

Twentynine Palms Military Spouses' Association
Academic Year 2024-2025
Scholarship Application for Military Dependents (Spouse or Child)



An applicant is defined as:

A family member (spouse or child), of an active duty or active duty reserve military service member assigned to MCAGCC or MWTC Bridgeport, or of a retired or deceased military officer or enlisted personnel. The service member or surviving family member must reside in the Morongo Basin, Greater Palm Springs, or Bridgeport area at the time of application.

Applications must be mailed & postmarked *no later than March 15, 2024* to:

MCACGG Military Spouses' Association
Attention: Scholarships
P.O. Box 6012
Twentynine Palms, CA 92278

Official electronic transcripts should be sent directly from school to msa29scholarships@gmail.com

Eligibility Requirements *

1. Possess a valid US Military Dependent identification card.
2. Family member of an active duty or active duty reserve military service member assigned to MCAGCC or MWTC Bridgeport. Must submit proof of assignment at the time of application.
Or,
3. Retired or a surviving family member residing in the Morongo Basin, Greater Palm Springs, or Bridgeport area. Must show proof of residency at the time of application in the form of a utility bill, lease agreement, or other housing document.
4. Be a high school senior, home-schooled equivalent, or currently enrolled in an accredited undergraduate college, university, or vocational school.
5. Pursuing Associates or Bachelor's Degree, or professional/vocational certification.
6. Enrolling or enrolled in an accredited two- or four-year undergraduate college or university, or a vocational school for the **Fall Semester of 2024.**

*For eligibility questions or concerns email msa29dsg@gmail.com

An Applicant is NOT eligible if any of the following apply:

1. Accepts a **full-scholarship** to include tuition, books, room, and board.

*Service Academy full scholarships excluded

Stipulations of Scholarship:

1. Scholarships must be used within the 2024-2025 school year. If funds are not claimed by the student from MSA by September 30, 2024, they will be withdrawn and reallocated to the scholarship funds (bylaws: Article VI, Section F4).
2. **This scholarship is based on merit, not financial need.** Application submission does not guarantee a scholarship award.
3. **All** required application materials **must** be submitted on or before the deadline for the applicant to be eligible for the scholarship.
4. **Completed** Application Packet must be postmarked *on or before* **March 15, 2024.** Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Qualification Requirements

1. A completed application.
2. **Official** transcript(s) from applicant's high school(s), **state-certified** grades, or **official** college transcript (if applicable).
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation. Acceptable references include teachers, counselors, community leaders, or employers. **Letters from relatives will not be accepted.**
 - a. Letters may be submitted with the application or mailed directly to the MSA, but must be postmarked no later than **March 15, 2024.**
4. List recent community service, work experience, and extracurricular activities.
5. List honors or awards received within the past four (4) years.
6. Typed, 750-word minimum, double-spaced essay covering the essay question on page seven (7).
7. Proof of residence in the Morongo Basin, Greater Palm Springs or Bridgeport area (i.e., utility bill, lease agreement, or housing document). Active or Active Reserve must submit a command letter or Orders as proof of assignment to MCAGCC or MWTC Bridgeport.
8. **ALL** required documents must be postmarked no later than **March 15, 2024** for applications to be considered.
9. Copies of SAT and/ or ACT scores in order to receive extra credit during evaluation.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Please complete the checklist to ensure the application is finalized and properly submitted. **Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted.**

- Complete entire application** (pages 3-6). Please be sure to read and sign the *Privacy Act Statement*.
- High school applicants only:
 - o Attach OFFICIAL high school transcript(s) or proof of GED
 - o Attach copy of standardized test scores (SAT and/ or ACT) (**Recommended yet optional**)
- Continuing undergraduate applicants:
 - o Provide OFFICIAL college transcript(s)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation:
 - o Submitted WITH the application OR mailed directly to the address listed on page 1, no later than **March 15, 2024**
- Typed essay on the topic provided.
- Proof of residence (*i.e.*, utility bill, lease agreement, housing document, or orders).

Email msa29scholarships@gmail.com for questions or to confirm receipt of application. For further information on scholarship eligibility refer to MCAGCC MSA Constitution and By-Laws available at <https://www.msa29palms.org/governing-documents.html>



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip	
Home/Cell Phone	
E-Mail Address	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Time Student <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time Student

RESIDENCY

If your sponsor is active duty or retired, does he/she reside in the Morongo Basin, greater Palm Springs or Bridgeport area?

YES NO

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Sponsor's Name	
Sponsor's Unit	
Sponsor's Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Active Reserve <input type="checkbox"/> Retired <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased
Relationship	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child: High School Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Child: College Student

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP?

<input type="checkbox"/> An MSA Member	<input type="checkbox"/> School Guidance Counselor	<input type="checkbox"/> Navy-Marine
<input type="checkbox"/> MSA Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Base Education Center	Corps Relief Society
<input type="checkbox"/> MSA Facebook Page	<input type="checkbox"/> Unit Readiness Coordinator	Other: _____



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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

I acknowledge the enclosed personal information will be maintained by the MCAGCC Military Spouses' Association Scholarship Committee for administrative use and released only to the individuals needed to evaluate the application. The disclosure of the information is voluntary; however, failure to disclose all or part of the requested information may disqualify the applicant or hinder evaluation of the application.

I certify that the information included in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I may be disqualified if I have included false information in this application.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____
(if applicant is under 18 years of age)

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY DISCLOSURE

I acknowledge that if I am awarded a scholarship from the Military Spouses' Association - 29 Palms for that year, that I will have to complete the forms provided to me in the award packet by the dates given to receive the awarded scholarship funds. Failure to meet the terms provided will forfeit all awarded funds.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____
(if applicant is under 18 years of age)



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EDUCATION

List all schools (high schools and undergraduate institutions) you have attended since grade 9*

High School Name	Location (City, State)	Year Attended	Graduation Date (if applicable)

College/ University/Vocational School Name	Location (City, State)	GPA (college)	Number of Credits Completed

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT (if applicable)

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)	
Standardized Test (SAT composite)	
Standardized Test (ACT composite)	

ACADEMIC DEGREE

Please check the degree you are working toward

- A.A. Degree
- B.A./B.S. Degree
- Professional/Vocational Certificate

COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

List colleges, universities or vocational schools to which you have applied **Please list additional schools on a separate page, as needed.*

College/ University/ School	Location (City, State)	Accepted (yes/ no/ pending)



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ACTIVITIES

List special skills and qualifications you have acquired from **employment, previous volunteer work, or other extra-curricular activities** (including hobbies or sports), during the last four years.

ACTIVITY	Leadership Title or role	Skills learned	Dates	Hours Per Month

HONORS AND AWARDS

List any honors or awards (school or community related), received within the last four years. If more space is needed, please list on a separate sheet of paper.

Name of Honor or Award	Date



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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please submit two (2) letters of recommendation. These may be from teachers, counselors, community leaders, or employers. **Letters from relatives will not be accepted.**

ESSAY

Using the prompt below, submit an attached essay. Make sure to address all parts of the question. The response should be typed, 750-word minimum, double-spaced, using Times New Roman, 12-point font, with one-inch margins.

Essay Prompt:

Please explain what has been the greatest challenge or challenges you have faced in attempting to achieve your current academic goals? If you haven't had any yet, what potential challenges could you see arising for yourself? What specific and systematic things are you doing or can you plan to do in order to ensure you achieve your academic goals?