MCAGCC Military Spouses' Association Academic Year 2021-2022 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 5, 2021 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 in the form of a letter from the service member's command. Or,
- 3. Retired or 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 first 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 2021.**
- 7. If you are a recipient of previous award(s), you must submit proof of qualifying use of previously awarded funds with your application. Qualifying funds are funds that are used only for legitimate college expenses, to include only tuition, fees, books, and/or on-campus room and board.

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

- 1. Accepts appointment to any of the service academies or accepts a full-ROTC scholarship.
- 2. Accepts a **full-scholarship** to include tuition, books, room and board.

Stipulations of Scholarship:

- 1. Scholarships <u>must</u> be used within the 2021-2022 school year. If funds are not claimed by the student from MSA by September 30, 2021, they will be withdrawn and reallocated to the scholarship funds (bylaws: Article VI, Section F4).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 5, 2021. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Qualification Requirements

- 1. A completed application.
- 2. Copies of SAT and/or ACT scores, if applicant is a graduating high school senior.
- 3. **Official** transcript(s) from applicant's high school(s), **state-certified** grades, or **official** college transcript (if applicable).
- 4. 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 5, 2021.**
- 5. List recent community service, work experience and extracurricular activities.
- 6. List honors or awards received within the past four (4) years.
- 7. Three (3) page (1,000-word minimum), typed, double-spaced essay covering the essay questions on page seven (7).
- 8. 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 as proof of assignment to MCAGCC or MWTC Bridgeport.
- 9. **ALL** required documents must be postmarked no later than **March 5, 2021** for application to be considered.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

above requirements).

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

Complete entire application (pages 1-4). Please be sure to read and sign the *Privacy Act Statement*.

High school applicants only:

Attach OFFICIAL high school transcript(s) or proof of GED

Attach copy of standardized test scores (SAT and/ or ACT)

Continuing undergraduate applicants:

Provide OFFICIAL college transcript(s)

Two (2) letters of recommendation:

Submitted <u>WITH</u> the application <u>OR</u> mail directly to the address listed on page 1, no later than March 5, 2021

Typed essay on one of the topics provided.

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

☐ Proof of residence (i.e., utility bill, lease agreement, housing document, or command letter per



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APPLICANT INFORM	ATION					
Name						
Street Address						
City, State, Zip						
Home/Cell Phone						
E-Mail Address						
RESIDENCY						
If your sponsor is active or Bridgeport area? ☐ YES ☐ NO	e duty or	retired, doe	es he/she reside in the	e Moron	go Basin, greateı	⁻ Palm Springs
SPONSOR INFORMA	TION					
Sponsor's Name						
Sponsor's Unit						
Sponsor's Status		_Active	Active Reserve		Retired	Deceased
Relationship		_Spouse _	Child: High Sch	nool Seni	or Chil	d: College Student
HOW DID YOU HEAR	R ABOUT	THIS SCHO	DLARSHIP?			
An MSA MemberMSA WebsiteMSA Facebook P		Base Edu	uidance Counselor Ication Center diness Coordinator	Re	avy-Marine Cor lief Society her:	ps

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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.

If I am awarded an MSA scholarship, MSA has my permission to use my name and/or picture in print and social media print publications. I understand that if I am awarded scholarship money, funds may only be applied to tuition, fees, books required for course, computers/internet access used for school, special needs equipment necessary for classes, transportation to get to class (bus passes, other public transportation), health care not covered by Tricare, and on-campus room and board. I agree to provide proof of the use of said funds by March 1, 2022.

Applicant Signature:	Date:
Parent Signature:	Date:
(if applicant is un	der 18 years of age)

EDUCATION

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

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*

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

^{*}Please list additional schools on a separate page, as needed.

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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 (if applicable)	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, three (3) pages, (1000-word minimum), double-spaced, using Times New Roman, 12-point font, with one-inch margins.

Essay Prompt:

In what ways have the events of this past year impacted and/or prepared you to succeed academically at the collegiate level and how have you adapted to achieve your academic goals?