



Grand Strand Detachment #873  
Marine Corps League, Inc

March 15, 2025

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Art Blenk Scholarship provided by Detachment 873 of the Marine Corps League, Inc. The detachment membership is honored to award three, One Thousand Five Hundred Dollar (\$1,500) scholarships this year. Please read the attached criteria, complete all relevant steps, and return the final application with all supporting documents to the scholarship committee. We look forward to receiving your application packages.

Semper Fi,

*Chris Praet*

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Post Office Box 1104, Murrells Inlet, South Carolina 29576



## Grand Strand Detachment #873 of the Marine Corps League

### Art Blenk Scholarship

#### Scholarship Criteria

- Applicants must be one of the following:
  - A family member of an active member of Marine Corps League Detachment 873.  
or
  - A high school senior enrolled in a JROTC program in Horry / Georgetown counties planning to attend a post- secondary institution.  
or
  - A veteran residing in Horry / Georgetown Counties planning to attend a post- secondary institution.
- Applicants must not already possess a post-secondary degree.
- Applicants must be contemplating full time study at a post-secondary program that includes, two-year degree programs, four-year degree programs or vocational schools.
- Applicants must submit an application completely, provide all required documentation and mail back to: Marine Corps League Detachment 873, Attn: Scholarship Committee, PO Box 1104, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576. All applications must be postmarked no later than **June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**
- Applicants, both high school, college, and veteran, must provide an official transcript, or if already attending a post-secondary program must submit official cumulative transcripts as of the most recent academic period. The transcripts must have a watermark or have embossed identification.
- Veterans must also provide a copy of their DD214.
- Applicants must submit a written essay summarizing why they deserve the scholarship. The essay should be no more than 500 words, double spaced and in twelve-point font. The essay should include specifics such as extracurricular activities, awards and recognition, examples of leadership skills and ability, employment history, as well as relevant personal and family attributes. It should state any relationship of the applicant to the family member who is an active member of Detachment 873 or the applicants time in service if applicable.
- Applicants must provide a letter of recommendation from a non-family member.
- Applicants may be asked for a personal interview and references may be verified at the sole discretion of Marine Corps League Detachment # 873.
- Awardees will be notified no later than August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Scholarship recipients will be required to submit an “Official Fulltime Enrollment Letter” by October 1 of each year that they are awarded the Art Blenk Scholarship. Scholarships will be paid directly to the educational institution and applied to the student’s account. Awards may be used for any purpose including room, board, books, and tuition.



## Marine Corps League Detachment # 873 Art Blenk Scholarship Application

(MUST BE TYPED OR PRINTED LEGIBLY)

### APPLICANT INFORMATION:

1. APPLICATION TYPE: NEW \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_
2. DATE \_\_\_\_\_
3. NAME: LAST \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_
4. ADDRESS (NUMBER & STREET) \_\_\_\_\_ APT # \_\_\_\_\_
5. CITY \_\_\_\_\_
6. STATE \_\_\_\_\_ 7. ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_
8. TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ 9. E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_
10. COLLEGE YEAR YOU WILL BE STARTING IN THE UPCOMING FALL SEMESTER: 1ST \_\_\_\_\_ 2ND \_\_\_\_\_ 3RD \_\_\_\_\_ 4TH \_\_\_\_\_
11. CUMULATIVE GPA (UNWEIGHTED) \_\_\_\_\_ (3.00 MINIMUM ON THE 4.00 SCALE)
12. FAMILY MEMBER, FRIEND OR ASSOCIATE AFFILIATED WITH THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_
13. Veteran \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
If yes, please provide branch of service and service dates \_\_\_\_\_

### 13. APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

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### Other required information – must be attached:

- ☐ Official Transcripts
- ☐ Applicant Essay
- ☐ Letter of Recommendation
- ☐ DD214 (Veterans only)

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