



MARION MILITARY INSTITUTE FOUNDATION ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

The MMI Foundation manages MMI's endowment and offers endowed scholarships to qualified cadets each year. Each scholarship has its own eligibility requirements, but awards are usually based on academic qualifications, leadership potential, community service, and financial need.

Franklin Sizemore Adams Endowed 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 MMI, is awarded annually to a qualified college student. Preference is given to Alabama students from Clarke, Lamar, or Marengo counties.

James H. and Mary V. Benson Endowed Scholarship

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 MMI.

The Edward Jefferson Blackburn Endowed Scholarship

Ms. Susie Geneva Blackburn established this scholarship in memory of her father, Edward Jefferson Blackburn, 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 MMI 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 priority to students from Perry County.

William Speight Burton Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Mr. William Speight Burton, MMI Class of 1950. He served in the Armed Guard of the Navy from 1942 to 1946 during World War II. After retiring from the Coca-Cola company, he wrote a book, "Asbestos – the Silent Killer of Navy Veterans," on his experiences in the Armed Guard, including his asbestos exposure.

The Alva C. Caine Sr. Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established by L. Dudley Lawson, Jr., MMI HS '86, of Birmingham, Ala., in honor of Alva C. Caine Sr., MMI HS '59, JC '61, and his family, who were an important part of Mr. Lawson's life and like his second family. This scholarship recognizes the importance of the Caine family in his life and also the tremendous philanthropic support and dedicated service that Mr. Caine has provided to MMI. The scholarship will be awarded to cadets with financial need.

Chadbourn Foundation Endowed 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 MMI's Class of 1978.

The Christenberry Endowed Scholarship

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 extracurricular 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 Scholarship

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

Charles and Houston Drennen Endowed Memorial Scholarship

Mrs. Louis J. Drennen and Mrs. Sue P. Drennen established this scholarship in memory of their late husbands, Charles and Houston Drennen of Birmingham, Alabama.

Alfred I. duPont Foundation, Inc. Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded each year to qualified 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

Colonel Ernest A. Fite USA (Ret), Class of 1965, from Florence, Alabama, established this scholarship. Priority of consideration is 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 Endowed Scholarship

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Gayle of Marion, Alabama, established this scholarship in 1966. Alabama residents qualified to participate in MMM's academic, military, and athletic training programs receive priority.

The Samuel P. and Lynn B. Givhan Endowed Scholarship – Also established by L. Dudley Lawson, Jr., this scholarship honors Samuel P. and Lynne B. Givhan for the many years of significant support and continued generosity they have provided for MMI. The scholarship will be awarded to cadets with financial need.

Joe C. Granade Endowed Scholarship

Lucille W. Granade established this scholarship to honor her late husband, Mr. Joe C. Granade, Class of 1948. Cadets demonstrating financial need receive priority.

Jeane Parker Hallmark Endowed Scholarship

Luther (Luke) P. Hallmark, Class of 1977, established this scholarship in memory of his mother, Mrs. Jeane Parker Hallmark. Cadets in the athletic program receive priority.

Dr. Marnix E. Heersink Endowed Scholarship

Dr. Marnix E. Heersink established this scholarship in 2022 to help students from the South Alabama area with financial need. Dr. Heersink, originally from the Netherlands, is the founder of Health Center South. The minimum academic requirement is a 3.0 grade point average.

Dr. Marnix E. Heersink Endowed Internship

Dr. Marnix E. and Mary Heersink established this scholarship in 2023 for cadets interested in the healthcare industry. It provides an internship opportunity where cadets shadow the medical staff at Health Center South. The minimum academic requirement is a 3.0 grade point average.

The McClinton Family Endowed Scholarship – This scholarship was established by Mr. Raymond McClinton, Jr., MMI Class of '62, of Asheville, NC, to make MMI's exceptional education more financially accessible to young men and women who are eager to achieve their dreams of being future leaders and having a fulfilling life. These scholarship funds will be an investment in a young person's future, enabling talented and deserving students to gain the distinctive lifelong benefits of Marion's education. As a need-based scholarship, the McClinton family hopes they have a positive impact on the belief that no deserving child is left behind due to economic reasons.

John Milton Hightower Endowed Scholarship

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

Joel R. and Elizabeth E. Hillhouse Endowed Scholarship

Joel R. and Elizabeth E. Hillhouse established this scholarship to promote the education of deserving cadets who are in need of financial assistance.

Jemison and Day Family Endowed Scholarship

Jemison Investment Company, Inc., of Birmingham, established this scholarship awarded annually to a deserving cadet.

