



THE CHAPTER IV/XXIV "2026" CSM FRANK A. SOCHA EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE GRANT



The Special Forces Association (SFA) Chapter IV/XXIV "CSM Frank A. Socha" Educational Assistance Grant is an Education Assistance Program sponsored by the Special Forces Trust (SFT). The SFA Chapter 4-24 Educational Grant Committee reviews and recommends grants depending on the funds available. The grant recipient will be notified as soon as possible, usually by the end of May, that they have been approved for the grant. Grant recipients are invited and are encouraged to attend the 10th SFG(A) Family Day (June 11, 2026) to receive their grant from the SFT and our Chapter President or the SFT will mail the grant to the recipient.



ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

- The grant is only available to family members of current Chapter IV/XXIV Association members who are in good standing as of January 2026.
- 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.
- Applicants must be accepted by, or already attending, an accredited College, University or Vocational School.
- Current Active-Duty members are NOT ELIGIBLE due to several other grants available.

APPLICATION

Eligible applicants must submit the Grant application and supporting documents electronically, during the window of February 15, 2026 to April 15, 2026, to the Committee at the following email address: sfagrantapplication@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 15, 2025**. Incomplete application shall not be considered. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

TERMS OF ACCEPTANCE

This grant shall be spent on tuition, books, lab fees or qualified educational expenses. If not, then this grant may be considered income by the IRS and will be taxable income to you. If you are not sure what a qualified educational expenses are please check the IRS website at:
<https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/qualified-ed-expenses>

You must provide proof at the end of the semester (**no later than January 31, 2027**) 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 and your sponsor will lose their privileges to nominate other dependents.

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. If you have any questions, you can **always** contact the committee through our email address sfagrantapplication@gmail.com.

- 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)
- Proof of Enrollment (one of the below)
 - 2026 Acceptance Letter for new students
 - Previous 2024-2025 Transcript from College/Educational Institution
 - Proof of Enrollment for 2025-2026 School Year
- 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, Scouts), 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
 - ✓ **DO NOT SEND IN THE EXACT SAME ESSAY FROM PREVIOUS YEARS**



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

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| Name: | | | |
| Phone: | | | |
| Email: | | | |
| Street Address: | | | |
| City: | State: | Zip: | |

SCHOOL INFORMATION

| | | | |
|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Institution Name: | | | |
| City/State: | | | |
| Student ID Number: | | | |
| Anticipated Graduation Date: | | | |
| Major of Study: | | | |

SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION SPONSOR INFORMATION

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|----------------------------|--------|----------------------------|--|
| Name: | | | |
| SFA Number: | | Rank (Current or Retired): | |
| Relationship to Applicant: | | | |
| Street Address: | | | |
| City: | State: | Zip: | |
| Email: | Phone: | | |

**RECEIPT OF 2025 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
(TO BE FILLED OUT BY GRANT COMMITTEE)**

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| Received Funds in 2025: | Yes | No | Follow-up sent to Board | Yes | No | Date follow-up sent to Board: |
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SIGNATURES

*The information that is provided on this form is true and valid as of the date of submission.
Please see the following documentation with my submission*

Proof of Enrollment

One-Page Essay

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| Signature/Date of applicant: | |
| Signature/Date of sponsor: | |

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