

William “Joe” Gainey Scholarship for Senior Enlisted Leaders

In honor of Command Sergeant Major (Ret) William “Joe” Gainey, Trident University is offering the William “Joe” Gainey Scholarship, a **graduate degree scholarship** to all E- 9 active duty, reserve and National Guard currently serving in the US Armed Services.

William “Joe” Gainey was the first Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a newly created position established to advise the chairman on matters of professional development of enlisted personnel assigned to joint billets. Gainey was the first person selected to serve in this position beginning October 1, 2005.

Gainey enlisted in the Army under the delayed entry program in 1974 and entered basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., on June 17, 1975. Since then, he has served in a number of enlisted leadership positions, from gunner to command sergeant major. He retired after nearly 33 years of service to the nation on April 25, 2008 with the rank of Command Sergeant Major.

This graduate degree scholarship is in addition to the Military Education Grant which provides an additional scholarship amount of \$300.00 per course. This allows for E-9s to have no out of pocket cost towards their graduate degree. Total cost for E-9 completing a graduate degree at Trident University is \$250.00 per credit after they receive the Military Education Grant and the William “Joe” Gainey Scholarship.

Applicant Information:

Last Name: [Last Name]

First Name: [First Name]

Military Rank: [Military Rank]

Military Branch: [Military Branch]

Date of Service: [Date of Service]

Military MOS/Rating/AFSC:[Military MOS/Rating/AFSC]

Must Be Currently Serving in The Us Armed Services

Applicant Eligibility:

1. Completion of a Bachelor degree (Mark One) **YES** ☐ or **NO** ☐
If you mark no, you are not eligible for the scholarship at this time.
2. Please confirm that you meet all Trident University admission requirements for a graduate degree:
 - a. Name of the accredited college/university awarding your bachelor degree:
[Accredited College/University]
 - b. Minimum GPA of 2.5 on the transcript of the most recently conferred bachelors or masters degree (4.0 scale)? (Mark One) **YES** ☐ or **NO** ☐
If your circle no, you are not eligible for the scholarship at this time; however, you may still be conditionally admissible to the graduate degree program after review by the Committee on Academic Standards (CAS).
 - c. Proof of English proficiency (international students only, see University Catalog for more information)

- d. International students: TOEFL exam score of 525/197/71 required
- e. Transfer students: Review our [transfer policy in the University Catalog](#)

Written Essay Requirements:

In a well-written APA format essay, please respond to the following:

Using your own personal experience, discuss the three pillars of effective Military Leadership. Include how leaders have impacted you and how your leadership style has impacted others.

- 3. Submit all application requirements to:

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE at SCHOLARSHIP@TRIDENT.EDU

Subject Line: **William “Joe” Gainey Scholarship Application**

**Incomplete applications or missing requirements will not be considered.*

Scholarship Application Deadline:

All Application packages must be submitted 5 business days prior to the start of your first session.

All applications will be reviewed by a Scholarship Committee within 3 business days and formal notification will be sent via email.

Additional Scholarship Requirements:

- 1. Applicants must maintain satisfactory academic progress throughout their program
- 2. Applicants must successfully complete a minimum of 16 semester credits per academic year
- 3. Scholarship amount does not apply to repeated courses
- 4. Scholarship does not apply to multiple graduate degrees or multiple concentrations
- 5. Scholarship does not apply to dual degrees

Use the following pages to write essay:

