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## Empowering Military Families with that Extra Edge in Learning

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**Check out an important scholarship opportunity at the end of this newsletter!**

The Center for Teaching and Learning Mathematics (CTLM) was started in 2007 at the University of Northern Iowa. It began with the belief that families play a critical role in their children's education.

The CTLM has created their pioneering, research-based *Making Sense: Family Resources* that support military families and those who serve them as a contributor to Student

Online Achievement Resources (SOAR). SOAR is an innovative project funded by the Department of Defense that focuses on engaging families in their children's learning. In conjunction with the Military Impacted School Association (MISA) and US Skills, SOAR creates a wide variety of free online educational resources available to military families. Together with the CTLM,

they are proudly addressing the unique challenges facing military children in our nation's public schools. Frequent relocations, multiple deployments, and longer tours of duty often interrupt the continuity of the military child's education. Military children are living a lifestyle where relocation, loss, and change feel constant.

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## Event Honors Families of the Fallen

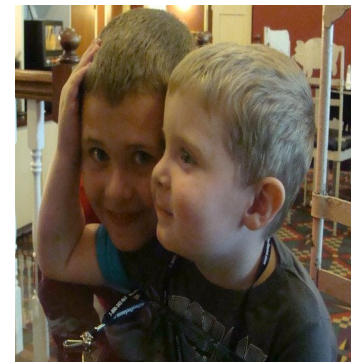
On 22 October 2011 a small group of military youth from across Iowa, representing multiple Service Branches, gathered for an event to honor and remember family members lost as a result of military operations overseas. This event, held at Living History Farms in Urbandale, IA, was a time for sharing stories, hugs and building new friendships. Youth attending the event participated in a variety of activities including making memory stepping stones, painting canvases to ex-

press emotions and feelings and other teambuilding games. Working with the Gold Star Families in Iowa is an experience supporting Iowa National Guard Youth and Teen



volunteers will never forget. "This whole experience makes you appreciate even more the sacrifices our Military Families make for all of us...it makes me want to do more," said one Youth and Teen Program volunteer.

Plans for the 2012 Families of the Fallen event are currently underway. For more information on the Families of Iowa's Fallen program, visit their website at: <http://iowasfallen.org>.



If you would like to learn more about supporting youth experiencing the loss of a loved one, please visit the Dougy Center website at: [www.dougy.org](http://www.dougy.org).

## Empowering Military Families (cont.)

To help children succeed in this challenging lifestyle, the CTLM's *Making Sense: Family Resources*, a set of videos and supplementary educational materials (activities, links, and references), provides that extra edge for military families in mathematics, literacy, and early learning. *Making Sense: Family Resources* seeks to empower families who engage in their children's learning. All materials are free to military families and those that serve them.



The *Making Sense: Family Resources* include

- strategies to optimize family learning opportunities outside the classroom.
- materials that build confidence in families, helping them to stimulate conversations about mathematics and literacy.
- ideas designed to connect learning concepts to life skills.
- opportunities for families to have a positive effect on student achievement.

The CTLM also extends its reach to military families by creating additional learning opportunities outside of their regular family time and school day. Pilot projects are underway to provide resources to summer camps and after-school programs serving military children. These learning resources provide supplemental instruc-

tion in mathematics and literacy. As part of SOAR, and proudly working with the U.S. military, the CTLM is committed to supporting military families in their quest for quality educational resources for their children.

To learn more, please visit [www.uni.edu/ctlm](http://www.uni.edu/ctlm), or contact Dr. J.D. Cryer via email at [jd.cryer@uni.edu](mailto:jd.cryer@uni.edu) or by phone at 319-273-2294.



## Meet the Volunteers that Make Our Program a Success!!!

With approximately 11,000 military youth across the state, it takes a lot of helping hands to make the Iowa National Guard Youth and Teen Program a success. We owe a great deal of thanks for this success to the more than 120 volunteers who have helped out and supported events over the last six years. Each quarter we plan to spotlight a volunteer in our newsletter who has been giving of his/her time and talents during Youth and Teen Program events. Our hope is that spotlighting volunteers will help you get to know them a little better for events in the future.

Katy Griner began volunteering after finding an opportunity to help at the 2009 Youth Symposium listed on the [volunteeriowa.org](http://volunteeriowa.org) web-

site. Katy is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor who works part time as a Counselor at Simpson College and part time in her own private therapy practice.

