



## MARION MILITARY INSTITUTE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Marion Military Institute Foundation offers scholarships to qualified students attending or planning to attend Marion Military Institute. Each scholarship has its own eligibility requirements, but awards are usually based on academic qualifications, leadership potential, community service, and financial need. Total scholarships awarded for 2019-2020 totaled more than \$173,000.

### **Franklin Sizemore Adams Scholarship**

This scholarship, established by Mr. and Mrs. Quincy F. Adams as a living memorial in honor and appreciation of their son, Franklin Sizemore Adams, an alumnus of Marion Military Institute, is awarded annually to a qualified college student. Preference is given to Alabama students from Clarke, Lamar, or Marengo counties.

### **Alabama Marine Corps League Scholarship**

This scholarship is provided each year through contributions by the Department of Alabama Marine Corps League. This annual scholarship is awarded to a cadet who has specifically indicated or demonstrated a strong interest in entering a Marine Corps career. This would include expressed interest in the Marine Corps Platoon Leader's Course Program or Marine Corps enlisted track. Qualifying criteria can also include a cadet's previous Marine Corps experience.

### **James H. and Mary V. Benson Endowed Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship was established by the MMI Board of Trustees and Advisors in 2008 for James H. and Mary V. Benson in recognition of their outstanding service and dedication as the fifteenth president and first-lady of Marion Military Institute.

### **The Edward Jefferson Blackburn Endowed Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship was established by Ms. Susie Geneva Blackburn in memory of her father, Edward Jefferson Blackburn, who was born in rural Perry County, Alabama, in 1902 and was educated in the public schools there. He served on the Perry County Board of Education for 29 years; the Board of Trustees at Marion Military Institute for 24 years, eight years as chairman; and was a member of the Board of Visitors at Judson College in Marion. The annual scholarship will be awarded based on financial need with first priority to students from Perry County.

### **The F. Dixon Brooke, Jr. Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in 2006 by EBSCO Industries of Birmingham, Alabama to be awarded in the name of Mr. F. Dixon Brooke, Jr. Mr. Brooke is a 1968 alumnus of MMI and is President and CEO of EBSCO. The scholarship will fund five \$2,000 scholarships each year to junior college cadets based on merit and need.

### **William Speight Burton Scholarship Fund**

This fund was established by Mr. William Speight Burton and is awarded each year to deserving cadets.

### **Chadbourne Foundation Scholarship**

This scholarship was established by the Chadbourne Foundation of Pensacola, Florida and its trustees, Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Chadbourne, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Chadbourne III, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Brian DeMaria. Mr. Chadbourne III is an alumnus of Marion Military Institute's class of 1978.

### **The Christenberry Endowed Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship was established in 2012 by Mr. and Mrs. Boyd E. Christenberry to promote the education of deserving college cadets with emphasis on those with greatest financial need. Priority of consideration shall be given to cadets who are morally, physically, medically, and academically sound, and should have participated in other extra-curricular activities outside the

classroom to include sports, clubs, Boy or Girl Scouts, or other such activities that demonstrate a well-rounded high school experience with an emphasis on leadership. This scholarship is awarded annually to a cadet who has scored at least a 21 on the ACT or equivalent SAT, and a minimum 3.0 high school GPA and is a resident of the state of Alabama.

#### **Class of 1935 Endowment Fund**

This scholarship is awarded annually to students who possess demonstrated potential for academic success and leadership. Preference will be given to students who have financial need. The Fund was established in 1986 by members of the Marion Military Institute Class of 1935 who had just celebrated their 50th reunion.

#### **Charles and Houston Drennen Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship was established by Mrs. Louis J. Drennen and Mrs. Sue P. Drennen in memory of their late husbands, Charles and Houston Drennen of Birmingham, Alabama. The scholarship is awarded each year to a college student.

#### **Alfred I. duPont Foundation, Inc. Academic Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship is awarded each year to quality students from across Alabama and the Southeast who are in need of assistance. The Alfred I. duPont Foundation is a non-profit Florida corporation founded in 1936 by Jessie Ball duPont to honor her late husband, Alfred I. duPont, founder of the modern-day duPont Chemical Company and St. Joe Paper Company.

#### **Ernest A. Fite Army Aviation Endowed Scholarship**

This scholarship was established by Colonel Ernest A. Fite USA (Ret), Class of 1965, from Florence, Alabama. The proceeds from this endowment are to be used for awarding one or more scholarship annually to MMI cadets. Priority of consideration shall be given to cadets who demonstrate financial need and/or demonstrate an interest in army aviation as an aviator and/or any other capacity.

#### **James H. and Cecile Gayle Scholarship Fund**

This academic scholarship fund was established in 1966 by Mr. and Mrs. James H. Gayle of Marion, Alabama. The scholarship is awarded annually to a college student who is a resident of Alabama and who is qualified to participate in Marion Military Institute's academic, military, and athletic training program. The recipient of this scholarship must be willing to sign an oath of loyalty to the United States.

