

# A MESSAGE FROM

## KIM FRANK

### PRESIDENT, THE FOLDED FLAG FOUNDATION

Thank you to everyone who helped make 2018 a terrific year for The Folded Flag Foundation. With the support from generous donors like you, we raised nearly \$4 million for our nation's Gold Star families and awarded 205 scholarships for the 2023-24 school year.

For several years, we have been fortunate to help many spouses and children of fallen service members pursue their educational dreams. We have provided scholarships and grants that have made a positive difference in their lives. To continue offering this crucial support to deserving recipients, we rely on the generosity of the public. And thanks to our underwriting sponsors – Fidelity National Financial, FIS, and ServiceLink – **100 percent of all donations go directly to the spouses and children.**

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Operating Staff of The Folded Flag Foundation, I wish to extend sincere appreciation to each and every one of you for your steadfast support of our organization and our nation's armed forces. Your ongoing support has enabled us to provide significant aid to Gold Star spouses and children.

Thank you,  
Kim Frank



**\$3,942,043**

Total  
Support



**\$1,888,359**

Program  
Services



**\$746,127**

Supporting  
Services



**205**

Number of  
Scholarships

# 2018 RECAP

Since opening our doors in 2014, Folded Flag has provided millions in educational scholarships to nearly 400 individuals from across the nation. You can read more about last year's results below.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

| YEAR | NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS | SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT |
|------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 2018 | 205                  | \$1,888,359        |
| 2017 | 160                  | \$1,054,927        |
| 2016 | 50                   | \$387,171          |
| 2015 | 12                   | \$137,300          |

|                    | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|--------------------|------|------|------|
| New Students       | 109  | 97   | 43   |
| Returning Students | 90   | 34   | 7    |

|                    | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|--------------------|------|------|------|
| Surviving Children | 177  | 117  | 45   |
| Surviving Spouses  | 22   | 14   | 5    |

|                      | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|----------------------|------|------|------|
| K-12                 | 107  | 85   | 25   |
| College/Trade School | 76   | 32   | 25   |
| Graduate School      | 16   | 14   | 0    |

| Breakdown of Applicants by Fallen Branch | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|--|------|------|------|
| Army                                     | 138  | 65   | 26   |
| Navy                                     | 17   | 11   | 4    |
| Air Force                                | 14   | 6    | 2    |
| Marines                                  | 26   | 13   | 6    |
| Coast Guard                              | N/A  | N/A  | N/A  |
| Government                               | 4    | 1    | 0    |

## TOP 5 STATES BY NUMBER OF APPLICANTS

| State          | 2018 | 2017 |
|----------------|------|------|
| North Carolina | 27   | 16   |
| Florida        | 26   | 9    |
| Tennessee      | 19   | 4    |
| California     | 16   | 16   |
| Georgia        | 14   | 6    |

## THANKS TO OUR UNDERWRITING SPONSORS

100 percent of all public donations are able to go directly to providing these scholarships.



## LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019 AND BEYOND

As recently as 2003, the benefits paid to eligible survivors of military personnel killed in the line of duty was a one-time payment of \$6,000. Since then, the death benefit has increased but still does not provide the necessary support for Gold Star family members.

Our goal is to not only help supplement the current death benefits, but to also provide a strong community for the spouses and children of fallen service members to connect with others who are going through the same hardships.

The Folded Flag Foundation has identified more than 5,000 spouses and children who will need educational funding over the next 20 years. It is our mission to help every single one of them.

If you would like to contribute to our mission and help our nation's Gold Star spouses, please consider [making a donation](#).