

# TESC Academic Scholarship Overview and Checklist



Team Ellsworth Spouses' Club offers scholarships to military and civilian dependents pursuing studies at an accredited college or university during the 2023-2024 academic year. This includes spouses, high school seniors, recent high school graduates, as well as students in their second, third, or fourth year of study. Funds may be used for community college, undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral studies. Students attending a service academy, on a full-ride scholarship, or using 100% of an active-duty GI Bill are not eligible. Partial scholarships, or partial use of a GI Bill is authorized. Our intent with this opportunity is to provide an opportunity that supports the education of military dependents and recognizes their sacrifices.

## **Application Checklist:**

- Complete application found on jotform.
- Included in application is the following:
  - Application Information (Name, Email, etc.)
  - Sponsor Information (Name, Email, etc.)
  - Agreements
  - Documents Applicant will have to upload
    - Resume
    - Essay
    - Unofficial Transcripts
    - Email of Person Submitting a Letter of Recommendation
- All applications must be submitted via jotform by Saturday, April 1, 2023.

## **Required Criteria to apply**

1. Applications must be postmarked no later than, Saturday, April 1, 2023. All application material must be submitted via jotform. No other delivery method will be accepted (e.g. hand-delivered, e-mailed, or faxed). Incomplete packets will be deemed ineligible. Please retain a copy of all documents as application packets will not be returned.
2. Scholarships are awarded in accordance with the TESC Scholarship Committee Guidelines.
3. Selection criteria will include the following: academic achievement, work experience, community/volunteer activities, leadership roles, special interests/hobbies, personal/educational goals, and an essay.
4. The applicant is responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information and official documents.
5. The Scholarship Committee members & Scholarship Judges and their dependents are not eligible to apply for these awards.
6. Awards are granted without regard to service member's military rank, or applicant's race, gender, age, ethnicity, religion, financial need, or disability.
7. Applicants will be notified via email of the results.

8. Scholarship winners must agree to any publicity the TESC may want to use, including publication of photos, names, and award amounts. Winners must sign an acceptance form following notification, and may be asked for a digital photo for publicity purposes.
9. Please e-mail any questions to [Scholarships.TESC@gmail.com](mailto:Scholarships.TESC@gmail.com)

**Eligibility: Each applicant *must* meet the following requirements:**

1. Applicant must be a high school graduate or equivalent, or spouse, with a GPA of 3.0 or higher, who plans to use scholarship funds to attend an accredited college or university during the 2023-2024 academic school year.
2. Spouses must be the non-military dependent of one of the following:
  - a. Active duty U.S. military member assigned or attached to Ellsworth Air Force Base (EAFB).
  - b. Active duty Air National Guard or U.S. Reserve member assigned or attached to EAFB.
  - c. Retired U.S. military member who resides in the Ellsworth AFB area.
  - d. Active duty U.S. military member serving in a remote assignment whose dependents reside in the EAFB area.
  - e. Civil Service member working at EAFB, who holds a valid government ID card.
  - f. Deceased military member whose dependent resides in the Ellsworth AFB area.
3. Proof of Air Force Dependency. One of the following forms of verification must be submitted via the jotform link can be found on our website.
  - a. Dependent Verification Letter (can be obtained from MPF). Must have authorizing signature.
  - b. Photocopy of current orders (Active Duty only) with SSN blacked out. Dependent's name must be listed and highlighted.
  - c. Retirement orders and additional documentation with dependents name (eg: proof of valid dependent ID card).
4. Applicant must present a valid military dependent ID card or proof of parent's/spouse's Civil Service ID card to Scholarship Chair before scholarship is awarded.
5. Home-schooled applicants may apply and supply credentials that are commensurate with the requirements listed above.

**Limitations:**

1. Scholarship funds are to be used within the 2023-2024 academic year for undergraduate or graduate university or college studies.
2. All funds received shall be applied to tuition and/or associated costs administered by an accredited college or university. These costs may include books, fees, room or board, but may not be used for penalties or disenrollment fees.
3. Payment of scholarship awards will be made directly to the educational institution. The recipient must provide the Scholarship Committee with necessary information (mailing address, student ID, etc.) by **September 1, 2023** or the award will be considered unclaimed and may be awarded to an alternate applicant.

4. Applicants attending a service academy, on a full-ride scholarship or using 100% of an active-duty GI Bill are not eligible. Partial scholarships, or partial use of a GI Bill is authorized.

**Scholarship Selection Committee:**

1. The Selection Committee will be composed of impartial judges from the community. The Scholarship Committee invites individuals from the community to judge the essays. Judges and their dependents are not eligible to apply for the scholarship.
2. The scholarship Selection Committee will select the scholarship recipient(s). If the awardee becomes ineligible then an alternate will be selected based on essay, academics, résumé, and activities.
3. All decisions will be final.