At the 2009 symposium, Katy helped out with the teen group and



has been eager to help with events ever since. When asked what keeps her coming back to volunteer she stated "it's a way I can do my part. The families make a lot of sacrifices, so volunteering is a way I can say thanks." Katy also noted that she has gained a lot from volunteering. Katy recently had a cousin deployed in Afghanistan, and she noted that "I was able to point him and our family toward a network of resources of which I was only aware because of my volunteering" with the IANG Youth and Teen Program.

If you see Katy at one of our events please feel free to say hi and thank her for her help supporting Iowa's Military youth.



## Tutor.com for Military Families Fact Sheet

**Overview :** The Department of Defense MWR Library Program and Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program provides online tutoring and homework help from Tutor.com at no charge to all military families, including all National Guard, Reserve and Active Duty families. This program allows K-12 and adult students to connect to a live tutor online at anytime for help with homework, studying, test prep, college coursework and more.

**Around the Clock Help:** Access to the program is free and unlimited 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All students worldwide can use the program, regardless of where they attend school. Eligible military members can get details and create an account at [www.tutor.com/military](http://www.tutor.com/military).

### All Subjects, All Grade Levels

#### Academic Help for K-12, College and Adult Learners

Math: Elementary, Mid-Level, Algebra I and II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Calculus, AP\* level

Science: Elementary, Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, AP level

Social Studies: U.S. History, World History, AP level

English: Essay Writing, Grammar, Literature, AP level

#### College Help

Military members in college can get help with introductory courses in Math, Science, Social Studies and English. Tutors can help with college coursework, studying for exams, writing research papers and more.

#### Additional Subjects

Tutors can also help students with GED preparation and studying for the citizenship exam. Bilingual tutors help Spanish speakers in math, science and social studies.

**Professional Tutors:** Every Tutor.com tutor is a carefully screened expert. Our team of over 2,000 tutors includes certified teachers, college professors, graduate students, select undergraduates from accredited universities and other professionals. Tutor.com tutors are primarily based in the U.S. and Canada with some bilingual specialists located internationally.

**Safe & Secure:** Our commitment to safety starts with our rigorous application process, an extensive background check, and a probationary period before an applicant becomes a certified Tutor.com tutor. Students and tutors always work anonymously and no personal information is shared during sessions. Ongoing session review and mentoring ensure that our tutors maintain the highest standards of quality and safety at all times.

**Eligibility :** Authorized patrons include United States (U.S.) active duty military service members, U.S. military reservists and U.S. National Guard personnel, including Wounded Warriors and Survivors, DoD civilians in a deployed status, and their dependents.

#### For more information:

Contact **Meg Sauv ** at 347.819.2939 or [msauve@tutor.com](mailto:msauve@tutor.com) .



Students go to [www.tutor.com/military](http://www.tutor.com/military) and click on their service to get a tutor.

**tutor.com**  
7,086,584 sessions and counting!

## Tutor.com for U.S. Military Families

This program is funded by the Department of Defense MWR Library Program and Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program.

Get help from a professional tutor anytime you need it. FREE for Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve members in the Army, Marines, Navy or Air Force and their dependents. Tutors are online 24/7 and available to help in more than 16 subjects.

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**CERTIFIED AWESOME**  
By Military Issues Tax you

Tutor.com for Families • Tutor.com for the Military • Tutor.com for Schools • Tutor.com for Libraries • Tutor.com for Higher Education • Become a Tutor.com Tutor

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Students work one-to-one with a tutor in a secure, online classroom, which features an interactive whiteboard, file sharing and instant messaging.

awesome!

David C (Tutor)  
Let's just check our answer by plugging those values back into the original equations

You  
ok

David C (Tutor)  
That equation checks out.  
Can you try the other one?

You  
ok, sure  
yep, that one looks good too  
Thanks for your help!

**-2x + 4y = -8**  
**-2(2) + 4(-1) = -8**  
**-4 + -4 = -8**  
**-8 = -8**

**3x + y = 5**  
**3(2) + -1 = 5**  
**6 - 1 = 5**  
**5 = 5**

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Mission Statement:  
To support Iowa National Guard members  
and their families through  
appropriate civic, cultural, and charitable  
activities in communities served by the Iowa  
National Guard.

