

Harry “Diddle” Blackwell Scholarship

Offered by *Paddle 4 Troops* of Surf City, NC



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/mental health services, professional training/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?
- Attach the following required documents as separate attachments (.doc or .pdf) and email to scholarships@paddle4troops.org by April 14, 2023.
 - Essay
 - Application
 - DD-214 demonstrating applicant is dependent of Active or Prior Military personnel.

WHO CAN APPLY

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

- Age 25 and under
- a 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 from college or high school currently attending.

DEADLINE TO APPLY

Applicants must submit entries for this PADDLE4TROOPS SCHOLARSHIP by April 14, 2023, to be considered for the fall semester. Awards will be announced no later than May 13, 2023.

Please note: Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted.

AWARD AMOUNT

Scholarships of \$2500, \$1000, or \$500 will be awarded for 2023. A continuation of \$1000 will follow recipients up to 3 additional concurrent years with a 3.0 GPA or higher.

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 P4T SUP Paddle event on September 16, 2023, to accept their award. This is not, however, a requirement of entry.

QUESTIONS

Please direct all questions to scholarships@paddle4troops.org .