

BIG ISLAND RETIRED MILITARY ASSOCIATION



BIRMA-Mark Allen Traxler Memorial Scholarship

2012 APPLICATION

BIRMA is a nonprofit corporation operating under the laws of the State of Hawaii. The purpose of our organization is to strive to protect and preserve the vested rights, benefits and privileges of retired U. S. Armed Forces personnel and to foster the welfare of dependent children of retired U.S. armed forces personnel and to perform community service projects.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Hawaii County high school senior who is child of an active duty, reserve, National Guard or retired military member of the armed forces of the United States of America, Or the grandchild of a person who retired from the armed forces of the United States with 20 or more years of active military service.

and / or

2. Applicant is a high school senior who is a U.S. citizen and a resident of Hawaii County and has completed at least two (2) years in a JROTC or Civil Air Patrol program at the time of application.
3. Applicant's high school GPA is 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 grading system.

AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE:

This year, BIRMA will be awarding one \$1,000 scholarship in memory of Mark Allen Traxler, the son of one of our members.

CONDITIONS:

1. The scholarship can only be used at a regionally accredited institution in the United States. Preference will be given to students attending who are pursuing career and educational goals that indicate a preference for military or other government/public service.
2. You must register for and remain in full-time student status for the entire academic year.
3. The scholarship will be paid directly to the college. If for any reason you cannot attend or are not accepted, the scholarship will be returned to BIRMA.
4. You must provide a copy of your letter of acceptance to BIRMA.

HOW TO APPLY:

Complete the General Information and Agreement portion of this application.

Submit a letter of recommendation from an individual who is familiar with your character and accomplishments. It should not be from a member of your family.

Submit a written essay describing your college and career goals. Your essay shall be a minimum of 400 words and a maximum of 500 words. It shall be typed and double-spaced.

Submit a photocopy of your parent(s)/grandparents Military Identification card or DD214 for verification of their military service status. If applying under eligibility provision # 2, a letter from your Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp (JROTC) or Civilian Air Patrol (CAP) commander will be required to verify completion of two-years minimum in the program.

Submit an official academic transcript from your high school reflecting your most recent course work.

Submit a copy of your acceptance letter from a college or university.

Submit evidence and a summary of your leadership activities and community service work.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND AGREEMENT

(Please Print)

NAME: _____
 (Family/Last Name) *(First/Given Name)* *(MI)*

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: HI ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-Mail: _____

I am claiming eligibility for this award as *(Check all that Apply to You):*

_____ A Son / Daughter of an active duty, reserve, National Guard or retired military member of the armed forces of the United States of America.

_____ A Grandchild of a retired *(20 or more years military service)* member of the armed forces of the United States of America.

_____ Two or more years satisfactory membership as a member of a JROTC / NJROTC or Civil Air Patrol unit.

Please Read The Following Statement. Sign & Date On The Line Provided:

I agree to the terms listed above. I understand that I must refund the entire amount of this scholarship to the Big Island Retired Military Association (BIRMA) if I, do not successfully complete

the academic year. I further attest that all of the information provided above is true and correct. I also grant permission for the release of any information provided on this application to any agency involved in determining my eligibility for this financial assistance.

_____/_____
(Signature) (Date)

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION BY MARCH 31, 2012 TO:

BIRMA Scholarship Committee
c/o N. S. Stahl
1176 Puhau Street
Hilo, HI 96720

APPLICANT CHECKLIST:

- General Information & Agreement executed, signed and dated.
- Letter of Recommendation enclosed.
- College & Career Goals essay enclosed.
- Parent/Grandparent's military ID or DD214 and/or JROTC/CAP Commander's certification.
- Official academic transcript enclosed or forwarded separately by school.
- Copy of letter of acceptance by college or university.
- Additional supportive materials enclosed (e.g.: volunteer, community service, & leadership).

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COMMITTEE USE ONLY:

Date Received: _____
Complete Application? ___ Yes ___ No
Denied ___ / Awarded ___ Award letter given on: _____ by _____
Comments/Remarks: