

Department of Iowa - Marine Corps League Scholarship Key Points for 2026 to 2027 Years

Qualifying Grade Point Average

A required Cumulative Unweighted GPA of 2.8 or higher, on a 4.0 scale.

Paid Life Members may record only their PLM Number.

- MCL must record either their Member Number, PLM Number, or Profile Number.

Reminders

- **High School students:** Do not submit your application until you have received your *final* high school transcript which indicates your graduation from high school and your final GPA.
- **All Applicants:** Original signatures are not required of the applicant, sponsor, and officers who approve the application. Copies of original signatures are acceptable.
- **Student Data Sheet:** The Student Data Sheet will be posted on the League website & Library *after* the preliminary selection of accepted applications is made. That form will be used to provide detailed information so that we can send the scholarship award checks to the proper department at the school.
- **Do not forget the final requirement:** For those who are selected for the scholarship award, you *must* submit a **Confirmation of Enrollment** as a full-time student from the school. Reminders to submit this confirmation will not be sent. Without confirmation, you will not receive the award. Details for submission of this confirmation will be provided to those successful applicants when the preliminary list is posted on the League website.
- **Email address:** All email communications should be sent to:
DepartmentofIowaMCL@gmail.com

PURPOSE

To provide a Department of Iowa Marine Corps League (MCL) Scholarship to qualified applicants who are pursuing an undergraduate degree and will be enrolled as a full-time student (12 semester hours minimum) in the upcoming academic year 2026 Fall Semester and are attending an accredited undergraduate institution. The Department of Iowa MCL Scholarships will only be awarded for a maximum of four (4) years and must be reapplied for each year. The scholarship does not have to be in consecutive years.

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

1. Paid members of the Department of Iowa Marine Corps League or Marine Corps League Auxiliary in good standing (i.e., Dues must be current).
2. Spouses, Children, Stepchildren, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren of paid members of the Department of Iowa Marine Corps League or paid members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary in good standing.
3. Children of U. S. Marines, FMF Navy Corpsmen and Navy Chaplains serving with a Marine Unit who were Killed in Action.
4. The above students must currently have a **Cumulative unweighted GPA of at least 2.8** on a 4.0 scale.

NON-ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

1. Students who already have their first undergraduate degree, are pursuing their second bachelor's degree, are attending graduate school of any kind, or are attending Federal Service Academies are not eligible.
2. Students who do not currently have a **Cumulative Unweighted GPA of at least 2.8 or higher** on a 4.0 scale are not eligible.

NON-ELIGIBLE COLLEGES / UNIVERSITIES

The College or University the student plans to attend in the upcoming academic year **2026 Fall Semester**, must be an Accredited Undergraduate Institution listed in College Navigator: (<http://nces.ed.gov/globallocator/>) to qualify for this Department of Iowa MCL Scholarship.

REQUIREMENTS APPLICANTS

1. Must have a **Minimum Cumulative GPA (unweighted) of at least 2.8** on a 4.0 scale.
2. Complete and sign the official 2026 application that is published on the Department of Iowa Marine Corps League Website <https://mwdmcl.org/iowa> (Outdated, modified, or incomplete applications will not be approved).
3. If you are both the Applicant and the Membership Sponsor, complete both sections as self.
4. Verify the school you will be attending in the **2026 Fall Semester** is an accredited institution listed in **College Navigator**.
5. **High School Seniors:** Attach your **Official Complete Final High School Transcript** for all years. Certified copies will be accepted. *The transcript must indicate graduation from high school and GPA.*
6. **Current (or former) College Students:** Attach your **Official College Semester Transcripts for the latest semester completed.**
7. Certified photocopies of transcripts are acceptable. Applications and transcripts may be emailed to: DepartmentofIowaMCL@gmail.com. If mailed: HWMCL, Dept of Iowa MCL Scholarships, PO Box 1385, Burlington, IA 52601, documentation should be sent **Priority Mail or Certified Mail/No Signature Required** to provide a tracking number.
8. Ensure that the sponsor's information is complete, accurate and signed.
9. Ensure that the Department of Iowa MCL Detachment or MCLA Unit Name & Location information is complete and signed by the required (2) Officers.
10. Email the completed Application and all required Transcripts to DepartmentofIowaMCL@gmail.com **on or before July 18, 2026.**

MEMBERS AT LARGE (MAL) (Applicants or Sponsors)

1. MAL Members: If you are both the Applicant and the Membership Sponsor, complete both sections as self.
2. MAL Sponsors: Complete Sponsor information section and insert the letters 'MAL' in lines 19 and 20 on the application.

