

MSSofVA 2022-2023 Scholarship Application

General Information/Criteria:

- The Military Spouses' Society of Virginia (MSSofVA) awards scholarships to high school senior dependents of first responders and military members who satisfy the eligibility criteria specified below. Scholarships are awarded in accordance with the MSSofVA Scholarship Committee Guidelines.
- Selection criteria may include all or some of the following:
 1. Academic Achievement
 2. Work Experience
 3. Community/Volunteer Activities
 4. Leadership Roles
 5. Personal/Educational Goals
 6. Essay
- Awards are granted without regard to race, gender, ethnicity, religion, or disability.
- **The applicant is responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information and official documents.**
- **Applications must be postmarked no later than 10 June 2022.** *No other delivery method will be accepted (i.e. hand-delivered, e-mailed, or faxed).* Incomplete packets will be deemed ineligible. Please retain a copy of all documents; application packets will not be returned.
- Applicants will be notified in writing if a scholarship has been awarded.
- Please contact Diane Schwab at 757-849-8787 if you have any questions or concerns.

Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a high school senior dependent of a first responder or military member (sponsor) that plans to attend an accredited college or university during the 2022-2023 academic school year.
- The sponsor must be assigned to the Hampton Roads area, working in law enforcement (police officer, border protection, etc), as a firefighter, paramedic/EMT, active-duty military member or military retiree. Or the dependent of one of these sponsors who was killed in action.
- Applicants for academic awards should have at least a cumulative 3.0 GPA.
- Home-schooled high school applicants may apply and must supply credentials that commensurate with the requirements listed in the criteria directly above this point.
- Applicants accepting full college/university scholarships may not accept a scholarship from MSSofVA.
- The Scholarship Committee members, including essay judges, and their dependents are *not* eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Limitations:

- Scholarship funds are to be used within the 2022-2023 academic year.

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- All funds received shall be applied to tuition and/or associated university costs administered by an accredited college or university. These costs may include room and board, books, and various fees pertaining to active participation in an academic setting.
- MSSofVA scholarship funds **may not** be applied towards penalties or disenrollment fees. Should

MSSofVA funds be used in such a case, we reserve the right to request repayment in the amount of scholarship awarded (as well as any fees incurred to process initial payment and request for repayment).

- Payment of scholarship awards will be made directly to the selected school. The recipient **must** provide the Scholarship Committee with the following items:
 - Name of college/university applicant will be attending
 - Address to the financial aid office of said college/university
 - Contact person in financial aid office (will need name, phone number, and email address)
 - Student number (student identifier)
 - **This information must be received by 1 July 2022.** This can be emailed to MSSofVAScholarships@gmail.com

Failure to provide this information will result in the scholarship being considered unclaimed and the funds will not be distributed.

- The scholarship award, when combined with other scholarships, must not exceed the cost of attendance (to include tuition, room and board, books, and fees) for the academic year. Any remaining funds must be returned to the MSSofVA Scholarship Committee as soon as possible.
- Applicants accepting an appointment to a military service academy or a full scholarship become ineligible for this award. Upon notification of such awards, the MSSofVA scholarship will be forfeited.

KEEP THIS SHEET FOR YOUR RECORDS

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Application Instructions:

1. **Print legibly in black ink or type**, using only available spaces on this form. Do not use the back of the form. Do not attach any information not asked for.
2. It is important that applicants provide any and all qualifying information in the application categories (Educational, Employment, Community/Volunteer Service, Community/Club Activities, High School Activities, Awards/Honors). Scholarships are awarded based on total points. Please attach additional data sheets as necessary to gain maximum points (pages five, six and seven).
3. Mail the completed application and any supporting documents to
Military Spouses' Society of Virginia
PO Box 2539
Poquoson, VA 23662-9998
Attention: Scholarship Committee
4. Your complete packet must be postmarked no later than **10 June 2022**.

Application Completion:

This application becomes complete and valid only when all of the pages listed below are delivered. All materials must be submitted at the same time. Each page of the application must include the last four digits of the applicant's SSN. Do not staple your documents. If you wish to bind your documents, please use a paperclip. Submit your application in the following order:

- Personal Data Sheet (page 4).
- Letter verifying sponsor's service as a first responder (must be on jurisdiction/city letter head, signed by supervisor with contact number for verification). Or proof of military dependent status.
- Two (2) copies** of pages five, six and seven.
- Two (2) copies** of the essay written by the applicant.

Essay topic: Write about any topic you are passionate about.

