

ENLISTED SPOUSES' CLUB SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND APPLICATION
2018 - 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR



The Enlisted Spouses' Club Scholarship Award is awarded annually to graduating High School Seniors and Continuing Education Students. This award is for students 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 will be selected.

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

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.
- ❖ Additionally, applicants must meet **one** the following criteria:
 1. To qualify as a full-time student, a minimum of 12 credits each semester for the academic year of the scholarship is required. OR
 2. All other applicants will qualify as a part time student.
- ❖ Military member must reside in the Fort Meade Area. Applicants must verify military dependency status.
- ❖ See page 2 for criteria that applies specifically to High School Students only and Continuing Education Students only.
- ❖ Submit a completed application on time as per details below.
- ❖ Active volunteer in the community.

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 tuition 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 tuition statement 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% or more in 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 DD214, DEERS Enrollment, Copy of Orders, Letter from Command, or other documentation.
- One page **essay** answering one of the following:
 - o How has volunteering positively affected your community?
 - o What volunteer experiences have been most meaningful to you and why?
 - o How has being a military dependent affected your decision to volunteer?
- 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.
- A recent letter of recommendation from a non-family member. The letter is required to be from a supervisor in an organization in which you have volunteered on an ongoing basis. Letter must include your responsibilities and how long you have been a volunteer with them.
 - o Please be sure that the letter includes the contact information of your reference with for verification purposes. Letter 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.)

High School Students:

- SUBMIT OFFICAL TRANSCRIPTS** from 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.

Continuing Education Students:

- SUBMIT OFFICAL TRANSCRIPTS** from prior year of school. 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 Enlisted Spouses' Club Scholarship Award Application**

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: _____	
Mark Status: Graduating High School Student 2018 ___ Continuing Education ___	
How many credits/semester hours do you plan to take in the upcoming academic year?	
School of Enrollment:	Cumulative GPA (if continuing student):
Major:	Minor:
Current Academic Rank (circle): UNDERGRAD GRAD N/A	
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.