

The Henry J. Reilly Scholarship Program for the 2017-18 Academic Year Opens March 31

Applications are due by May 1, 2017.

Revitalizing a major ROA program, the Association's president, Col. James R. Sweeney II, USMC (Ret.), announced today that for academic year 2017-2018, ROA will award up to ten \$2500 scholarships to students pursuing courses of study leading to certificate, associate, bachelor, and graduate degrees.

"We are excited to offer Henry J. Reilly scholarships again," said Sweeney. "This popular program is of great value to ROA members and their families."

The scholarships are funded by the Henry J. Reilly Memorial Library and Scholarship Fund, part of the ROA's STARS Foundation through which [donors](#) both help students and honor Reilly's love of education.

Applicants should use the online scholarship portal, (<https://aim.applyISTS.net/ROA>), managed for ROA by International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc. ISTS will be the point of contact for applicants throughout the process. ISTS will provide ROA with finalist applications, and an ROA committee will make the final selections. **We have learned that MS Edge browser causes an error in the registration process; please use another browser, such as Safari or Explorer.**

The portal opens at 12:00 A.M. PDST on March 31, 2017; all applications are due by 11:59 P.M. PDST on May 1, 2017. It is anticipated that half of the scholarships will go to certificate and undergraduate study and half for graduate study.

Scholarship recipients will be notified in mid-June; checks will be made out to their college/university and mailed to the recipients in August.

"In addition to four-year undergraduate and graduate programs, we opened scholarship availability to students attending two-year accredited schools and those earning certificate credentials," said Sweeney. "Recognizing that today's students may be well beyond their twenties, we also removed age limits."

Originally focused on assisting students pursuing military studies, the scholarship program's purpose was widened at the Association's national convention in 2017. It now supports -- through scholarships, fellowships, internships, and other programs -- worthy ROA members and their direct family pursuing general education goals, training in military or national security subjects, and other areas of learning as designated by the ROA Executive Committee.

[Brigadier General Reilly](#) was ROA's first president. A colonel when the U.S. entered World War I, he commanded the 149th Field Artillery Regiment, [42nd \("Rainbow"\) Division](#). His regiment fought with distinction in France. After the war, Reilly became a brigadier general in the Officer Reserve; he was also a well-known authority on military affairs, speaker, author, and correspondent. He helped General of the Armies John "Black Jack" Pershing found the [Reserve Officers Association](#) in 1922.



Brigadier General Henry J. Reilly