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# JOIN OUR MISSION

GIVING BACK THROUGH EDUCATION



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## OUR MISSION

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Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund honors military service and sacrifice by providing scholarships to veterans and military family members, especially to children of our nation's fallen or disabled.



# OUR INSPIRATION

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As our name suggests, we are inspired by the memory of Colonel John “Johnny Mac” McHugh. On May 18, 2010, 24-year Army officer Colonel McHugh was killed in action while serving our country on Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan when his military convoy was attacked by a suicide bomber.

A group of his West Point classmates began raising money for John’s family, with the intent of ensuring the five McHugh children could all go to college. Later, this group of classmates believed they could help many more military families.

On April 10, 2014, Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund was formed and designated by the IRS as a nonprofit organization. Now, 11 years later, Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund has served thousands of military families.

*Photo courtesy of the McHugh Family*

# OUR MOTIVATION

7,000

combat deaths  
since 9/11

50,000

combat wounds  
since 9/11

900

service member deaths  
each year due to training,  
accident, illness, and other  
non-combat causes

150,000

service members  
now deployed away  
from home

Behind these grim figures are the thousands of military families the Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund strives to help by **giving back through education.**



JOHNNY MAC SCHOLAR

**JAKWELI "JAK" GIST** is pursuing a five-year Master of Architecture program at the University of Kansas. Jak aspires to establish an architecture firm, with long-term goals focused on designing spaces that inspire, innovate, and enhance the human experience. Outside of his academic pursuits, he is a talented multi-instrumentalist, skilled in guitar and drums, and has a passion for fashion and art. His love for the outdoors leads him to camping and hiking, while his dedication to powerlifting has earned him a spot in national competitions. Jak's wrestling skills and leadership have also garnered him the All-American award.

