

The Heart of Texas Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (HOT Chapter MOAA)

Recently Awarded Three Educational Scholarships Totaling \$10,000

The HOT Chapter of MOAA awarded three educational scholarships recently during its monthly meetings in July and August. Funds for these scholarships were derived from the Freedom Is Not Free golf tournament held on June 10, 2022 at Cottonwood Creek Golf Course.

Since 2006, awards of the chapter's educational scholarship and monetary support programs totaled over \$150,000 to deserving students attending or planning to attend accredited schools of higher education, to Baylor University Army and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadets, to cadets in Junior ROTC units at five local area high schools, to the Heart of Texas Young Marines program, and to multiple veterans programs in Central Texas.

Scholarship applicants were evaluated on the student's planned academic program and high school or college GPA; financial need; involvement in extracurricular activities associated with their school, local community, and faith community; their anticipated future goals; and a short essay on **"What America Means to Me"**. Finalists were interviewed and results of the written application and interview evaluations were combined to determine the number and amounts of scholarships awarded.

Two of the scholarships were awarded during the chapter's July 21st dinner meeting at the Baylor Club. Sydney Ryan King, a graduate of Salado High School, was awarded a General Harry A. Goodall scholarship in the amount of \$5,000. She is attending Baylor University. Montserrat Abigail Serrano, a graduate of Waco High School, was awarded a "Freedom Is Not Free" scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. She is attending Texas A&M University.



Ms Serrano (left), Ms King (right)



Scott Harton was awarded a “Freedom Is Not Free” scholarship in the amount of \$3,000 at the chapter luncheon at the Baylor Club on August 18th. Scott is a United States Air Force ROTC student at Baylor University and leads the Baylor Air Force ROTC Color Guard.

We are currently planning our major 2023 fundraising event, the “Freedom Is Not Free” golf tournament, on Jun 10, 2023 at Waco’s Cottonwood Creek Golf Course and look forward to continued chapter and community support. Applications for our 2023 scholarship program will be available in early 2023 at www.HOTMOAA.org.