With this in mind, The Iowa National Guard Officers Auxiliary is pleased to offer one \$1,000.00 scholarship annually. The following criteria must be met in order to apply:

1. Applicant must be the child/stepchild of an Iowa National Guard member, either currently serving, retired or a deceased retiree.
2. Applicant must be a high school senior or graduating junior.
3. Soldiers/Airmen are not eligible.
4. Applicant must be attending an accredited two or four year college or university IN IOWA and must be enrolled in a degree program.
5. Application must be received by February 6, 2012. Late applications will NOT be considered.
6. Each application MUST include two letters of recommendation, one of which is from the applicant's current or former educator or school administrator.
7. Each application MUST include an official copy of a High School transcript.
8. Applications must be mailed.
9. Any questions can be directed to Ryan Barton at: [1151mgrper1@hy-vee.com](mailto:1151mgrper1@hy-vee.com)

# IOWA NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS AUXILIARY 2012 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



## **PART I PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Last name, First name, Middle initial

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Address

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City State Zip

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Phone number/alternate phone number

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Email address

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## **PART II BIOGRAPHY**

Attach a one paragraph biography about yourself. If you are selected as the scholarship recipient this will be used to introduce you to our membership in a newsletter.

**PART III  
SPONSOR'S INFORMATION**

Last name, First name, Middle initial

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Unit/Unit address

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Unit phone number

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Is sponsor a current or retired member of the Iowa National Guard? \_\_\_\_\_

**PART IV  
ESSAY**

In 500 words or less, describe the most important thing that you have learned from the National Guard member in your life. Essay can be typed and attached to the back of this application.

**PART V  
EDUCATION**

High School(s) attended  
(start with the most recent)  
NAME/ADDRESS:

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DATES ATTENDED:

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NAME/ADDRESS:

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DATES ATTENDED:

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HIGH SCHOOL GRAD DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_ OR ACT SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS RANK %: \_\_\_\_\_ # CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

ENCLOSE AN **OFFICIAL** COPY OF HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT (If your school will not release this to you the registrar may forward it under separate cover to the address given at the end of this application.) (Explain any GPA not 4.0 based)

NAME/ADDRESS OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY YOU WILL BE ATTENDING:

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(ENCLOSE COPY OF ACCEPTANCE LETTER IF ALREADY ACCEPTED)

### **PART VI**

#### **CURRICULAR/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

LIST THE CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATED, INCLUDING EMPLOYMENT, DURING HIGH SCHOOL. INCLUDE DATES AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD.

If you need more space you may attach an extra sheet(s) to this page.

Activity	Date	Position Held
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### **PART VII**

#### **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Enclose TWO sealed letters of recommendation. One must be from one of your current or former educators or school administrators



## PART VIII APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT:

1. My sponsor is a member/retired member of the Iowa National Guard. I understand that the Auxiliary will verify that this information is accurate.
2. The information provided in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.
3. I have been accepted at or applied to a two or four year accredited college or university in the state of Iowa.
4. I am, or will be, a full-time student as defined by the Office of the Registrar at the institution of higher learning.
5. I understand that selection of grantees will be based on scholastic aptitude, subjective evaluation of essay, and review of letters of recommendation.
6. I understand that all awards will be paid jointly to the grantee and the accredited learning institution of the grantee's choice.
7. I understand that any monies not used for their intended use will be promptly returned to the Iowa National Guard Officers Auxiliary

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Date

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Signature of Applicant

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN OFFICIAL COPY OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT(S) AND TWO SEALED LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION. SCHOOL POLICY MAY REQUIRE A DIRECT MAILING TO THE ASSOCIATION. IF SO, INSTRUCT THE SCHOOL TO MAIL THE DOCUMENTS TO THE BELOW ADDRESS AND INCLUDE YOUR NAME. PLEASE LET THE AUXILIARY KNOW SOME DOCUMENTS WILL BE COMING UNDER SEPARATE COVER. ANY APPLICATION THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL DOCUMENTS WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE AND NOT ELIGIBLE FOR AN AWARD.

Return by February 6, 2012

TO:

Ryan Barton  
3708 NE Tyler Lane  
Ankeny, IA  
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Applications must be mailed. If you would like to be notified that your application has been received please include an email address below:

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### CHECKLIST

1. Two sealed letters of recommendation. (One must be from one of your current or former educators or administrators.)
2. Essay
3. Biography
4. Acceptance letter from college or university if available.
5. Address and phone number of sponsor's unit given in Part 2.
6. Signed and completed application.