LeCraw Endowed Leadership Scholarship

Scott T. LeCraw, Class of 1972, established this scholarship in 1999 in memory of his mother, Mrs. Margaret LeCraw Towers. It is 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 Endowed Memorial Scholarship

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Earle of Blacksher, Alabama, established this scholarship in memory of their nephew, George Blue Lee, a graduate of MMI. Mr. Lee gave his life in defense of his country in 1967. Priority of consideration is given to cadets accepted into the ECP. The cadet must be diligent with athletic ability and demonstrated leadership potential.

John Charles Lindsay, Jr. Endowed Memorial Scholarship

Colonel and Mrs. John C. Lindsay of Orville, Alabama, established this scholarship in memory of their son, John Charles Lindsay, Jr., a graduate of the MMI Preparatory School, Class of 1972. Priority of consideration is given to cadets who excel in the study of mathematics and military training.

David E. McCollum Aviation Endowed Scholarship

Mr. and Mrs. Offa Shivers McCollum, Jr. of Highland, Maryland, established this scholarship 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 MMI 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 Endowed Memorial Scholarship

Offa Shivers McCollum, Jr. established this scholarship in honor of his father, Lieutenant Colonel Offa Shivers McCollum. The use of the scholarship may include tuition, room and board, uniforms, books, and any other expenses deemed necessary to attend MMI.

James Guy McCormick, Jr. Endowed Scholarship

Mrs. Carolyn S. McCormick of Demopolis, Alabama, established this scholarship in memory of her husband James Guy McCormick, Jr., Class of 1940.

James A. Mitchell Endowed Memorial Scholarship

James A. Mitchell, Class of 1917, established this scholarship in memory of his father. This scholarship is awarded each year to deserving cadets.

Lillian Moore Endowed Scholarship

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

COL Leon Ralph Livingston Endowed Scholarship

Mr. Stewart B. Mitchell, Class of 1977, established this scholarship to honor COL Livingston's impact on his life. COL Livingston served as Commandant of Cadets for 16 years.

Fritz and Jeanne Mitchell Endowed Scholarship

Mr. Stewart B. Mitchell, Class of 1977, established this scholarship to honor his parents and for the sacrifices they made for his education. Mr. Mitchell is the broker/owner of the Stewart Mitchell Company, a commercial/investment real estate firm in Winter Park, Florida.

Mooty Brothers Endowed Scholarship

June Louise Mooty Grube and Virginia Sittason established this scholarship 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.

JHM Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2005 by MMI alumni who participated in the Morgan's Raiders to honor more than 58 years of service to MMI as cadet leaders and to promote the education of deserving college cadets. Priority of consideration is given to returning scholarship recipients.

Hopson Owen Murfee Endowed Academic Scholarship

Mr. William E. Matthews IV established this scholarship in honor of his grandfather, H. O. Murfee. H. O. Murfee was the second president of MMI. 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 cadet whose record exemplifies academic diligence.

James T. Murfee Endowed Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honor the founder and first president of MMI, James T. Murfee, and his family.

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 cadets 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.

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.

Blake McKenzie Rapier Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Dr. George Rapier, MMI HS '69, of San Antonio, Tex. and Florence, Italy, to honor the memory of his youngest son, Blake McKenzie Rapier, September 18, 1988 – June 4, 2007. The scholarship will be awarded to cadets with financial need.

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 descendant of William Hoke Ritchie, Jr., or Nancy Rosenberger Ritchie.

Pat and Linda Rudicell Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2025 by LTC Pat Rudicell, USA (Ret), MMI Class of 1985, and his wife Linda to help cadets in the Early Commissioning Program who are contracted with MMI ROTC and demonstrate financial need. Priority for consideration are cadets from Baldwin County, Alabama.

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.

James Daniel Stracener Endowed Flight Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2023 by Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. McKee of Faunsdale, AL, to honor the memory of Mr. Stracener and to support MMI cadets pursuing aviation training through the MMI Civil Aviation Program to help them achieve their dreams of flying.

R. Daniel and René W. Sumlin Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2026 by Mr. Clint Sumlin for his parents, SCPO R. Daniel (Dan) and René W. Sumlin, upon their retirement from MMI to honor their dedication, compassion, and steadfast commitment to others that left a lasting impact on the MMI community and on generations of cadets and colleagues whose lives they touched. The scholarship is for cadets who have financial need.

Joseph Collins Penrith Turner Endowed Scholarship

Mrs. Martha Hightower Turner, of Demopolis, AL, established this scholarship in memory of Mr. Turner and to honor their 57-year marriage. Mr. Turner attended MMI from 1959 to 1961. The scholarship is for cadets who have financial need.

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.