

Heights National Alumni Association
\$10,000 Scholarship in Memory and In Honor
of
CDR John L Sweatt, Jr., CHMA Class of 1959
John L “COL” Sweatt, Sr., CHMA Biology Teacher
(Given by the Sweatt family and other special donors)

Description and 2026 Application Form
Application Deadline Date: February 15, 2026 (postmarked)

Heights National Alumni Association will grant **one** scholarship in the amount of **\$10,000** for an incoming college freshman student for the **2026-2027 academic year**. This scholarship is in memory and in honor of CDR John L Sweatt, Jr (CHMA Class of 1959), and his father John L “COL” Sweatt, Sr (CHMA Biology Teacher).

This scholarship is available to anyone with some connection to Castle Heights Military Academy (including alumni, faculty, staff, descendants of alumni, faculty, and staff, spouses of alumni, faculty, staff, stepchildren of alumni, faculty, staff, etc.). **This scholarship will be for use at any accredited college or university in the United States for an entering freshman.**

The selected recipient of the Sweatt scholarship will be ineligible to receive one of the three \$2,000 scholarships offered by the Heights National Alumni Association. To clarify the above sentence, applicants may apply for both the three \$2,000 scholarships and the one \$10,000 scholarship; however, if the applicant is selected for the Sweatt Scholarship, he/she becomes ineligible for the other scholarships.

Only one member from the same family (i.e., brothers and/or sisters, etc.) will be eligible to be considered for this scholarship. If two applications are received from the same family, the family will be notified that only one of the applicants from the family may apply and the family will be asked to choose the family member they want the Sweatt Scholarship Selection Committee to consider.

In addition to establishing a relationship to Castle Heights Military Academy, applicants for this scholarship must have a cumulative high school **GPA of 3.5** and will need to provide an **official transcript (to be sent to the Sweatt Scholarship Selection Committee by the applicant’s registrar)**. **Transcript should include end of semester grades for Fall 2024.** If your school’s official academic transcript does not include your **CLASS RANK**, please ask your school’s registrar to add your **CLASS RANK** if available. Applicants should also demonstrate some involvement and/or leadership in extracurricular activities, honor societies, athletics, civic organizations, and community. **In addition, a personal essay with a minimum of 500 words to a maximum of 750 is required.**

*****Note: Applicants who have been given appointments to attend one of the U.S. military service academies will not be eligible to receive one of the CHMA scholarships. The Academies are: U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. United States service academies are federally funded and do not charge tuition: therefore, CHMA scholarships will not be awarded to students who attend any service academy.***

Applicants should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with the completed application. Once applicants’ files are complete, an acknowledgement will be sent confirming receipt of all application materials. **The Sweatt Scholarship Selection Committee will have a decision on the recipient of the \$10,000 scholarship by April 15, 2026. The scholarship winner will receive a letter of congratulations from the Chair of the Sweatt Scholarship Selection Committee, and his/her name will be announced in the June 2026 Heights National Alumni Association Newsletter.**

Applications will be evaluated by the Sweatt Scholarship Selection Committee, which consists of 3 members of the CHMA community. The Heights National Alumni Association will issue a check directly to the collegiate institution to be attended by the scholarship winner. Scholarship money may only be used for tuition, fees, books, and room/board.

2026 Sweatt Scholarship for \$10,000
(In Memory and in Honor of John L Sweatt, Jr. and John L Sweatt, Sr.)

Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: February 15, 2026 (postmarked)

Decision on Winners: April 15, 2026

Applicants must complete this form in full. Please type or print clearly. Please include a stamped and self-addressed envelope so that receipt of your completed application may be acknowledged to you.

Name _____

Home Mailing Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ E-Mail _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

High School _____ H.S. Cumulative GPA _____
(Minimum GPA of 3.5 is required to apply)

Major _____ Degree you are pursuing _____

Specify which college or university you will attend in 2025-2026 as an ENTERING FRESHMAN:
(If yet undecided, please include all the colleges and universities for which applications are pending.)

Indicate your relationship to Castle Heights Military Academy and provide the name(s) of the CHMA alumnus, or faculty/staff to whom you are related. Please give the year(s) the alumnus attended or graduated.

Academic and non-academic activities (high school and community):

Honors, recognitions, and awards received (high school and community):

**CDR John L Sweatt, Jr. and John L “Col” Sweatt, Sr. Scholarship
APPLICANT INFORMATION FOR REQUIRED ESSAY**

FORMAT FOR ESSAY:

The essay should be typed and double-spaced on a separate sheet. **The length is a minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 750 words.** At the end of the essay, please write the following and **SIGN IT:**

“I pledge the essay is entirely my work, with no assistance or editing from anyone else.”

TOPIC:

In the future, you find yourself the subject of front-page headlines in The New York Times (“All the News That’s Fit to Print”). What have you done? Explain or defend yourself.

Remember that all complete applications are due (postmarked) by February 15, 2026.

Certification:

I certify that all information submitted on this application form is correct. **I understand that if this application is not completed in full and official transcripts have not been submitted, I will not be considered for a scholarship.** If I am awarded a scholarship, I grant Heights National Alumni Association the right to release my name in its alumni newsletter.

Signature _____ Date _____

Return completed application and have official transcripts sent to:

**Sweatt Scholarship Selection Committee
Heights National Alumni Association
% Susan Hosier
1045 Woodmont Drive
Gallatin, TN 37066**

1. Remember to have your Fall 2025 grades (**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT**) sent to us to make your application complete.
2. **Include a stamped self-addressed envelope with your application so that we may notify you when we have received your application AND your transcript.**