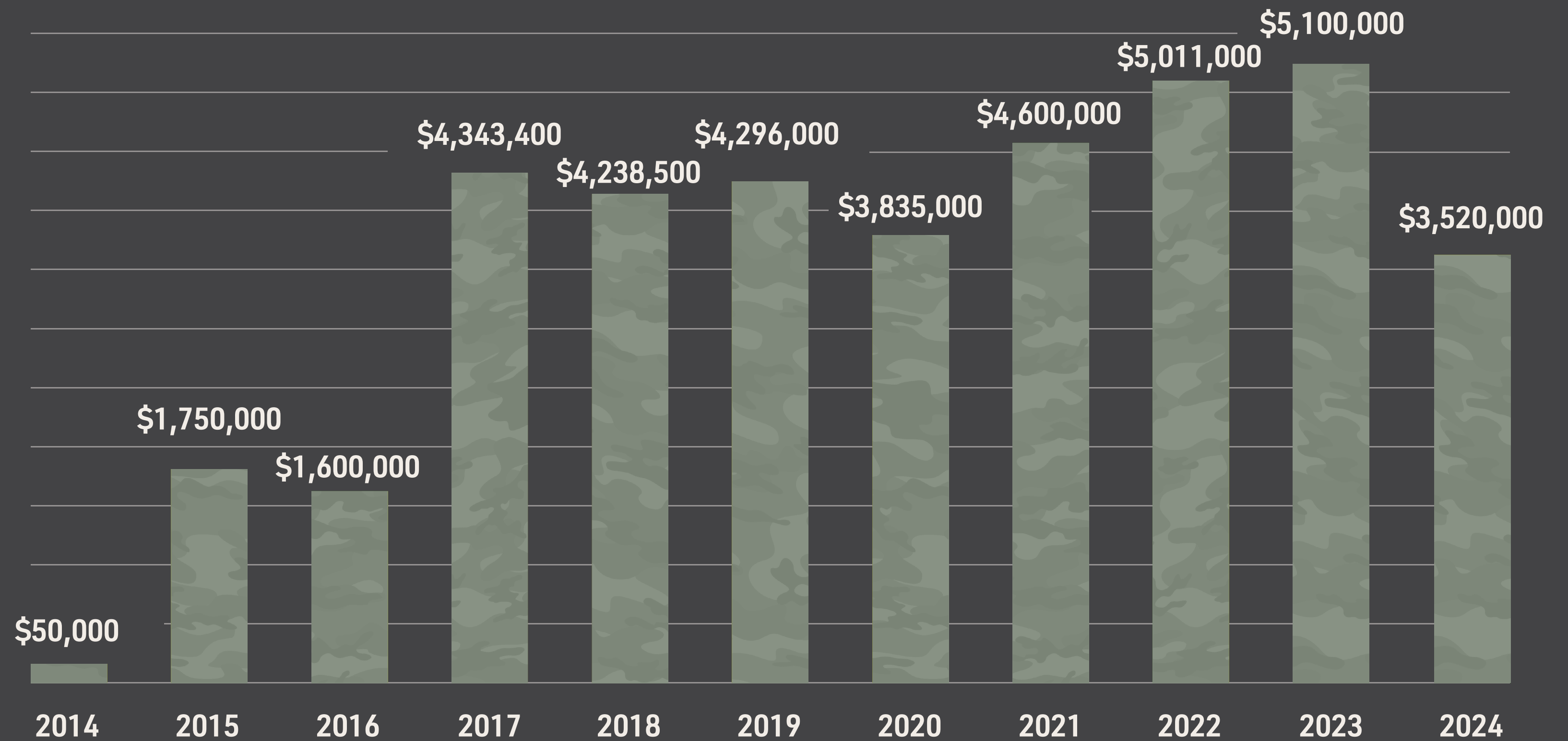


At just one year old, Jak lost his father, Army Sergeant Milton A. Gist Jr., who was killed in action when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during combat operations in Ramadi, Iraq, in 2007.

# 11 YEARS OF IMPACT

Since 2014, we've provided over **\$38 million** to more than **8,000** Johnny Mac Scholars.

This is just a fraction of the need.



**TOTAL AWARDED \$38,343,900**

# OPERATING WITH INTEGRITY

Now commemorating its 11th anniversary, Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund has raised **\$50M** to date. Independently audited each year, we prioritize excellence and results, earning the nonprofit industry's highest accolades for our commitment to fiscal responsibility and transparency, along with effective nonprofit operations.



## JOHNNY MAC SCHOLAR



This scholarship is more than an educational opportunity; it's a beacon of hope and a testament to the power of community and support. I am deeply thankful for the doors it has opened and the future it promises. With Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund's support, I am determined to honor my father's legacy and make a meaningful impact in the world.



### TRYNITY SCOTT

is a senior at Arizona State University, majoring in business marketing. She is the daughter of Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Joshua

Scott, who lost his life when his helicopter was attacked by insurgents and crashed in Buhriz, Iraq, on May 26, 2005.

# PARTNERSHIP POTENTIALS

We'll work with you to support your company's philanthropic goals.

- Designate scholarship institutions or fields of study important to your company
- Recognition at our events, including premier seating, signage, and speaking opportunities
- Brand amplification through web, social, and print promotion
- Johnny Mac Scholar internships and talent recruitment
- Employee engagement



## JOHNNY MAC SCHOLAR

**HUNTER ESSARY** is a student at Pennsylvania State University with a passion for exploring the natural world. He enjoys capturing the wonders of nature through photography.

Outside of academics, Hunter is an active individual with a wide range of hobbies. He loves spending time with friends and playing sports. His dedication to giving back is evident through his involvement in the National Honor Society and volunteering with organizations like the Michael Novosel Foundation, which supports injured soldiers.

Hunter's father, Army Sergeant William Essary Jr., was severely injured in a training accident at Fort Bragg, resulting in a broken back, shattered bones in both arms, memory and hearing loss, and the amputation of his left leg.

# OUR LEADERSHIP

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The Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund board of directors maintains strong ties to our nation's military leaders and veteran population. Seventy-seven percent of our board members are graduates of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and Army veterans.

Our board members are CEOs, senior executives, and entrepreneurs who lead a diverse array of businesses including those at right.

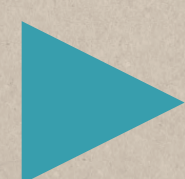
The board personally donates 20% of our donation revenue each year.







Brandi Anderson  
Johnny Mac Scholar



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