

# Harry “Diddle” Blackwell Scholarship



**Background:** PADDLE4TROOPS, INC is a community nonprofit that was created to assist active and prior military who have sacrificed so much. Through ongoing fundraising, P4T has been able to support our bravest service members and their families with financial support, medical care, mental health services, professional training and education, and scholarships. Founded in Surf City, NC, by Joshua and Dwight Torres in 2011, PADDLE4TROOPS, INC, is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of those willing to sacrifice their own.

Understanding the importance of a quality education, PADDLE4TROOPS, INC, created the **Harry “Diddle” Blackwell Scholarship** to enable dependents of active or prior military to better focus on their intellectual development and career goals.

## HOW TO APPLY

### Eligible Applicants Must:

- Write an essay of no fewer than 800 words to one of the prompts below:
  - How has your experience as a dependent of a person in the military help to shape your decision to pursue your field of study?
  - How has your experience as a dependent of a person in the military helped to shape you as a person?
- Email the following required documents as separate attachments (.doc or .pdf) to [scholarship@paddle4troops.com](mailto:scholarship@paddle4troops.com) by deadline.
  - Essay
  - Application
  - DD-214 demonstrating applicant is dependent of Active or Prior Military personnel.

Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted.

## WHO CAN APPLY

Any dependent of an Active or Prior Military personnel may apply who is:

- Age 25 and under
- a 2022 high school graduate accepted to attend a two or four-year college/university or a current full-time student currently attending a two/four-year college/university in the United States
- carries a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

## WHEN IS THE DEADLINE TO APPLY?

Applicants must submit entries for this PADDLE4TROOPS SCHOLARSHIP by April 30, 2022, to be considered for the fall semester. Awards will be announced no later than June 1, 2022.

## AWARD AMOUNT

Scholarships of \$2500, \$1000, or \$500 will be awarded for 2022.

## SELECTION PROCESS AND NOTIFICATION

PADDLE4TROOPS Scholarship Committee will review each application and notify the winning student of their award by email and phone call. Scholarship winners are encouraged to attend annual fundraiser on September 10, 2022, to accept their award. This is not, however, a requirement of entry.

## QUESTIONS

Please direct all questions to [scholarship@paddle4troops.com](mailto:scholarship@paddle4troops.com).