

## Henry J. Reilly Scholarship Program for the 2018-19 Academic Year is Open

The Henry J. Reilly Scholarship Program for the 2018-19 Academic Year is now open. Applications are due by April 18, 2018, at 11:59 PM Pacific Time Zone.

The applicant portal link is <https://aim.applyISTS.net/ROA/>

In its second year within ROA's program of revitalizing, for academic year 2017-2018, ROA will award up to twenty \$2500 scholarships to students pursuing courses of study leading to certificate, associate, bachelor, and graduate degrees.

"We are excited to offer up to twice as many Henry J. Reilly scholarships this year as last," said ROA's President, retired USAF Lt. Col. Donald Stockton. "General Reilly prized education and one of ROA's priorities is helping members with professional development and self-improvement. This program is of great benefit to ROA members and their families."

The scholarships are funded by the Henry J. Reilly Memorial Library and Scholarship Fund, itself funded by the ROA's STARs Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization 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 learned last year that MS Edge browser causes an error in the registration process; please use another browser, such as Safari or Explorer.)***

It is anticipated that half of the scholarships will go to certificate and undergraduate study and half for graduate study, although the number and quality of applications will be a significant determining factor.

"ROA wants this program to support all manner of legitimate education in addition to four-year degrees; a certificate program in the culinary arts or automotive mechanics could be funded, as well as a two-year program or a graduate degree in bio-engineering," said Jeffrey Phillips, interim co-chair of the ROA STARs Foundation. "Recognizing that today's students may be well beyond their twenties, we also removed age limits."

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

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.