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Fast Breaking News

General James M. Gavin Scholarship Established at Harvard Scholarship Will Benefit Students from Military Families

Harvard University announced today the receipt of a scholarship fund intended to benefit undergraduates who have served in the military or who come from military families. Established in memory of General James M. Gavin by his daughter, Chloe J. Gavin AB '76, and her husband, John F. "Jay" Beatty III AB '69, JD '72, the scholarship honors General Gavin's distinguished contributions to his nation and is intended to encourage members of military families to apply to Harvard College.

"Frequently, sending a child to Harvard -- or even encouraging him or her to apply -- can feel beyond the reach of many military families," said Chloe Gavin. "By establishing this scholarship fund, Jay and I wanted to send a message to these families that Harvard believes in admitting the best possible students from a variety of backgrounds. It is my experience that the individuals who come from military families generally have a strong personal commitment to giving their best to whatever they do, and this is exactly the kind of commitment that Harvard looks for in its students."

Individuals who have served in the military, as well as children of military families, will be considered for the scholarship. Harvard College has a need-blind admissions policy: the College admits students regardless of financial circumstances and meets the full financial need of each student who qualifies for aid. As with all Harvard scholarships, candidates for the Gavin Scholarship must demonstrate financial need and must be admitted to Harvard to be eligible for consideration.

Orphaned at a young age, General Gavin was adopted by a Pennsylvania coal mining family. Even though he left school in the eighth grade to help support his family, he pursued his education on his own. After enlisting in the Army, he won a place at the United States Military Academy (West Point) through a competitive exam.

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