We're proud to announce the 2019 Tillman Scholars: 60 individuals who represent the best and brightest from a group of thousands of talented applicants. United by their military service, academic passions, and desire to make an impact, they will form a tight knit community of scholars that will truly make its mark on the world.

60 SCHOLARS CHOSEN THIS YEAR

2.5% SELECTION RATE

$1.2+ million LIFETIME COMMITMENT TO THE 2019 CLASS

Launched in 2008, the Tillman Scholar Program supports active duty service members, veterans and their spouses with academic scholarships, a national network and professional development opportunities, so they are empowered to make an impact.

33% HEALTHCARE
24% PUBLIC SERVICE
13% STEM
10% BUSINESS
10% HUMANITIES
7% LAW
3% EDUCATION

45 UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

14% MILITARY
27% NAVY
19% MARINE CORPS
40% ARMY

14% AIR FORCE

SERVICE STATUS

14% MILITARY SPouse
33% SERVICE MEMBER
53% VETERAN

38% FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

34% FEMALE
66% MALE

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34% FEMALE

MEDIAN AGE
35 YEARS OLD

IMPACT BY DEGREE

AVERAGE 10 YEARS IN SERVICE

44% OFFICER
56% ENLISTED

OFFICER VS ENLISTED
MEET THE SCHOLARS

Click on a scholar to view their story.

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Vanderbilt University, Ed.D.

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