#### **Joe C. Granade Endowed Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship was established by Lucille W. Granade to honor her late husband, Mr. Joe C. Granade, a member of the Class of 1948. The purpose of this fund is to award one or more scholarship to cadets who demonstrate financial need.

#### **Jeane Parker Hallmark Scholarship**

This scholarship was established by Luther (Luke) P. Hallmark, a 1977 MMI graduate, in memory of his mother, Mrs. Jeane Parker Hallmark. The scholarship is awarded to a student who participates in the athletic program.

#### **John Milton Hightower Scholarship**

This academic scholarship was established in 1984 by Mrs. John M. Hightower of Sylacauga, Alabama, and her daughter, Mrs. Joseph C. P. Turner of Demopolis, Alabama, in memory of John Milton Hightower. Mr. Hightower was a graduate of the class of 1920.

#### **Joel R. and Elizabeth E. Hillhouse Endowed Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship was established by Joel R. and Elizabeth E. Hillhouse to promote the education of deserving cadets who are in need of financial assistance by providing funds for one or more scholarships annually.

#### **Jemison and Day Family Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship is awarded each year to a deserving student and was established by Jemison Investment Company, Inc., of Birmingham.

#### **LeCraw Leadership Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in 1999 by Scott T. LeCraw, a Marion Military Institute graduate, Class of 1972, in memory of his mother, Mrs. Margaret LeCraw Towers. Funds from this scholarship are awarded annually to a student from the state of Georgia, who has a quality academic record, an interest in the military, and a proven record of leadership.

**George Blue Lee Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to a student qualified for admission into the Early Commissioning Program. The student must be a diligent student with athletic ability and demonstrated leadership potential. The scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Earle of Blacksher, Alabama, in memory of their nephew, George Blue Lee, a graduate of Marion Military Institute. Mr. Lee gave his life in defense of his country in 1967.

**John Charles Lindsay, Jr. Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in memory of John Charles Lindsay, Jr., a graduate of the MMI Preparatory School, Class of 1972. The fund was created by his parents, Colonel and Mrs. John C. Lindsay of Orville, Alabama. Preference is given to students who excel in the study of mathematics and military training.

**David E. McCollum Aviation Endowed Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. Offa Shivers McCollum, Jr. of Highland, Maryland to honor their son David Ellis McCollum who died at the age of 47 in a test flight crash on April 2, 2011 in Roswell, New Mexico. David lived in Savannah, Georgia where he was a Flight Test Engineer at Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation. A native of Highland, Maryland, David graduated from the Marion Military Institute high school in 1981 and the junior college in 1983. He earned his BS degree in Engineering Science and Mechanics from Georgia Tech in 1988. This scholarship will be awarded each year to support flying lessons for MMI cadets interested in a career in aviation.

**Offa Shivers McCollum Memorial Scholarship Endowment**

This scholarship was established by Offa Shivers McCollum, Jr., in honor of his father, Lieutenant Colonel Offa Shivers McCollum. One or more scholarship will be awarded annually to MMI cadets. The use of income generated from this gift may include, but not be limited to, tuition, room and board, uniforms, books, and such other expenses deemed necessary to attend Marion Military Institute.

**James Guy McCormick, Jr. Scholarship**

This academic scholarship fund was established by Mrs. Carolyn S. McCormick of Demopolis, Alabama in memory of her husband James Guy McCormick, Jr., Class of 1940. The funds from this scholarship are awarded annually.

**James A. Mitchell Memorial Scholarship**

Funds from this scholarship are awarded annually to a college student. The scholarship was established by James A. Mitchell, an MMI alumnus, class of 1917, in memory of his father.

**Lillian Moore Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship was established by the late Lillian Moore of Marion, Alabama, in honor of her brother, R. Malcolm "Monk" Moore, who was Assistant Commandant at Marion Military Institute for many years. This scholarship is awarded each year to deserving cadets.

**Mooty Brothers Endowed Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship was established by June Louise Mooty Grube and Virginia Sittason to honor their brothers Harold, Doug, and Joe Mooty. The purpose of this scholarship is to award one or more scholarships annually to MMI cadets who demonstrate a financial need.

**The MMI Raiders Endowed Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in 2005 by a group of alumni who represented campus leaders and who wanted to give back in for the good of the school that shaped their leadership. Priority for consideration shall be given to full-time college cadets and also to returning scholarship recipients.

**Hopson Owen Murfee Academic Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship was established in honor of H. O. Murfee by his grandson, Mr. William E. Matthews IV. H. O. Murfee was the second president of Marion Military Institute. He was a Phi Beta Kappa honor graduate in physics from the University of Virginia where his roommate was Woodrow Wilson. This scholarship is awarded each year to a student whose record exemplifies academic diligence.

