



2021 Scholarship Application

The Cherry Point Spouse Club Scholarship program's mission is to enhance the MCAS Cherry Point community by assisting military dependents in our area. The Cherry Point Spouse Club will award merit scholarships to qualified applicants who may be graduating seniors or continuing education students. Scholarships will be awarded based on scholastic achievement, community involvement and a written essay.

If awarded, the scholarship monies will be sent to the designated University/College after the Scholarship Chairperson has received proof of enrollment no later than 31 May 2021, or the scholarship will be forfeited. Proof of enrollment letters can be obtained from the institution's Registrar. All awarded scholarships must be used in the following school year of 2021/2022 and are awarded for tuition, fees, books, supplies, and equipment only. Scholarships may not be used to cover room/board expenses nor used for renewing fees for current licensing.

Eligibility:

- The applicants must have a sponsor that meets ONE of the following criteria:
 - Active duty or Reserve military personnel of any rank or branch of service assigned to MCAS Cherry Point.
 - Retired military personnel of any rank or branch of service who served on MCAS Cherry Point while on active duty and now receive services at MCAS Cherry Point.
 - Deceased military personnel of any rank or branch of service who served on MCAS Cherry Point while on active or reserve duty and who's dependents currently receive services at MCAS Cherry Point.
 - Current seniors who's sponsor had been assigned to MCAS Cherry Point and had orders executed to leave the area but the student is finishing their academic year at a local high school.
- Applicants must be a dependent (Spouses or Children/Stepchildren (under the age of 23)) registered in DEERS of a qualified sponsor as described above.
- Applicants must have an unweighted high school/college GPA of 2.75 or higher

STUDENTS DEEMED INELIGIBLE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP:

- Have been awarded a full scholarship
- Have been appointed to any Military Service Academy or awarded a full ROTC scholarship
- Have received a scholarship from another area Officers' Spouses' Club/Military Spouses
- Have received the Cherry Point Spouse Club Scholarship 4 times

NEW! ONLINE SUBMISSION: Applicant will submit self-managed applications.

1. Download and complete this application.
2. Email application and all required documents to **cposcscholarship@gmail.com**
3. If necessary, you may forward any documents that cannot be sent electronically to:

Cherry Point Spouse Club
Attn: Scholarship Committee
PO Box 2201
Havelock, NC 28532

**Application and all required documents must be received by
March 15, 2021.**

**Direct all questions you may have to the Scholarship Chairperson at
cposcscholarship@gmail.com**

****COMPLETE THIS PAGE IF YOU ARE A GRADUATING SENIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL****

PART I - PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____ Relationship to Sponsor: _____

Local Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY (Name, City, State)	YEAR(S) ATTENDED

GPA (current cumulative weighted): _____ SAT and/or ACT composite _____

NOTE: Transcripts and SAT/ACT score report required; see *Official Documents* section.

Please list only 4 institutions for which you've applied and indicate if you have been offered admission:

College/University Applied to:	Yes/No

Intended Enrollment Status: _____ Full Time; _____ Part-Time (credit hrs/semester: _____)

****COMPLETE THIS PAGE IF YOU ARE A CONTINUING EDUCATION STUDENT****

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Name your graduating high school, location and year: _____

In the chart below, please list any education since high school and any institution currently enrolled:

POST HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION HISTORY (Name of college/university/trade school, City, State)	YEAR(S) ATTENDED

GPA (current cumulative): _____

Intended College/University for 2021/2022 academic year: _____

Intended Enrollment Status: _____ Full Time; _____ Part-Time (credit hrs/semester: _____)

Have you received an OSC/Military Spouses scholarship previously: ___ YES / ___ NO

If so, please provide the year and amount awarded to you: _____

****ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THE REMAINING PAGES****

PART II - RESUME

Please attach with your application a short descriptive summary in the relevant areas, following the enumerated format:

*To ensure anonymity, do not place your name on your resume, just attach it to your email.

- A. **Academic Achievement:** Grades/GPA, Honors/Advanced Placement courses, academic awards, attendance record, additional education (i.e. technical education/training, peer counseling, etc.)
- B. **Extracurricular Activities:** Clubs, sports, student government, school paper, etc. Indicate your grade level at the time of participation in each activity.
- C. **Work Experience:** Formal employment, informal employment, internships, babysitting, etc. Please include approximate dates and duration of employment.
- D. **Volunteering & Community Service:** Within your civic community, military community, religious community and within your own social groups.
- E. **Special Interest, Hobbies, and Activities:** Music, art, travel, technology, organizations, collections, team participation, personal interests that demonstrate participation/leadership outside of academics.
- F. **(Optional) Special Circumstances:** Is there anything you want the committee to know about you that is not reflected in your transcript or resume?

