadline:**

All completed applications must be submitted electronically to **1sgpam@gmail.com** or by USPS mail to **1SG P. Andrew McKenna, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, 285 Carey St, Somerset, MA 02725** by the end of the day on April 12, 2024. Incomplete/late applications will not be accepted for consideration.

### **Value Of Award:**

The 1SG P. Andrew McKenna, Jr. Memorial Scholarship recipient will receive one scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.00. The Award will be presented at Class Awards Night or in person and made payable to both the recipient and the college/university they will be attending. This is not a needs based scholarship.



## Essay

1SG P. Andrew McKenna, Jr. has been labeled and credited as a leader and a hero, with bravery, honor, courage and selfless traits. On August 7<sup>th</sup> 2015 1SG P. Andrew McKenna, Jr. came under fire from Taliban forces while defending Camp Integrity in Kabul, Afghanistan and made the ultimate sacrifice for his comrades and his country. He is a man who once described selfless service as “the most important thing.” Who once said, “the act of putting the well-being of others ahead of your own is the ultimate of showing what you’re made of. It’s not often brought out, but when it is, it can be unparalleled. The decision to rush forward, placing your life at risk for the welfare of a teammate or the rest of the team says more about a man in my book than anything else. What we have done for ourselves dies with us. What we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.”

Please describe in your own words **(250 words or more)**, what it means to possess the qualities and traits of 1SG P. Andrew McKenna, Jr. In joining the military, individuals often make significant commitments that impact not only their lives but also those of their loved ones. Discuss the multifaceted impact of military service on personal relationships, family dynamics, and community ties. How do you perceive the sacrifices made by both service members and their families? Reflect on the broader implications and share any personal experiences or insights that have shaped your understanding of the effects of military service on the people around you. If you do not have military ties, please relate the above to your commitments to your sport, team, and the impact on your life and those around you. Feel free to use any and all personal experiences.

This should be written as a formal essay. Informal submissions (i.e. screenshots from your phone) will not be considered by the scholarship committee.

## Checklist

\_\_\_\_\_ **Application**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Essay**

\_\_\_\_\_ **High School Transcript**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Letter of Recommendation**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Copy of Parent/Guardian/Sibling Military Status or Military Honors (If Applicable)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Proof of JROTC / ROTC (If Applicable)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Proof of Track/Cross Country (If Applicable) – Ex. Picture, Roster, Newspaper Clippings**

\_\_\_\_\_ **College/University Acceptance Letter or List of Top Three Choices**