

Fellow Gray Ghosts,

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, the Marine Corps Scholarship Fund (MCSF) opened their online registration for the 2026-2027 school year scholarships.

The MCAA 531 Gray Ghost Scholarship is only one of the Scholarships offered by the MCSF. Our Scholarship is unique, in that, children and grandchildren of former 531 Grey Ghosts can apply **and** that the MCSF's income thresholds are waived – only for our Applicants. This makes the online application confusing as all of their other scholarships make applicants ineligible if family incomes are over a certain threshold. **But not for ours!**

So have your college student child or grandchild immediately go to [www.MCSF.org](http://www.MCSF.org) and apply. Make sure they check the box for MCAA 531 Gray Ghost Squadron. Ignore any comments about income thresholds. Just plod through and complete the application. Get all required documentation into them by the deadline. If you run into any problems, contact the MCSF staff and they should be able to assist. If not, let me know and I'll intercede.

After the MCSF awards our sponsored scholarship, we also have a "Second Chance" scholarship for those who weren't selected by the MCSF. **But your child/grandchild MUST complete the MCSF application process to be eligible for the "Second Chance" scholarship.**

The bottom line is to start the application immediately. Have your student trudge through the online application as best they can – realizing it is not designed with our specific applicant eligibility waivers in mind. Ensure all documentation is received by the MCSF. **March 1<sup>st</sup> is the application deadline – no exceptions!**

Finally, when your child/grandchild completes their initial application, please have him/her email at me [F18Puma@san.rr.com](mailto:F18Puma@san.rr.com) so I can try to track their application.

I hope this info helps. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

S/f,  
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Scholarship Chairman