Who’s Eligible

- Incoming and continuing undergraduate and graduate students at the Marshall School of Business, Viterbi School of Engineering and USC Keck School of Medicine. Includes transfer students from an accredited community college or other 4-year institution. Must be admitted and enrolled immediately in business, engineering or medical school courses on a full-time basis (minimum of 15 units per semester).

- All candidates must have received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces and served a minimum of three years continuous, full-time, active duty during 2003 to the present.

How to Apply

Newly admitted and continuing students are invited to share the following information for scholarship consideration: resume, proof of honorable discharge, and summary of active duty deployment. Please forward the information to the appropriate program contact.

- **USC Marshall School of Business**
  Undergraduate Admissions Office
  busadm@marshall.usc.edu

  Office of Undergraduate Advising
  Undergrad.advising@marshall.usc.edu

  MBA Program Office
  mba@marshall.usc.edu

- **USC Viterbi School of Engineering**
  Admissions Office
  Viterbi.admission@usc.edu

  Student Affairs Office
  vstuserv@usc.edu

- **USC Keck School of Medicine**
  Keck Office of Student Affairs, Financial Aid Planning
  medstua@usc.edu

The Schoen Family Scholarship Program for Veterans

Your military service can lead to an undergraduate or graduate degree in business, engineering or medicine at USC.

Honor in the Field
Commitment in the Classroom
William J. Schoen, a former United States Marine, established the Schoen Family Scholarship Program for Veterans in 1986 to aid veterans of the Armed Forces attending the University of Southern California’s Marshall School of Business, his alma mater. In 2011, he committed an additional $10 million which will ultimately grow the Schoen Family Scholarship Fund to $16 million.

A self-made man from humble beginnings, Mr. Schoen credits the military, childhood lessons in the value of hard work, and his education for a highly successful business career. He is currently chairman of the board of Health Management Associates, a Florida-based hospital corporation that owns and operates hospitals primarily in the southeastern and southwestern United States. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Schoen was HMA’s president, chief executive officer and chairman of the corporation.

From 1953 to 1956, Mr. Schoen served in the U.S. Marines in Korea. His boot camp experience spurred him to finish his education. “The officers lived in good quarters, and I lived in big barracks. They did not have guard duty at 3 o’clock in the morning, and I did. Yet, nothing really differentiated me from them other than our educational levels. That was when I really understood the effect an education could have on a person’s life,” states Mr. Schoen.

**Karla Leyva**
Undergraduate Recipient
Schoen Family Scholarship

**Debt-Free and On Her Way**
Karla Leyva served four years in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany and Iraq, before being honorably discharged. Karla transferred to USC from Cerritos College, and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Accounting. She was recruited by KPMG (one of the Big Four accounting firms), to join their team immediately after graduation. The Schoen Family Scholarship was instrumental in her decision to attend USC, and in allowing her to start her career as a Certified Public Accountant, debt-free.

**Aren Nazarians**
MBA Recipient
Schoen Family Scholarship

**Living His Entrepreneurial Dream**
Aren Nazarians started his military service as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served for six and a half years before being honorably discharged. He returned to USC to pursue a MBA degree a short time later, fueled by his passion to help small businesses. After graduating, Aren started his own consulting firm specializing in small business accounting. The MBA degree, combined with leadership skills developed in the military, were major factors in Aren’s success in business. He credits the Schoen Family Scholarship with alleviating the financial pressure of attending a private university, and affording him the freedom to pursue his life-long dream of entrepreneurship.