



## THE CHAPTER IV/XXIV CSM FRANK A. SOCHA EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE GRANT 2018

The Chapter IV/XXIV “CSM Frank A. Socha” Educational Assistance Grant is a SFA Education Assistance Program supported by the Special Forces Charitable Trust. Applications will be reviewed by the SFA Educational Grant Committee appointed by the Chapter and our recommendations will be made to the SFCT. The grant recipient will be notified as soon as practicable, usually by the end of June, that they have been approved for the grant. The final results of the grant selection will also be placed on the Chapter website. Grant recipients are invited to attend the July SFA Picnic or the next available General Membership meeting to receive their grant money from the Chapter President.

### ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

- The grant is available to family members of current Chapter IV/XXIV Association members who are in good standing as of DEC 2017.
- Family members include: spouse, child or grandchild of a current Chapter IV/XXIV member or spouse, child or grandchild of the family of a deceased Chapter IV/XXIV member who was in good standing at the time of death.
- Applicant must be accepted by, or already attending, an accredited College, University or Vocational School.

### APPLICATION

*Eligible applicants will submit the attached application and supporting documents electronically, during the window of February 15, 2018 to April 5, 2018, to the Committee at the following email address: [sfragrantapplication@gmail.com](mailto:sfragrantapplication@gmail.com).* Upon electronic receipt, you will receive a reply letting you know the application was received. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the application is received and complete **Not Later Than April 5, 2018**. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

### TERMS OF ACCEPTANCE

This grant may be spent on tuition, books, lab fees or other educational specific expenses you incur. If not, then this grant may be considered income by the IRS and will be taxable income to you. You must provide proof at the end of the semester (no later than January 31, 2019) with documentation of your attendance at your educational institution and a simple record of your expenditures. **If this documentation is not received, we have the right to ask you to reimburse us for this grant.** We ask that you periodically report your progress to Chapter IV/XXIV, to include personally attending a General Membership meeting within the school year if possible. We understand from time to time things happen and something may prevent you from attending school or you may need to postpone a semester after receiving the grant. If this happens you **MUST** communicate this information to us in a timely manner. Failure to observe these guidelines may place this program in jeopardy and may prevent others from taking advantage of this opportunity in the future.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Failure to provide the required information, attachments, or failure to follow the essay guidelines may render the applicant in-eligible for the grant. Incomplete applications will not be considered

The Scholarship committee will NOT solicit applicants for missing information or documentation as has occurred in past years and the results of the board are final.

- Completed Application
  - ✓  Must be signed by the applicant
  - ✓  Must be signed by the sponsor (if sponsor is deployed or otherwise unable to sign application, a letter or email by the sponsor indicating he or she is aware of your application will be acceptable)
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- Proof of Enrollment (one of the below)
  - ✓  2018 Acceptance Letter for new students
  - ✓  Previous 2017-2018 Transcript from College/Educational Institution
  - ✓  Proof of Enrollment for 2018-2019 School Year
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- Essay that sets forth the applicant's educational plans, career aspirations, and planned use of the educational grant.
  - ✓ We are looking for your goals and objectives of education, background of excellence, volunteering, and clubs/committees (ROTC), etc.
  - ✓ Essay must be at least one (1) page but cannot exceed two (2) pages
  - ✓ When printed, it must fit on 8.5 x 11 size paper, in 12-point, Times New Roman font, double line spacing, with one (1) inch margins.
  - ✓ Name of Applicant must be on each page of the essay in the header