

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE  
**ENLISTED SPOUSES' CLUB**  
**SPOUSE SCHOLARSHIP**  
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND APPLICATION  
2018- 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR



The Enlisted Spouses' Club Spouse Scholarship is awarded annually to spouses of enlisted service members in the Fort Meade area. This award is for spouses who rise to the challenges of academia and still find time to volunteer in their community.

This scholarship will be applied to the 2018-2019 academic school year. This is a competitive scholarship; all eligible students are encouraged to apply and to take care in submitting the best package they can to accurately reflect who they are. Multiple recipients may be selected.

Applicants will be notified at the beginning of April of their application status.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- ❖ Applicants must qualify as one of the following:
  1. The spouse of Active Duty Enlisted personnel E-1 through E-9 stationed in the Fort Meade area.
  2. The spouse of E-1 through E-9 enlisted personnel who reside in the area and whose sponsor is assigned outside the Fort Meade area.
  3. The spouse of retired personnel E-1 through E-9 of the Armed Forces residing in the Fort Meade area.
  4. Any widow or widower of deceased Armed Forces personnel E-1 through E-9 whose status has not been changed by remarriage and who lives in the Fort Meade area.
  5. Any spouse of Reservists or National Guard E-1 through E-9 who lives in the Fort Meade area.
- ❖ Additionally, applicants must meet **one** of the following criteria:
  - a. To qualify as a full-time student, a minimum of 12 credits each semester for the academic year of the scholarship is required. **OR**
  - b. All other applicants will qualify as a part time student.
- ❖ Applicant must live on Fort Meade or in the Fort Meade area.
- ❖ Applicant is an active volunteer in the military community.

**Financial Restrictions:**

- ❖ Additional Financial Restrictions and Obligations:
  1. Scholarships will be payable directly to the school for tuition only and will be paid when the ESC receives a detailed statement of all financial activity on the student's account, to include hours enrolled, tuition and general institution fees, and any scholarships or grants.
  2. Winners have until August 1, 2019 to submit a bill from their school. Unclaimed funds will be retained by the ESC.
  3. Failure to submit documentation on time will result in forfeiture of scholarship.
  4. Tuition will be paid directly to the school after the Scholarship Director has verified that all financial restrictions and regulations have been met.
  5. If scholarship winner receives 100% tuition money from other scholarships, tuition assistance, GI Bill, Post 9-11 GI Bill transfer, or any other sources that do not require repayment, the scholarship winner will become ineligible for the scholarship.
  6. Scholarships may be used at any accredited college, university, business or vocational school for one year not to exceed the amount awarded.

**Required Documents to be Submitted with Application:**

- Proof of Military Status
  - o Examples are: Copies of DD214, DEERS Enrollment, or Letter from Command.
  - o If you have further questions, please contact [scholarshipdirectorfmesc@gmail.com](mailto:scholarshipdirectorfmesc@gmail.com)
  
- 500 to 750 word **essay** answering the question below:
  - o How have your life experiences influenced your educational or career goals?
  
- Two proofs of sponsor** residency in the Fort Meade area:
  - o One copy of a rental, mortgage, lease agreement, housing contract, or property tax statement.
  - o One copy of the top portion of a cable, land line or home utility bill, bank statement, or credit card bill (with account numbers blacked out). Cell phone bills are not acceptable proofs of residency.
  
- Submit official transcripts** from your appropriate higher level of education.
  - o Associates, Business, and Vocational School Students: Submit Official High School Transcripts if completed in the last 2 years.
    - If Homeschooled, please submit homeschool transcript.
  - o Bachelors Students: Submit official Transcripts from Associates Degree if applicable or High School only if completed within the last 2 years.
    - If Homeschooled, please submit homeschool transcript.
  - o Masters Students: Submit official Transcripts from your undergraduate program.
  - o Ph.D. Students: Submit official Transcripts from your Master's program if applicable, or prior course of study.
  - o Official transcripts for any courses taken in the previous 2 years.

Note: E-scripts (electronic transcripts) may be emailed to [ScholarshipDirectorFMESC@gmail.com](mailto:ScholarshipDirectorFMESC@gmail.com).

- Two current letters of recommendation** from non-family members. One of which is required to be from your supervisor from recent volunteer experience or someone you volunteered with, for verification purposes. Please be sure that the letter includes contact information for your references. Letters must be received by the deadline for scholarship applications. (Note: Letters of recommendation cannot be accepted from members of the ESC Scholarship Committee or other applicants for this scholarship.)

**Completed applications and all supporting documentation should be sent to:**

Enlisted Spouses' Club  
ATTN: Scholarship Director  
P.O. Box 105  
Fort Meade, MD 20755

**Or**

[ScholarshipDirectorFMESC@gmail.com](mailto:ScholarshipDirectorFMESC@gmail.com)

For additional information or questions please contact  
the Scholarship Director at [ScholarshipDirectorFMESC@gmail.com](mailto:ScholarshipDirectorFMESC@gmail.com)

**Deadline for applications is Friday, March 23, 2018. Incomplete applications or applications received after this date will NOT be considered.**

**Fort Meade Enlisted Spouses' Club  
2018 - 2019 Spouse Scholarship Application**

<b>Please print clearly or type.</b>	
Last Name:	First Name:
Phone:	Email:
Your Address:	
Street: _____	
City:	State:                      ZIP:
Name of Applicant's Military Spouse:	
Spouse's Unit and Unit Address (or former unit, if retired):	
Spouse's Branch of Service and Most Recent Rank:	
Spouse's Address (if different from applicant):	
Street: _____ Phone: _____	
City:	State:                      ZIP:
How many credits/semester hours do you plan to take in the upcoming academic year?	
School of Enrollment:	Cumulative GPA:
Major:	Minor:
Current Academic Rank (circle):    UNDERGRAD    GRAD    N/A	
Anticipated Date of Graduation:	
Have you applied to your program?    Yes ___    No ___	
Have you been accepted into your program?    Yes ___    No ___    In Progress _____	
Are you applying for any other scholarships or grants? Yes _____    No _____	
Award Name(s):	
Maximum Award Amount(s) (if known):	

**A resume style document may be attached to answer the following questions**

Please discuss your volunteer and community service experience over the past five years. Please include the approximate months/years, location, organization, and your role in providing the service.

Please share your work experience. Include approximate years, location, and description of duties.

Please share any other activities you participate in regularly (such as book club, choir, sports, etc.)

List all honors or awards you have received in the past 5 years.

By submitting and signing this form I attest that:

- I have read and fully understand the Enlisted Spouses' Club rules, guidelines, and criteria for their annual scholarship.
- I understand it is my responsibility to submit this package and all supporting documentation, and it must be **received by 23 March 2018**.
- I understand that failure to have all documents submitted on time (including transcripts and references) will result in my application being deemed ineligible for scholarship consideration.
- The above information is accurate, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**\*\*\*INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO ENSURE ALL DOCUMENTS ARE COMPLETE AND RECEIVED ON TIME \*\*\***

**\*\*\*NO EXCEPTIONS\*\*\***

**BEFORE YOU SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION, RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR PERSONAL RECORDS.**