

CRUMBO SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The Charles A. Crumbo Scholarship began as a \$150 gift from a Marine Corps League sponsor and continues due to the generous donations received over the years. This scholarship is *fully funded* by the Department of Indiana MCL Detachments and Crumbo fundraisers. The scholarship committee is *very appreciative* of all the donations from the detachments and hope the detachments will keep the scholarship in mind when making their donation lists.

APPLICANT MUST BE a current regular or associate member of the Department of Indiana Marine Corps League or Marine Corps League Auxiliary **OR** the spouse, child, or grandchild of a current regular or associate member of the Department of Indiana Marine Corps League or Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

A minimum of a 2.0 GPA is required to be eligible. Applicants can live in any of the 50 states and attend any accredited college, university or trade school.

Failure to complete all requirements may disqualify you. Please read carefully!

- **All Applicants**
 - Completed applications **MUST** be postmarked **NO LATER THAN** April 30th of each award year.
 - ALL applicants must submit a signed statement from the sponsoring member of the Marine Corps League or Marine Corps League Auxiliary verifying their relationship and recommending the applicant.
 - Only full-time, undergraduate students (12 credit hours minimum) are eligible for the scholarship.
 - No applicant shall receive more than five (5) Crumbo Scholarship awards.
 - Applicant must submit a copy of their most recent (last semester) grades with their application. **Do not** withhold your application awaiting your final grades as such a delay may disqualify you by missing the April 30th deadline.
 - Applicants will be notified by May 15th if they have received the award. All decisions of the Crumbo Scholarship Committee are final, and the award values will differ from year to year.
 - Applicants receiving the award will be invited to the opening ceremony of the Marine Corps League Summer Convention to be recognized.
 - All awards will be sent directly to the college, university, or trade school to be deposited in the applicant's account.
 - In addition to the requirements listed above, also complete the following:
- **New Applicant** – Do this **PLUS** the items for *all applicants* above.
 - Applicant must submit a minimum of two (2) Reference Letters from people not related to the applicant who have known the applicant for a period of at least five (5) years.
 - Applicant must submit a copy of their Acceptance Letter by an accredited institution of higher learning (college, university, or trade school).
 - Applicants already attending an accredited institution need only submit their last grade transcript.
 - Applicant must submit an essay of a minimum of 500 words on any of the following subjects:
 - *The American Dream*: Describe how your family's story or your own journey reflects the pursuit of the American Dream, highlighting challenges and triumphs.
 - *Freedom and Responsibility*: Reflect on a time when you exercised your freedom and the responsibilities that came with it.

- *Patriotism and Civic Engagement*: Discuss your understanding of American patriotism and how you've been involved in your community or country.
 - *American Values in Action*: Describe a time you saw American values put into practice and how it impacted you.
 - *The American Experience*: Share a personal story that highlights a unique aspect of the American experience.
- **Renewal Applicant** – Do this PLUS the items for *all applicants* above.
 - ❖ Applicant must re-apply each year of their eligibility.
 - ❖ Applicant must submit their most recent transcript showing all grades.
 - ❖ Do not withhold your application awaiting your final grades, as such a delay may disqualify you by missing the April 30 deadline.

Applicants may request an application from a Department of Indiana Marine Corps Detachment, by writing to the Crumbo Scholarship Committee Chairperson (Kay Ross), or by downloading it from the Department of Indiana website at <https://mcldeptofindiana.org/crumbo-scholarship>

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