First Sergeant Luke J. Mercardante Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established through the generosity of the family and friends of the late First Sergeant Luke J. Mercardante, U.S. Marine Corps. On April 15, 2008, First Sergeant Mercardante was killed in action in Afghanistan while serving as the acting sergeant major of Combat Logistics Battalion 24, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit. The purpose of the Scholarship is to provide needbased financial assistance to cadets. First preference in awarding the scholarship shall be to any young man or woman currently enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Second preference shall be to a young man or woman formerly enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Third preference will be to a young man or woman seeking a commission in the United States Marine Corps through Naval ROTC or the Platoon Leaders Course.