

Blue Star Mothers of America Louisiana 1

Mothers of Military Servicemen and Women

The Camille Alyse Begnaud Military Scholarship for Educational Advancement

Submission Deadline: April 30, 2025

The Camille Alyse Begnaud Military Scholarship for Educational Advancement is awarded annually to provide financial assistance for active duty service members, including those in the National Guard and Reserves, as well as military retirees or honorably discharged veterans. This scholarship aims to help them in completing their educational goals without incurring excessive student loan debt. It serves as a meaningful expression of gratitude for those who have given so much in service to our country.

Blind Review Process: All awards undergo blind review. Candidates must redact all identifying information from the application form and all accompanying documentation to ensure anonymity and fairness. An original of the application and supporting documents must be sent with one (1) redacted photocopy. The Scholarship Committee recommends that applicants retain a copy of submitted materials.

Submission Deadline: Applications must be received at the BSM of Louisiana Chapter 1 office by April 30, 2025, to be considered for the award. Submissions received after the deadline will not receive consideration. The Scholarship Committee recommends that applications be sent via registered certified mail or email. The Scholarship Committee is not responsible for non-performance on the part of the mail or email. No faxed copies will be accepted.

Scoring of Awards: Each award application will receive an identification number when received at the Chapter office. The application will then receive blind review based on an objective point system. It will be scored by Scholarship Committee members in conjunction with other appropriate reviewers.

The Scholarship Committee will score the applications based on the following factors listed below and each category will receive scores of 0 through 3:

1. Original Personal Essay (250-500 words) stating why you should be considered for this scholarship award for educational advancement. Include in the essay the course of study you plan to pursue as well as how these scholarship funds will help further your educational goals. Include any special circumstances.
2. Years of Military Service
3. Deployments during your Military Service
4. Military commendations and awards

5. Special Circumstances as cited in your original personal essay.

Notification of Awards: The President of Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana Chapter 1 will notify applicants of the award selection no later than June 2025. Further instructions for the award recipients will be provided at that time.

Incomplete Applications: Incomplete submissions and applications will not be considered.

Questions: Please address questions about the awards process to the BSM of Louisiana Chapter 1 bsmscholarship@bluestarmoms.net

Acceptance of Award: All recipients are requested to attend the presentation of awards if a special event is planned.

Eligibility Criteria

APPLICANTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP

1. Be a resident of Louisiana.
2. Be retired, honorably discharged veteran, active duty service member, or a member of the National Guard or Reserve.
3. Be accepted to or currently enrolled in an approved two- or four-year accredited college or university or a technical/trade program or school at an accredited institution.
4. Must submit a complete, signed application, together with all supporting documents, by the deadline listed.

Award

1. Scholarship(s) of up to \$5,000 dollars will be awarded to qualified applicant(s) based on the number of candidate submissions each year and funding. Minimum scholarship award is \$1,000 dollars.
2. Applications will be accepted February 1st - April 30th.
 - a. Scholarships will be awarded in June of the same calendar year.
 - b. Scholarships will be submitted to the institution identified on the application and are not restricted.

Required Documentation

1. Complete application and one (1) redacted copy.
2. Submit a typed essay between 250-500 words addressing how you will use the scholarship funds to further your educational goals. Include one (1) redacted copy.
3. Copy of valid Photo ID
4. Applications to be mailed or emailed only. **NO FAXED COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Mail application to PO Box 86507 Baton Rouge, LA 70879 or email to bsmscholarship@bluestarmoms.net. Email notification is required if the application is submitted via mail.

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The shaded areas indicate identifying information that should not appear on the redacted photocopies of the application. Other required documentation (essay) must be included, with one redacted copy per instructions.

Section A: To be removed from the redacted copy:					
Name:	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>				
Address:	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>				
City:	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	State	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	Zip:	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
Telephone:	(home)	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>	(cell)	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	
Preferred Email:	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>				

Section B: Military Service:					
Branch of Service:	<input type="checkbox"/>	USMC	Status:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Active Duty
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Navy		<input type="checkbox"/>	Reservist
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Army		<input type="checkbox"/>	Retired
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coast Guard		<input type="checkbox"/>	Veteran
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Air Force			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Space Force			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Guard			
Rank in Service:	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>				
Years in Military Service:	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>				
MOS:	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>				

Deployment:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	
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If you answered Yes, please explain the nature of your deployment(s) below. Include details for both combat and non-combat deployments.

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Number of Tours in Combat:	<input type="text"/>
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List your Commendations:

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Section C: Educational Goals

Anticipated/Current Course of Study:	<input type="text"/>
Choice of School/Current School:	<input type="text"/>

I certify that the statements made in this application are complete and accurate.

Signature:		Date:	<input type="text"/>
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Mail completed application to BSM of LA Chapter 1, PO Box 86507, Baton Rouge, LA 70879 or email to bsmscholarship@bluestarmoms.net (preferred).