PART III - ESSAY

The essay is intended to give you the opportunity to demonstrate your composition skills.

*Failure to follow the **Rules** of the Essay format may result in a disqualification from scholarship consideration.*

Essay Rules:

- 1. Type the essay prompt at the top of your essay
- 2. To ensure anonymity, do not include your name anywhere in your essay, just attached it separately with your application in the email.
- 3. To further ensure anonymity, avoid using specific identifying information such as, "My dad was deployed flying with VMA-231 last summer."
- 4. FONT: Calibri 12-point
- 5. Double Spaced
- 6. Length: minimum of 400 words, not to exceed 600 words. (Include a word count with the essay. Exceeding or not meeting word count could be a disqualifying factor).
- 7. Essay must answer **one** of the following two prompts. See next page.

ESSAY PROMPT FOR GRADUATING SENIORS ONLY:

How has being part of a military family prepared you to handle the challenges that the coronavirus pandemic has presented to you and continues to present to you? How are you handling these challenges? Take this opportunity to really examine and share with us what this experience has taught you. How will you use what you have learned to help you succeed in college?

ESSAY PROMPT FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION APPLICANTS ONLY:

How has being part of a military family prepared you to handle the challenges that the coronavirus pandemic has presented to you and continues to present to you? How are you handling these challenges? How will you use what you have learned to reach your academic goals or influence your field of study?

PART IV - LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Include one (1) Letter of Recommendation. All Recommendation Letters must include a completed cover letter to be considered (see page 8 of this document).

Here are some resources you may consider for your scholarship recommendation letter:

- Teachers and professors
- Former or current employers
- Clergy members
- Coaches
- School counselors and advisors
- Leaders of an organization you are associated with

After providing them with the cover letter, they should send the completed letter with the cover letter directly to **cposcscholarship@gmail.com** or via regular mail to: Cherry Point Spouse Club; Attn: Scholarship Committee, PO Box 2201, Havelock, NC 28532.

PART V - OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

- High School Transcript or College Transcript if you have 60+ college credits
- Students who were homeschooled must submit formal documentation of academic achievement or GED.

PART VI: ELIGIBILITY

To verify your sponsor's assignment to MCAS Cherry Point, please submit a copy of your sponsor's official orders with the Social Security number redacted or a copy of page 4 of the DD214 if retired locally. These documents will be immediately shredded upon verification of sponsor status.

PART VII - CERTIFICATION

The information on this application is correct. I approve the release of information to verify the specifics included on this application. I understand that the funds from the scholarship, if awarded to me, will be sent directly to the school of my choice in my name, and that the school shall be directed to use the funds solely to defray the expenses of tuition, class fees, and books for the following academic year. I further acknowledge that the decision of the MCAS Cherry Point Spouse Club Scholarship Committee shall be FINAL. Any unused funds will be returned to MCAS Cherry Point Scholarship Fund.

Please provide your written or electronic signature:

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____

SPONSOR SIGNATURE: _____

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Please use the following as both a checklist and guide.

- Part I: Personal and Academic Information Form (note it is different for high schoolers vs continuing ed)
- Resume-follow format
- Essay-follow rules
- One (1) Letter of Recommendation
- HS/College Transcripts including GPA
- Part VI Eligibility: Copy of the Sponsor's orders or DD214
- Part Vcherrypointoscscholarship@gmail.comII Certification: Page 6 with signatures
- Email completed application and all required documents to cposcscholarship@gmail.com
- You may forward *Letters of Recommendation* and any other documents that cannot be emailed to:

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QUESTIONS? Email the Scholarship Chairperson at cposcscholarship@gmail.com

REFERENCE COVER LETTER

Directions for Applicants:

Provide this cover letter to the adult of your choice. After providing them with the cover letter, they should send this form with the statement/letter of reference **directly** to the Scholarship Committee, see details below. References:

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Directions for Recommending Adult:

Please use this as a cover sheet. Write a brief statement (one page or less) regarding this applicant's character, ability, and why he/she warrants a merit based college scholarship from MCAS Cherry Point Spouse Club (OSC).

Name of Reference: _____

Place of Employment/Organization: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Phone Number _____ Email: _____

Applicant's Name _____

PLEASE FORWARD THIS COVER LETTER WITH A SIGNED STATEMENT/LETTER TO:

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