- Type essay on 8½" x 11" white bond paper, double-spaced, 400-500 words in length. Place your SSN (Last 4 ONLY) in the upper right corner and word count at the end of the essay. **DO NOT use your name, school, or other identifiers in the essay.**
 - Judging criteria include originality, mechanics, technical, vocabulary, organization, and overall impression of the essay.
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- Unofficial transcripts supporting all educational data and documenting your cumulative GPA as of the end of the first semester of your senior year. (Note: Grade reports and copies of transcripts are not acceptable)
 - Certification Letter.

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Privacy Act Statement

AUTHORITY: 10 U.S.C., chapter 40; 37 U.S.C., chapter 9; EO 9397, November 1943

PRINCIPLE PURPOSES: To facilitate award of scholarship funds to education centers.

ROUTINE USES: Information may be disclosed to federal, state and local education institutions for the purpose of allocating awards to scholarship recipient accounts; and the MSSofVA Scholarship Committee and subcommittees for accounting purposes.

DISCLOSURE: Disclosure of the SSN is voluntary. However, this form will not be processed without your SSN since education institutions use your SSN as a student identifier for scholarship and accounting purposes.

PERSONAL DATA SHEET

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

NAME (last, first, middle)

Applicant's Social Security Number (SSN):

Street Address:

Name of Current School:

City/State:

Applicant's Military ID Card Expiration Date (if applicable):

ZIP:

Home Phone Number:

Cell Phone (optional):

E-mail Address:

SPONSOR'S INFORMATION

Eligibility Category: (Circle One)

Law Enforcement Firefighter Paramedic/EMT Active-duty military Retired military Other

Sponsor's Name

Rank/Grade

Sponsor's Organization

City/Jurisdiction

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Organization Address	Duty Phone Number:
Current Mailing Address (if different from applicant)	E-mail Address:
Phone Number:	Other if circled above:

INTENDED AREA OF STUDY (Optional)	
Major:	Minor:
SCHOOL COUNSELOR:	
Please complete the following and attach an unofficial high school transcript as of the end of the first semester of senior year.	
SAT Critical Read: Math: Writing:	ACT:
GPA: Grading Scale (circle): 10 PT 8	Class Rank: _____ of _____
Number of Weighted/AP Courses:	
Counselor's Name:	Phone Number:
Counselor's Signature:	Date:

EDUCATIONAL DATA			
High Schools grades 9-12 (Name, City, State)	GPA	Dates Attended From Mo/Yr - To Mo/Yr	

AWARDS/HONORS
List most recent achievement first.

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Mail your application to
YOUR COMPLETE PACKET MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN 10 June 2022.

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CERTIFICATION LETTER

By signing below, I certify that I intend to accept a Military Spouses' Society of Virginia (MSSofVA) Scholarship Award with the following conditions:

1. Scholarship funds are to be used within the 2022-2023 academic year.
2. All funds received shall be applied to tuition and/or associated university costs administered by an accredited college or university. However, these funds may not be used for penalties or disenrollment fees.
3. As a scholarship recipient, I must provide the name of school attending, address to financial aid office, contact information for a financial aid counselor at the school I will be attending, and my student number to the scholarship committee **NLT 1 July 2022**.
4. Failing to supply the necessary information by the deadline may result in my forfeiture of said scholarship.
5. The scholarship award, when combined with other scholarships, must not exceed the cost of attendance; to include tuition, fees, books, room and board for the academic year. Any remaining funds must be returned to the MSSofVA Scholarship Committee as soon as possible.
6. If I accept an appointment to a military service academy or a full scholarship, I will be ineligible for this MSSofVA scholarship award.
7. It is my responsibility to notify the MSSofVA Scholarship Committee of any change of status (i.e. change of school, change in address, change of enrollment status, etc.) Failure to do so may result in the forfeiture of my scholarship award.
8. Any unclaimed scholarship funds will revert back to the MSSofVA Scholarship Fund after 14 July 2022.

I agree that my signature on this form will authorize the Military Spouses' Society of Virginia Scholarship Chair to release this application, as well as any information included in my application packet to the Scholarship Committee. I certify that all information in this application is accurate, to the best of my knowledge, and the essay is entirely my own effort. Should any of the above conditions be violated, the funds for my scholarship may be returned to the MSSofVA Scholarship fund.

APPLICANT'S NAME:

Printed _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

SPONSOR'S NAME:

Printed _____

Signature _____ Date: _____