

Fort Drum Thrift Shop 2026 Scholarship Application

Eligibility Requirements:

- Child of active duty, reserve, national guard or retired service member of the US Army.
- Applicant must have a valid military ID
- Currently enrolled in, or a High School Senior Graduating in June of 2026 accepted into or attending a full-time accredited program of study.
- Must commence program of study no later than the start of the academic year following the date the scholarship is awarded.
- The applicant's military sponsor must reside within a 50-mile radius of Fort Drum, NY.

Scholarship Recipients:

- Will be notified of their selection in writing.
- Required to attend the Scholarship Awards Ceremony to receive their recognition as a scholarship recipient.
- Required to present Military ID card in order to receive scholarship.
- Scholarship funds awarded to the recipient are paid directly to the educational institution, upon proof of enrollment.
- Recipient must provide Student ID, school name, address and phone number for the financial aid office/department.
- Scholarship funds will be dispersed per the educational institution's financial aid policies.
- Scholarship funds are restricted to the payment of tuition, fees, books, room and board.

Application Requirements/Checklist:

- Completed, Signed and Dated Application Form
- Unofficial, signed transcripts from applicant's most recently completed academic year.
- Two essay responses; short and long.
- Two signed letters of recommendation from non-family members.
- Applications must be scanned and submitted via email to: fdtsvicechairman@gmail.com and received no later than 23:59 on 15 MAR 2026.

2026 Fort Drum Thrift Shop Application Form

Please note: Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications must include scanned transcripts with the official school representative's signature. Applications must be emailed to fdtsvicechairman@gmail.com and received by 23:59 EST, 15 March 2026 to be eligible for consideration.

The subject line should include: 2026 Scholarship Application.

Privacy Act Statement

AUTHORITY: 31 U.S.C. 3721 ROUTINE USES:

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: Application for educational scholarship

DISCLOSURE: This application is voluntary. However, incomplete and/or illegible applications will not be considered. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to implement changes during the process, as deemed necessary.

- a. Information is used to provide a basis upon which the award and payment of the scholarship for collegiate/vocational education is administered.
- b. Verification of Military ID may be necessary to assure proper identification of applicant and applicant's military sponsor. Other forms of ID may also be required to verify information provided on the application and/or proper administration of scholarship monies.
- c. Prior to judging, all applications and essays are reviewed for completeness and personal information is concealed.
- d. The Scholarship Committee retains the right to extend the Scholarship deadline if necessary for a fair applicant pool.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

DOB: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Marital Status: Single Married Separated Widowed Domestic Partnership

MILITARY SPONSOR INFORMATION

Sponsor's Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Branch of Service: Army Navy Air Force Marines Coast Guard Guard/Reserves

Fort Drum Unit: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

EDUCATION

Current Academic Status: High School Student Full-Time College/Trade School Student

Current School: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Dates Attended: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

ACADEMIC AWARDS/HONORS

List any academic awards or special programs (i.e. independent research projects, accelerated programs, recognition, etc.):

EXTRACURRICULAR AND PERSONAL ACTIVITIES

List your principal extracurricular, community and personal activities starting with the most recent. Please include any awards, recognition, or positions held.

WORK HISTORY

Current Employment Status: Full-time Part-time

Current Employer: _____

Phone: _____

Dates of Employment: _____ Work Type: Paid Volunteer

Position: _____ Hours per Week: _____

Other/Past Employer: _____

Dates of Employment: _____ Work Type: Paid Volunteer

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ESSAYS

Please provide response to the following two essay questions in the following format: Times New Roman, 12 pt, double spaced.

Short Answer Essay (no more than 150 words):

What inspired you to apply for this scholarship, and what qualities or experiences set you apart?

Long Essay (300-500 words)

How has your experience as a dependent of a service member shaped your understanding of service, sacrifice, and community, and how has it influenced your goals?

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS/ATTACHMENTS

- Two letters of recommendation (must not be from family members or friends)

- School transcripts from the previous academic year, signed by a school official representative.