



SDFM Buckeye Chapter Douglas M. Battle Members' Continuing Education Grant

Objective

The Douglas M. Battle Members' Continuing Education Grant (DMBCEG) Program is designed to provide financial assistance to SDFM members for their continuing educational endeavors. The program also encourages the development of local SDFM chapter members' continuing education programs.

Submission Requirements

- Applicant must be a member or corporate member in good standing of SDFM. Applicant must have been a member for a minimum of the two full consecutive years immediately prior to the submission due date.
- Applicant must be entering, or be in a business or resource management field of study relating to military comptrollership - e.g., business administration, economics, public administration, accounting, finance.
- Applicant must submit the current official SDFM Buckeye Chapter Member's Continuing Education Program Application Form. Applications must be typewritten and complete. **Handwritten or incomplete applications will not be considered.**
- Applicant must include as part of their submission a copy of their course schedule.
- Applicant must include as part of their submission three letters of recommendation from: (1) local SDFM chapter president or vice president, (2) organizational manager, personnel/training officer, or supervisor, and (3) academic institution official on official letterhead or in official email.

Award Selection Procedures

The SDFM Buckeye Chapter Scholarship and DMBCEG Committee will review all applications received and make final recommendations to the Executive Board, who will approve the final grant winners. Winners will be contacted via email.

NOTE: Buckeye Chapter members are eligible to receive this grant two years in a row (if they meet all the requirements). They are eligible to submit again after one year of absence.

Recognition

The SDFM Buckeye Chapter will award two \$1,000 DMBCEGs. Notification of college enrollment will be required before disbursement of the grant check(s) to the winner(s).

The recipients may be publicized at local chapter meetings, newsletters, <https://community.sdfm.org/sdfmbuckeyechapter/home> and <https://www.linkedin.com/company/sdfm-buckeye-chapter>.

Possible National Grants

SDFM National will provide up to eleven grants annually; ten at \$1,500 each. One winner will be selected as the Dick Vincent Scholarship Winner for a \$3,000 grant.

In order to be eligible for the Dick Vincent Scholarship, Applicant must show active participation in the local chapter at some level (board member, committee chairperson, or member, volunteer for chapter events). No applicant will be permitted to be a Dick Vincent award recipient more than once. Notification of course enrollment and a completed W-9 will be required before disbursement of the grant check(s) to the winner (s). Grants will be presented to the SDFM member directly by SDFM National. The recipients may be publicized at meetings, in newsletters, and in the *Armed Forces Comptroller*.

NOTE: All qualified Buckeye Chapter winners will be submitted to SDFM National for review – including qualified applicants on their skip year for Buckeye Chapter Awards.

Deadline

Applications must be received by the SDFM Buckeye Chapter no later than **28, February 2026**. to be considered by the selection panel. No exceptions to the deadline will be allowed. Any applications received that are incomplete or after this date will not be considered for

For More Information

Please contact the SDFM Buckeye Chapter Scholarship Chair, Crystal Whiteman, at:
sdfmbuckeye.scholarship@gmail.com

Send Submissions to:

**Society of Defense Financial Management (SDFM)
Buckeye Chapter
Attention: Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 360674
Columbus, Ohio 43236-0674**

Or via email to:
sdfmbuckeye.scholarship@gmail.com

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Application Form**

(Typed Applications must be received by February 28, 2026)

Applicant Information

Name:

FIRST

M.I.

LAST

Home Address: *(include Zip Code):*

SDFM Member Number:

Phone Number:

Employing Agency:

Agency Address:

Office Telephone Number:

Current Position:

Grade/Series:

Academic Information

Name of School:

Location of School:

Major/Minor:

Date you will begin or began course:

Number of Credit/Semester Hours Per Term:

Are you working toward a degree? Yes: No: Degree

Leadership Certificate:

Are you receiving financial assistance? (example: Tuition Assistance, Montgomery G. I. Bill, etc.)

Yes How much?

No

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Financial Information

Will this grant be used to pay existing loans? Yes No

Amount of existing loan if applicable:

Will this grant be used for expenses not covered by government/corporate tuition assist?

Yes No

If yes provide expense detail:

SDFM Participation: Describe active participation in the local SDFM Chapter (150 word max)

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Provide an essay of 500 words or less providing the justification of financial need and desired education outcome.

Please Note: The recipient(s) of this grant will have to sign an agreement stating that they agree that if they should fail to complete the requested education or training successfully, due to circumstances within their control, they will reimburse the Buckeye Chapter of SDFM for the full amount of the grant.