This scholarship has been established to honor COL Kathleen Swacina, USA (Ret.), and her accomplishments throughout her career and her affiliation with AFCEA. The COL Kathleen Swacina Scholarship is funded by the generous donation provided by COL Kathleen Swacina and LTC Daniel Swacina, USA (Ret.). This scholarship will recognize one outstanding female college student who has shown a potential to excel in college studies in the areas of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) and attends college full-time in the state of Georgia.

This scholarship was inspired by a desire to honor COL Swacina's accomplishments, support the AFCEA community and help students who demonstrate resilience and determination when faced with adversity.

The COL Kathleen Swacina Scholarship Fund awards one female college student a $1,000 scholarship to be applied toward the student's ongoing higher-level academic education at an accredited four-year school. Community college students in their first two years are eligible if they will continue on to an accredited four-year college or university.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be:

1. A member of the U.S. Armed Forces or enrolled in a ROTC program; an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces; or a direct
descendant of an AFCEA member or an honorably discharged member of the Armed Forces.

2. Enrolled as a full-time college/university student at an accredited institution in the state of Georgia, including community colleges.
   - Undergraduate students must be at the sophomore or junior level.
   - Graduate students must have completed at least two courses but not graduating in the current academic year.

3. Maintain an overall 2.8 GPA.

4. Major in a STEM-related area of study in support of the mission of AFCEA.


Application Process:
Applications will be accepted starting January 2020. A link to the online application form will be posted at the top of this page. Submissions must include the following:

- An online application form, including short-answer questions, educational and career plans, and financial need. In addition, the applicant may also describe any challenges (i.e. personal, physical, psychological, educational) that she has had to overcome to get to this point in her educational career.
- An official college transcript with completed courses and grades including grades from the fall 2019 semester.
- Two letters of recommendation, at least one of which must be from a professor in the student’s STEM major field of study.
- A statement explaining how the applicant meets the qualifying criteria of U.S. armed forces or AFCEA affiliation.

Completed applications, including all supporting documentation, must be submitted by March 30, 2020. Applications will not be accepted on the deadline date.