



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
OF GREATER BIRMINGHAM

## Colonel James M. Sims Memorial Scholarship 2013 College Scholarship

**Background:** The Colonel James M. Sims Memorial Scholarship Fund is a component fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham (CFGB) and presents the Colonel James M. Sims Memorial Scholarship to deserving Marines through the generosity of Col. Sims and his family. The scholarship is meant to be a living testament to the memory of Col. Sims' honorable service in the United States Marine Corps Reserve (USMCR). At his retirement from the USMCR in September 1981, Col. Sims had completed 29 years, three months and three days of qualifying Federal Service time, attending every scheduled drill. Most of this service was as a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 14<sup>th</sup> Marines, 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Division. The guidelines and criteria for scholarship selection are in keeping with Col. Sims' superb service to this Battalion and to the USMCR.

**Amount:** \$500 to \$1,000 per year to a member of the Marine Corps Reserve, 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Division, Antiterrorism Battalion. Once awarded, scholarships are renewable for up to four years (eight semesters) as long as the student maintains a 2.0 GPA (on 4.0 GPA scale), is a fulltime student at an accredited college, remains in good standing in the unit (no UAs or disciplinary problems) or receives an honorable discharge on completion of 6 years of obligated service, and as long as the Scholarship Fund has sufficient resources. Scholarships will be paid directly to the college.

### Applicant criteria:

- Be a member in good standing of the Marine Corps Reserve, 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Division, Antiterrorism Battalion
- Be enrolled as a fulltime student (course load of 12 hours per semester) and making satisfactory progress towards a degree in an accredited college
- Be a citizen of the United States of America
- Maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA on 4.0 GPA scale

### Applicant must:

- Complete attached application including the required essay and submit to:

**Antiterrorism Battalion, Sergeant Major Lemoine  
Via Chain of Command through ATBN Portal**

- Attach current college transcript to application or have college send transcript to:

Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham  
2100 First Avenue North, Suite 700, Birmingham, AL 35203  
Attention: SIMS Scholarship

**DEADLINE:** The application and support materials must be **received** by Sergeant Major Lemoine or **postmarked by March 1, 2013. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

MORE INFORMATION: Community Foundation Scholarships (205) 327-3809 FAX: 328-6576



## Colonel James M. Sims Memorial Scholarship 2013 College Scholarship Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Year Joined USMCR \_\_\_\_\_ Year Joined Antiterrorism Battalion: \_\_\_\_\_

Any additional information regarding Military Service: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date of 1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Discharge: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Social Security No: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

\_\_\_\_\_ City ST Zip

Home Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ High School attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Have you completed any college work? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

When? \_\_\_\_\_ Current college \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT/SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated graduation year? \_\_\_\_\_

College/educational goal \_\_\_\_\_

Non-military employment/job history: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Why did you join the USMC? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Describe any special circumstances (financial, family situation, outside responsibilities) that increase your need for this scholarship. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ESSAY:** Type on a separate sheet but **do not exceed a single page**. Answer may be double-spaced.

Describe a particular experience you have had as a member of the USMC, including what you have learned from the experience or how it has influenced your life.