

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE ENLISTED SPOUSES' CLUB
EVELYN SILVA SCHOLARSHIP
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND APPLICATION
2018 - 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR



The Evelyn Silva Scholarship Award of Excellence was created in 2010, and first awarded in 2011, to honor Mrs. Silva, a longstanding member of the Enlisted Spouses' Club (ESC) and a pillar in our community who dedicated her life to volunteerism in the Military Community. The recipient of this award is a graduating High School Senior who best exemplifies Mrs. Silva's dedication to his/her 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. The Scholarship Committee will convene after the application deadline to evaluate application packages. Candidates being considered for the scholarship will be contacted at the end of March to schedule an in-person interview with the Scholarship Director. Interviews will be held the first week of **April on Fort Meade.**

All applicants for the Evelyn Silva Scholarship Award of Excellence (ESSAE) will automatically be considered for the Enlisted Spouses' Club Scholarship Award (ESCOSA); however, only one scholarship will be awarded per individual. As the ESSAE carries a larger award value, the winner of this award will forfeit winning the ESCOSA. Final results of the ESSAE shall be declared at the Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony in May, where all scholarship winners shall be recognized.

Eligibility Criteria:

- ❖ The applicant must be an unmarried dependent child, under the age of 23, of a military member from any branch. Their sponsor must be Active Duty, Retired, Reservist, National Guard, or deceased.
- ❖ Military member must reside in the Fort Meade Area. Applicants must verify military dependency status.
- ❖ Graduating High School Senior Spring 2018.
- ❖ Minimum 3.0 GPA.
- ❖ Must be enrolling as a full time post-secondary school student.
 1. To qualify as a full-time student, a minimum of 12 credits each semester for the academic year of the scholarship is required.
- ❖ Submit a completed application on time as per details below.
- ❖ **Show continued volunteer experience with one or more organizations.**

Financial Restrictions:

- ❖ Additional Financial Restrictions and Obligations:
 1. Scholarships will be payable directly to the school for tuition only. Scholarships 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 80% 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
 - DD214, DEERS Enrollment, Copy of Orders, Letter from Command or other documentation.
- ❑ **One page essay** answering one of the following:
 - How has volunteering positively affected those around you and the younger generation?
 - What volunteer experiences have been most meaningful to you and why?
 - How has being a military dependent affected your perception of 'service before self'?
- ❑ **Two proofs of sponsor** residency in the Fort Meade area:
 - One copy of a rental, mortgage, lease agreement, housing contract, or property tax statement.
 - 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.
- ❑ **Two recent letters of recommendation** from a non-family member. The first letter is required to be from a supervisor in an organization where you have volunteered on an ongoing basis. The letter must include your responsibilities and how long you have been a volunteer with them, for verification purposes. The second letter can be from a community organization leader, educator, employer, fellow volunteer, or volunteer supervisor describing the student's character and/or participation with the organization from which they know the student.
 - Please be sure that the letters include the contact information of 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.)
- ❑ **Submit official transcripts** for your junior year and first semester of your senior year.
Home School Students: Transcript submitted by the parent/guardian of the applicant.
Note: E-scripts (electronic transcripts) may be emailed to scholarshipdirectorFMESC@gmail.com.

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

For additional information or questions please contact
the Scholarship Director at 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 Evelyn Silva Scholarship Award of Excellence Application**

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| Please print clearly or type. | |
| Last Name: | First Name: |
| Phone: | Email: |
| Two contact telephone numbers including area code for your Parent/Guardian with whom you reside: | |
| Your Address: Street: _____ | |
| City: | State: ZIP: |
| Name of Applicant's Military Sponsor: | |
| Sponsor's Unit and Unit Address (or former unit, if retired): | |
| Sponsor's Branch of Service and Most Recent Rank: | |
| Sponsor's Address (if different from applicant): Street: _____ | |
| City: | State: ZIP: |
| High School Counselor's name and contact information: | |
| Current School's Name and telephone number: | |
| Current School's Address: Street: _____ Phone: _____ | |
| City: | State: ZIP: |
| How many credits/semester hours do you plan to take in the upcoming academic year? | |
| School of Anticipated Enrollment: | |
| Anticipated Major: | Anticipated Minor: |
| Anticipated Date of Graduation: | |
| Have you applied to your program? Yes ___ No ___ In Progress _____ | |
| 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 four years. Please include the approximate months/years, location, organization, and your role in providing the service.

All other extracurricular activities with dates and positions held in school or out of school (such as involvement with sports, music or clubs)

Please share your work experience (if any). Include approximate years, location and description of duties.

List all honors or awards you have received in the past 4 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.

_____ Date: _____
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

_____ Date: _____
SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE

***** 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. *****

***** THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS. *****

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