

CIA OFFICERS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

One Family, One Mission

The CIA Officers Memorial Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) charity dedicated exclusively to supporting the well-being and educational needs of children and spouses of officers who gave their last full measure of devotion to their country. The Foundation's unique mission has supported the CIA community for over 20 years.



Your Support



Education is the cornerstone of every child's future. At its inception in 2001, the CIA Officers Memorial Foundation had one primary mission: to provide educational support to the children of CIA officers killed on active duty.

In 2007, the Foundation expanded its scholarship program to include children and spouses of officers who die while on active duty from other causes, such as accidents or illness. The Foundation also offers scholarship support to families of personnel severely injured resulting in medical disability.

This core mission, centered on educational support, stands as a unique and exclusive benefit for Agency families.

The Foundation considers additional types of assistance on a case-by-case basis determined by need. These include cash benefits awarded to CIA families immediately after a loss to assist with funeral and related expenses. We also make available family counseling services as needed and offer day care assistance.

This academic year (2023-2024), 64 students were awarded over \$2 million in scholarships. Included are graduate scholarships, which were granted to several highly qualified students. Currently there are 73 dependents of deceased CIA officers who will become eligible for scholarships in future years.

Your generous support will allow us to meet our growing requirements and to do what is necessary to assist the families of officers who have dedicated their lives to help protect ours.

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No one can better express the importance and tremendous impact of the Foundation's support than the spouses and children who directly benefit from it. Please take a moment to read their comments.



In Their Own Words



After my husband, Brian, died, a friend shared the phrase “Si Vales, Valeo” with me. It translates roughly to, “when you’re strong, I’m strong.” It became my anthem in the early days and months after losing him. Sudden loss can be so disorienting but every time I started feeling adrift, I would be reminded of the powerful net of support surrounding us. That safety net was provided by you and your steadfast commitment to protect our family, just as my husband had worked so hard to protect yours. That support is what enables Brian’s friends and colleagues to continue doing dangerous but vital work to safeguard our country. They know, as he did, that the Foundation would not let us fall. That support is what helped me stand up when I felt weak. So from me, the kids, and the still active community, thank you for honoring our heroes by keeping us strong. Si Vales, Valeo.
— Christy Hoke (spouse)

It is an honor to be a recipient of the CIA Officers Memorial Foundation scholarship. I would like to thank the members and the countless number of people who have donated to, as well as those who work in partnership with the Foundation. I am truly humbled. The Foundation has allowed me to pursue my dream of achieving a college education and moving forward to become a Commissioned Officer in the United States Air Force. Again, I am truly grateful for the vast amount of aid I have received from the Foundation. This welcome support will never be forgotten by me or my father.
— Thomas M. Champion II (recent graduate)

Even though I lost my mother Kelly to cancer at the young age of nine, I have always considered the Memorial Foundation my mother’s way of ensuring I was taken care of, educationally, and financially, as well as ensuring that I would have an amazing support system behind me. The financial support and aid that the Foundation has provided to me in both my undergraduate and now graduate degree have allowed me to set myself up for a successful and stable future. While completing my associate's, bachelor's and finally master's degree, the Foundation has allowed me to prepare myself for the future, in both a career setting, and financially. Additionally, the Foundation has also offered me lifelong friendships that I have created with fellow recipients who understand the gravity of the Foundation’s mission of support. Even though she is not going to be here to see me walk on graduation day, I fully believe that the Foundation has put my mom's mind at ease, knowing that I have been so well cared for over the course of my education, and beyond. And for this alone, I will be eternally grateful to the staff at the Memorial Foundation.
— Kaylee Williams (recent graduate)