SPONSORS (LEAGUE or AUXILIARY)

1. All Sponsors membership dues must be paid up to date in the Marine Corps League or the Marine Corps League Auxiliary.
2. **MCL** Sponsors provide all sponsorship data on the application as required, insert their Original League Membership Number on line 17 **or** their Paid Life Member (PLM) Number on line 18; non-PLM's insert their membership **Expiration Date** on line 18.
3. **MCLA** Sponsors do not have membership numbers, insert 'N/A' on line 17 and insert their Paid Life Member (**PLM**) Number on line 18, for non-PLM's insert their membership '**Expiration Date**' on line 18.

NOTE: See your Detachment Paymaster or Auxiliary Unit Treasurer for assistance with these member numbers or expiration date.

CERTIFICATION (By Two Officers) – (Signing Officers cannot be related to the Applicant or Sponsor)

DETACHMENT or AUXILIARY

1. The Detachment Paymaster/Auxiliary Unit Treasurer will certify on lines 21 and 22 that the Sponsors membership dues are paid up to date within their respective organization.
2. The Detachment Commandant/Auxiliary Unit President will certify on lines 23 and 24 that the Sponsors membership dues are paid up to date within their respective organization.

NOTE: In the event the Applicant OR Sponsor is related to the Detachment Commandant/Detachment Paymaster OR the Auxiliary Unit President/Auxiliary Unit Treasurer, the Detachment “Senior Vice Commandant” or the Auxiliary Unit “Senior Vice President” will certify in their appropriate lines after verifying that the Sponsor is a paid member in good standing within their respective organization as their “DESIGNEE”. If there is still a conflict the Judge Advocate will sign.

DEPARTMENT OF IOWA HEADQUARTERS

Department of Iowa MCL or the Iowa Marine Corps League Auxiliary will verify the membership status of all Members at Large (MAL) Applicants/Sponsors.

PRELIMINARY APPROVED APPLICATIONS – NAMES WILL BE POSTED TO Department of Iowa Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/MCLIowa>)

If your application is selected, your name will be posted on or about August 30 each year, on the Department of Iowa Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MCLIowa>, with instructions to obtain an “Official Proof of Enrollment Letter” from your school for the 2026 Fall Semester. This “Official Proof of Enrollment Letter” and your “Student Data Sheet” must include your student ID number and the College/University mailing address which is designated to receive scholarship funds. [Note: The **Student Data Sheet** will be posted on the League website along with the names of those whose applications have been preliminarily accepted]. This must be emailed to the Department of Iowa Scholarship Committee Chairman no later than September 27, 2026. If the required “Official Proof of Enrollment Letter” and the completed “Student Data Sheet” are received and the Institutions Accreditation is verified, your name will be submitted to the Department of Iowa Paymaster for issuance of the Scholarship check directly to your college or University prior to December 31, 2026.

AMOUNT OF THE 2026 SCHOLARSHIP

The Department of Iowa MCL scholarships are for a total of \$500.00. The final list of scholarship recipients will be posted on the Department of Iowa Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/MCLIowa>) soon after the September deadline. All recipients will receive the same amount.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. All decisions by the Department of Iowa Scholarship Committee are final and will not be subject to review.
2. The Department of Iowa Scholarship Committee will strictly observe all eligibility criteria and requirements, to ensure compliance throughout.
3. Incomplete applications will not be considered by the committee, nor will they be returned for corrections.
4. **Preliminary Approved Applicants will not** receive a notification letter. **The list will be posted** to the Department of Iowa Facebook page by August 30, each year.
5. If you have a change of mailing address or email, notify the National Scholarship Committee at DepartmentofIowaMCL@gmail.com.

If you send scholarship correspondence by mail, you should send via USPS **Priority Mail or Certified Mail/No Signature Required** so you will have tracking number.

6. Documents downloaded from a school website(s) will be accepted if authenticated by that Institution’s Registrar’s Office.
7. Some Institutions may charge a processing fee for ‘Official Documents’ and/or require that the requested Documents be mailed by that Institution directly to the Department of Iowa MCL Scholarship Committee (see mailing address below).
8. Should you have any questions send email directly to the Scholarship Committee Chairman at DepartmentofIowaMCL@gmail.com.

Send All Applications / Transcripts / Letters to:

By Mail:

Hamilton-Walters

**Attn: Department of Iowa MCL Scholarship
Committee PO Box 1385
Burlington, IA 52601**

By Email:

DepartmentofIowaMCL@gmail.com

