

Society of Defense Financial Managers
CNY Leatherstocking Chapter

February 10th, 2026

Dear Guidance Counselor,

We are pleased to announce that the Society of Defense Financial Managers, Formerly known as American Society of Military Comptrollers, CNY Leatherstocking Chapter, is sponsoring a scholarship program for graduating high school seniors who demonstrate exemplary leadership abilities, an interest in the financial management career field, and academic promise. The CNY Leatherstocking Chapter will award one \$700 scholarship, two \$500 scholarships and two \$150 scholarships, and National ASMC will award 11 scholarships. 2 Winners at the local level will automatically be considered at the National level. The National ASMC scholarships will be: One \$3,000 scholarship, five \$2,000 scholarships, and five \$1,000 scholarships. Winners at the \$3,000 and \$2,000 levels may reapply each year to receive \$1,500 and \$1,000 respectively for the following three academic years.

The SDFM Scholarships are for students entering the fields of Finance, Accounting, Business Administration, Public Administration, Economics, Operations Research (relating to Financial Management), and/or Computer Science. Please disseminate this information to interested students.

Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation: one from the high school principal, academic dean or guidance counselor, and one from a high school teacher. Please see additional instructions on the application form.

Applications must be received no later than 20 March, 2026 For further information, please contact: Caitlyn Sfinas at Caitlyn.m.sfinas.civ@mail.mil

or (315) 794-2977 after 4 pm.

Sincerely,

Caitlyn Sfinas

SDFM
CNY Leatherstocking Chapter
Education Chair

Scholarship Checklist:

Are you pursuing one of the following Majors:

Finance_____

Accounting_____

Business Administration_____

Economics_____



- If you were not able to check one of the majors above.
- Unfortunately only the above majors qualify for this scholarship.

Other documentation you will need for a complete package:

Application_____

Letter of recommendation from community group, religious organization or employer_____

Letter of recommendation from principle, guidance counselor or academic dean _____

Copy of latest report card _____

Copy of ACT/SAT scores____

Essay_____

***** On your leadership ability/ extracurricular activities please

include part time jobs, volunteer work, community service, etc.*****

Provide an essay of 300 words or less. Essay must address Career/Academic Goals and Financial Need. What do you want to accomplish? What circumstances prompt the need for financial support? (Please type)
