



DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

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Portsmouth NSY Commissary  
167 Beaumont Street, Code 807  
Portsmouth, NH 03804

December, 2017

The Scholarships for Military Children program is celebrating its sixteenth year of outreach to the military community. Each year the program, supported through the military commissary system and administered by the Fisher House Foundation, awards hundreds of scholarships to qualified seniors planning to enroll in a four-year program of studies the following fall, or to college students already enrolled in a four-year program.

The application period for 2018 opens December 15, 2017 and applications must be returned to the Portsmouth NSY NH/ME Commissary by close of business February 16, 2018.

Manufacturers and vendors that sell groceries or provide services to commissaries fund the

Scholarships for Military Children program, which has awarded more than \$16.7 million and over 10,000 scholarships to deserving children of military families since 2001. At least one \$2,000 scholarship is awarded at every commissary location with a qualified applicant.

Additional information will be available after December 15, 2017 at the program web site at <http://www.militaryscholar.org> or through the link at <http://www.commissaries.com>.

POC at the Commissary is Anne Marie Bates, Secretary at (207) 439-6054, Ext 3004.

Thank you for partnering with us to bring a brighter future to military children worldwide.

Sincerely,

CHIQUITA LaTRAY  
Commissary



2018

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MILITARY CHILDREN PROGRAM



### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Commissaries are an integral part of the Quality of Life offered to service members and their families. The Fisher House program provides "A Home Away from Home" for families experiencing a personal medical crisis and is one of the premiere quality of life organizations supporting military families. The Scholarships for Military Children Program was created to recognize the contributions by military families to the readiness of the fighting force and celebrate the role of the commissary in the military community. It is the intent of the program that a scholarship funded through contributions will be awarded annually for each commissary operated by the Defense Commissary Agency. The Defense Commissary Agency and Fisher House Foundation, Inc. wish to thank commissary business partners and other contributors for their generosity in funding the Scholarships for Military Children Program.

### CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY:

Dependent unmarried children under age 23 of active duty/reserve/guard personnel and retired military members, or survivors of service members who died while on active duty or survivors of individuals who died while receiving retired pay from the military, may apply for a scholarship. Eligibility, including survivors of deceased members, will be determined using the DEERS (Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System) database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and that they have a current ID card. Applicants can verify if they are enrolled in DEERS by calling the DMDC/DEERS Support Office at (800) 538-9552.

Applicants must be enrolled, or planning to enroll, in the fall of 2018 in a full-time undergraduate program of studies leading to a Bachelor's Degree at an accredited U.S. college or university. High school applicants must have a minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 basis). College applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50. College freshmen must submit a first semester college transcript. Applicants attending a community or junior college must be enrolled in a program of studies designed to allow them to transfer directly into a four-year program. No scholarships will be awarded to those pursuing an associate degree as their final degree, second undergraduate, or graduate school degree. Applicants who receive an appointment to one of the U.S. Military Academies (or affiliated preparatory schools) or are awarded a full scholarship at any accredited U.S. post-secondary institution of higher education are not eligible to receive funds from this program. A full scholarship is defined as one that provides for payment of tuition, books, fees or qualified expenses.

### THE SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Scholarship for Military Children Program will award a minimum of one \$2,000 scholarship at each commissary that has qualified applicants. A student may only receive a scholarship for up to four years. Exceptions can be considered if a student is enrolled in an undergraduate program that normally requires more than 4 years. All exceptions will be handled on an individual basis. Excepting extremely unusual circumstances, the awards cannot be deferred for future use; the awards must be used for educational expenses incurred during the 2018-2019 Academic Year. Awards are made without regard to race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, religious belief, national origin, rank or service of the sponsor.

### HOW MAY THE SCHOLARSHIPS BE USED?

Scholarship checks issued by Scholarship Managers are made payable to the school the recipients will attend, not to the student. IRS Publication 970 states that scholarships may be used to pay for qualified expenses, which include tuition, fees, lab fees and books. Other degree-related costs (like supplies or equipment required for specific classes) that are purchased from, and paid directly, to the school are also allowed. Scholarship money used to pay for room, board and travel is not tax exempt, and as such, is beyond the desired purpose of this program.

### PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION:

Scholarship Managers (SM), a non-profit scholarship service organization that has no connection to the Defense Commissary Agency or Fisher House Foundation, independently administers this program. SM is solely responsible for the selection of scholarship recipients and its decisions are final. Please direct any questions or concerns to SM at (856) 616-9311 or [militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com](mailto:militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com).

