



The Commander Bok Pon Memorial Veteran Scholarship Fund

Cathay Post No. 384
Chinese American Veterans

Mission

To: (a) assist veterans in college level education or trade school expenses through scholarships and tuition assistance, and (b) acknowledge current ROTC cadets with excellence awards.

Goal

3 fully paid tuition to San Francisco City College or tuition assistance to San Francisco State University
1 ROTC Awards (\$1,000) at the University of San Francisco
2 JROTC Awards (\$1,000 each) at the San Francisco Unified School District

Background

The majority of veterans servicing this country's armed forces only have a high school education. Cathay Post encourages all veterans to seek higher education. Many of these veterans eventually attend colleges or vocational schools, but some may not have the financial ability. Cathay Post is committed to helping our community veterans that have placed their lives in harms way.

ROTC at the University of San Francisco is the only college level Reserve Office Training Corp program in San Francisco. ROTC is responsible for producing 90% of all active duty officers in the United States Military. The Chinese American Soldiers of the Potomac Award along with \$1,000 is given to a graduating senior cadet that displays both scholastic and physical excellence.

JROTC is a program within the San Francisco Unified School District. Its instructors endeavor to do this by teaching discipline, health and safety, leadership, citizenship, patriotism, history, time management, customs and traditions of the service, physical fitness, drill and ceremonies, goal oriented objectives, life skills, team building concepts, and communications. Cathay Post supports this program because it motivates young people to be better citizens. two awards of \$1,000 are given annually: The cadet with the highest academic grade point average (GPA), and the cadet with the highest US Army physical fitness score.

Selection Process for Tuition Awards

The Veteran Affairs Office at San Francisco City College and San Francisco State University will provide veterans information about our program. Individual veterans attending vocational schools may also apply. Candidates submit an application to Cathay Post no later than July of each year. The executive board at Cathay Post reviews the application in August and selects recipients based on military service, community involvement, and financial need. Wounded veterans have priority.

What you can do

Please donate to our program; We are a 501(c)(19)-Veteran non profit organization. Contributions are tax deductible.