**James T. Murfee Memorial Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship was established to honor the founder and first president of Marion Military Institute and his family. The purpose of this scholarship is to award one or more annual scholarships to deserving cadets in the name of the school's founder Colonel James T. Murfee.

**James Thomas Murfee, III Endowed Athletic Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in 2000 to honor the memory of the great-grandson of the founder of Marion Military Institute, James Thomas Murfee. Dr. James Thomas Murfee III, affectionately known as "Tommy," served as Academic Dean, an instructor of math, and Director of Athletics. The scholarship is awarded to a student who demonstrates good moral character and who participates in athletics.

**James Dennis Nettles, Jr., Memorial Scholarship**

This academic scholarship was established in memory of James Dennis Nettles, Jr., a graduate of the Preparatory School, Class of 1970. The fund was established by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. James D. Nettles of Arlington, Alabama, and his friends. This scholarship will be awarded to college students who possess excellent leadership skills.

**Walter P. Nichols Scholarship**

This academic scholarship is awarded to a student with a strong academic background with preference given to students from Marion, Alabama.

**The Fire Lieutenant Edwin E. Passmore 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Scholarship**

This scholarship was established by Colonel and Mrs. Edwin W. Passmore in dedication to Colonel Edwin Eric Passmore (USA, Ret.), who upon his retirement from the Army dedicated himself to serving the community as a volunteer firefighter. The annual scholarship will be used to defray tuition costs for MMI cadets participating in the Alabama Fire College program not otherwise covered by AFC or other sources. The scholarship will be awarded based upon financial need.

**R. Leigh Pegues Endowed Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship was established by the Presidential Advisory Council (PAC) of Marion Military Institute to honor the memory of Mr. R. Leigh Pegues. The purpose of this fund is to award one or more scholarships annually to deserving cadets who demonstrate a financial need.

**Garland Sledge Rankin Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in memory of Garland Sledge Rankin, a graduate of the MMI Preparatory School in 1974. It was created in 1975 by Mr. and Mrs. Amzi G. Rankin of Faunsdale, Alabama. The scholarship is available to college students from the Marengo County area.

**William Hoke Ritchie, Jr and the Nancy Rosenberger Ritchie Endowed Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship was established to encourage and assist outstanding, qualified young men and women interested in pursuing a career in the Navy and/or Marine Corps by commissioning through the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) or a career in the military by commissioning through one of the other U.S. Service Academies. Preference is given to a student at Copper Basin High School, Copperhill, TN, or a student at Culpeper County High School, Culpeper, VA, or a descendent of William Hoke Ritchie, Jr., or Nancy Rosenberger Ritchie.

**David J. Robinson Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to a student whose record exemplifies academic diligence, athletic accomplishment, and demonstrated leadership. This scholarship fund was established in memory of David J. Robinson, a college graduate of Marion Military Institute, Class of 1965.

**Paul W. Rutledge and Margaret S. Rutledge Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in 1985 by Mrs. Margaret S. Rutledge in memory of Major General Paul W. Rutledge, United States Army. Preference for this award is given to students who aspire to be commissioned as an officer in the United States Army.

**Peyton Tutwiler III Scholarship**

This scholarship was established by Mrs. Lucille P. Tutwiler to honor her husband, Peyton Tutwiler III. Priority of consideration will be given to candidates from Mobile County, Alabama who express an interest in the field of engineering as a civilian or military officer.

**Mildred Prettyman Washburn Fund**

This fund was established by James L. Washburn in memory of his wife, Mildred Prettyman Washburn. Income from this fund is awarded to a cadet who has demonstrated exemplary scholarship, leadership, and citizenship.

**Dr. Arthur F. Wilkerson, Jr. Scholarship**

Funds from this scholarship are awarded to an accomplished and dedicated student. The scholarship was established in 1987 by his family in memory of Dr. Wilkerson, who graduated from Marion Military Institute in 1928.

**Taylor D. (Red) Wilkins, Jr. Athletic Endowed Scholarship**

This scholarship was established by the MMI Board of Trustees in 2002 to honor Mr. Taylor D. "Red" Wilkins, Jr., an alumnus of Marion Military Institute, a prominent Alabama attorney and an inductee of the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. Its purpose is to recognize the importance of athletics in achieving the physical development of cadets as required by the MMI mission to provide funding for annual scholarships in order to attract cadet athletes to Marion Military Institute who excel in a specific sport.

**George M. and Zoe A. Williams Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to a deserving student who understands the importance of duty to themselves, others, and their country. The fund was established by Mr. and Mrs. Robert George Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Evan E. Filby in honor of George M. and Zoe A. Williams.

**James Dudley Woodfin Memorial Scholarship**

The funds from this scholarship are designated for a student from the Marion area planning to attend MMI who has demonstrated financial need. The scholarship was established in 1995 to honor the memory of Colonel Woodfin, an MMI graduate, Alumnus of the Year, and longtime faculty and staff member.