



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 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, grandparent or sibling who is actively serving in the U.S. Armed Forces
- Has a parent/guardian, grandparent or sibling who served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces

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 by the end of the day on April 18, 2025. Applications may 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 18, 2025. Incomplete applications including screenshots of 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.

Student Information

Applicant: _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

Home Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Month Day Year

Teams, Clubs, Activities: _____

GPA: _____

Member of ROTC or Track/Cross Country: _____

Parent/Guardian/Sibling Actively Serving: _____
(Please Provide Full Name As Enlisted)

Parent/Guardian/Sibling who served Overseas: _____
(Please Provide Full Name As Enlisted)

College or University at which the scholarship will be used (Name and Address): _____

Have you been formally accepted? _____

If No, please list top three college/university choices: _____

What course of study will you pursue? _____

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 7th 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. The sacrifices made by members of the United States Army Special Forces, including Green Berets, are immeasurable. Reflecting on the life and legacy of 1SG McKenna, how can their service and commitment to our country inspire the next generation of leaders and scholars? In your essay, discuss the values of bravery, duty, and selflessness, and how you plan to embody these principles in your academic and future endeavors. Be sure to connect your personal aspirations and values to the legacy of 1SG McKenna.

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**