



## 2024 EGHS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



### **The Ernest and Gisela Hale Scholarships for the Children of U.S. Special Operations Members in Cooperation with the National Navy Seal Museum Foundation and the Unit Scholarship Fund (Army)**

The Marlee Foundation, Inc. is a charitable 501(c)(3) organization that was established in late 2015 with the following charter:

1. To help those that cannot easily help themselves with the major focus being on children, veterans and animals.
2. To have 100% of administrative efforts covered by volunteers and donations from AJA International, Inc. only.
3. To have 100% of outside donations be used for the specific program requested by the donor.
4. To operate a fully transparent operation that ensures 1, 2 and 3 above are respected.

With a selfless heart and a tireless spirit, Marlee was my constant companion for over 14 years. She traveled the US with me and changed my life in many significant ways. To pursue these efforts in her name is very special to me and to all those that knew her.

Before formally establishing the Marlee Foundation, I began this scholarship program in early 2015 for the children of US Special Operations Members by working directly through the National Navy UDT Seal Museum, its Executive Director, Rick Kaiser and Foundation Director, John Lee. Rick Kaiser immediately asked me to include Chairman Henry "Ike" Eisenbarth and the Army Unit Scholarship Fund into our new program. All these children that we have helped with over \$900,000. in scholarships to date have been truly phenomenal and deserving. The "Incognito Photo Contest" has made it even more special to myself and to our donors as we get a better insight into these creative, young individuals. Periodic updates from scholarship recipients are also welcome as it is very rewarding to observe these students striving to achieve their goals.

This program is dedicated to my parents, CWO-4 Ernest L. Hale and my mother Gisela W. Hale. Gisela grew up as a German civilian child during WWII surviving the Allied bombings and eating whatever her family could find to stay alive. After the war she went to work for the American military in a secretarial capacity. Everything she earned went to send her older brother to university. When she married my father, CWO-4 Ernest L. Hale (veteran of WWII, Korea and Vietnam), she followed him around the world for his military tours and doggedly pursued her own higher education eventually culminating in a PhD from Boston College. Both of my parents are now buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

I believe that offering a scholarship in their names is a fitting way to honor their dedication to serving one's country and to the pursuit of education against the odds. By making this funding available, we hope to say thank you in a small way to those military families of Special Operations Members that have given so very much to us all.

William Hale  
President, The Marlee Foundation, Inc.  
Founder/CTO AJA International, Inc.



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Award Date: **End of June 2024**

A total of **\$120,000** in EGHS Scholarships will be awarded in 2024. These awards will be checks made out **directly to the College or University** and are to be used **exclusively for undergraduate tuition expenses** for eligible recipients age 23 and younger. **They are not to be used for books, room & board or subsequent redistribution to the student.**

#### Criteria for Awards:

- The awards will be based on:
  - prior academic achievement
  - situation / application details / essay answers
  - financial need
- In order to be considered for award selection, applicants are required to:
  - completely fill out the attached application form **by hand** and submit with the attachments requested
  - submit **all other attachments requested in typed or printed format in order**

**INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION AS INSTRUCTED WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

**ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE VETTED BY EITHER THE NAVY SEAL MUSEUM FOUNDATION or THE ARMY UNIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND and WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ONLY ONE MARLEE FOUNDATION APPLICATION.**

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**Please complete this page by hand, in its entirety, as your application cover sheet:**

Full Name:	Date of Birth (m/d/y):
Address:	
Contact Telephone Number:	Contact e-mail address:
Name of S.O.C. Member:	Branch:
Active Duty Dates Served:	Years Deployed Overseas:
University/College to be attended:	Degree(s) Sought:
Address of Institution:	

**Please submit and attach the following in order:**

1. Copy of Letter of Acceptance from University/College - must be verifiable
2. Complete High School Transcripts and University/College Transcripts (if applicable) - must be verifiable
3. Copy of highest SAT or ACT test results - must be verifiable
4. (2) Letters of Recommendation with contact information of sponsors
5. Maximum 1/2 page letter documenting/explaining your financial need situation
6. (4) Essay Questions. Please prepare as follows :1/2 - 1 individual page each, typed, single spaced
  - 6a. "Please describe the one animal in your life that has had the single most significant effect on you."
  - 6b. "Of all past presidents of the US, who in particular do you respect the most and why?"
  - 6c. "Of all famous athletes or entertainers, who in particular do you respect the most and why?"
  - 6d. "If you were preparing this scholarship application and had to come up with (4) essay questions different from what you see above, what would they be?" (The best (4) questions will appear in next year's application)

**AUTHENTICITY: As parent of this applicant, I hereby attest that these essays have been prepared by my child without assistance from any type of AI program**

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
email address

**PLEASE MAIL APPLICATIONS based on affiliation TO ARRIVE BY THE MAY 10, 2024 DEADLINE to either:**

**Lisa Fulton c/o The National Navy SEAL Museum, 3300 N. Hwy A1A, Fort Pierce, FL 34949**

**(or)**

**Henry "Ike" Eisenbarth c/o The Army Unit Scholarship Fund, PO Box 73338, Fort Bragg, NC 28307**