**PLEASE REMEMBER:**

- Applicants must provide their permanent home address, not their college address, on the front page of the application. It is the applicant's sole responsibility to notify SM of any change of address.
- Applicants who submit an application at more than one commissary will be disqualified from consideration for a scholarship.
- It is your responsibility to ensure that your application is received at a commissary by close of business, February 16, 2018. Please note that this is not a postmark deadline date. There will be no exceptions made to this deadline date. See the "locations" link at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) for a store list.
- The applicant's sponsor must be a member of, or retired from, the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force or Coast Guard (or a deceased member).
- Children of civilian employees, US Public Health Service Officers, or NOAA are not eligible (unless they are otherwise qualified as identified on page 1).
- SM will notify recipients by letter on or about May 1, 2018. Scholarship checks are mailed to the recipient made payable to the applicable college no later than July 15, 2018.
- Non-recipients will not be notified. Applicants should check [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org) for a list of winners.
- Additional information is available from the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) at [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org)

**CHECKLIST:**

- I have enclosed a transcript or copy of my grades with my application.
- I have enclosed my essay with my name on each page.
- My parent or guardian (the sponsor) has signed the application.
- My sponsor is deployed, my other parent, or a guardian, has signed the application.
- I am a dependent unmarried child under age 23 of active duty/reserve/guard personnel, retired military members, or a survivor of service members who died while on active duty or survivor of individual who died while receiving retired pay from the military.
- I am not a dependent child of a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Public Health Service, other federal or military related agencies or activities, or a DoD civilian employee.
- I have signed the application.
- My high school code # (if available) is on the application.
- I have kept a copy of my application and essay.

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The separate 2 page application, along with your essay and transcript (or copy of your grades) must be submitted to one of the following:  
Commissary Store Administrator or Store Director, Customer Service Desk  
or Customer Service Office at the Commissary of your choice.

**No later than February 16, 2018**

Remember that this is not a postmark deadline date.

**Please do not submit this page or the preceding page.**

SM strongly recommends that applicants visit [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov). Enter VA Form 22-5490 in the search box for information on all "GI Bill" programs for which they may be eligible.



Please use Adobe Acrobat to fill out this application prior to printing it out.



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## Applicant Data:

Ms.  Mr.  First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Tel # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Commissary Information:

(Must be completed by a Commissary official)

Commissary Name \_\_\_\_\_ City/State - APO \_\_\_\_\_  
 DODAAC HQC

## Affidavit/Signatures:

The sponsor's spouse, or the applicant's guardian, may sign if the sponsor is deployed or deceased).

We certify that, to the best of our knowledge, all responses are true and factual, and the sponsor, as well as the applicant, possesses a valid DD Form 2 or DD Form 1173 United States Uniformed Services Identification Card and is enrolled in DEERS. We also agree that, if the applicant is selected as a recipient, any and all information submitted with this application (including photos when submitted at a later date) may be used for purposes of news and publicity by the Scholarships for Military Children Program, the Defense Commissary Agency, Fisher House Foundation, Scholarship Managers and all current and future promotions of this program.

Printed name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed name of sponsor/spouse/guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## High School:

6 digit code

May be found at [www.actstudent.org/regist/lookuphs](http://www.actstudent.org/regist/lookuphs). If you attend a JOD high school in a foreign country leave country as US, drop down Armed Forces box, select AE or AP and look for the name of your school.

Cumulative, unweighted GPA (on a 4.0 basis) - must be converted from letter or numerical grades.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: Mo  Yr   
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Tel # \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Principal's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## College Data:

Cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 basis) - must be converted from numerical or letter grades

Please list the accredited undergraduate US college/school you attend or plan to attend.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grad Date: Month  Year  Degree AA  BA/BS

**Extracurricular, Community, Volunteer Activities and Awards during the last 4 years:** If more space is needed for this and the following 2 sections, please duplicate this page – résumés or any other format will not be accepted. Please enter dates in a month and year (mm/yyyy) format.

Activity	from mo/yr	to mo/yr	hrs/ week	Activity	from mo/yr	to mo/yr	hrs/ week

Awards and/or offices held	Year	Awards and/or offices held	Year

**Work Experience during the last 4 years:** Please enter dates in a month and year (mm/yyyy) format.

Position	from mo/yr	to mo/yr	hrs/ week	Position	from mo/yr	to mo/yr	hrs/ week

**Transcript:**

All applicants must also submit their most recent transcript or copy of their grades, preferably from the fall of 2017, (unofficial transcripts are acceptable). College freshmen must submit a first semester college transcript. The transcript may be in a sealed and separate envelope but must be submitted with this application.

**Essay:**

With the development of high speed internet you are now living in a world that is completely different than 20 years ago. What are the pluses and minuses for society and the family? How would you address the minuses? essay must be 500 words or less, typewritten or computer-generated, double spaced, no longer than 2 pages and stapled to application. Please place your name in the upper right hand corner of each page of the essay.

2 page application, essay and a transcript or copy of your grades must be hand-carried to the commissary of your choice. Faxed and mailed applications will not be accepted.

If not possible (due to distance considerations) for the applicants to submit their applications in person, they may also mail, UPS, FedEx their completed applications to the commissary. Please go to [WWW.COMMISSARIES.COM](http://WWW.COMMISSARIES.COM) to get the official name of the commissary, the name of the commissary director or the listed contact person, the telephone number and the mailing address. It is the applicant's sole responsibility to ensure that the application and all necessary materials arrive at the commissary no later than

**FEBRUARY 16, 2018**  
**THIS IS NOT A POSTMARK DEADLINE DATE**

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