



DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

BARBARA M. OLEJNICKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

PURPOSE

The Department of Illinois Marine Corps League provides an annual educational scholarship award to a qualified High School student who plans to attend college in pursuit of an undergraduate degree or to attend a school with programs for vocational training and certification. This annual scholarship provides financial assistance in the amount of \$1000 into a school account for the selected recipient to assist with tuition and/or books.

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

Applicants should submit an essay on an event or activity that demonstrates the Marine Corps motto *Semper Fidelis* (“Always Faithful”). This can be a local or national news account, a public affair, or a personal story.

The essay must be 300-350 words, double spaced, in a 12 point font.

The use of correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling will be taken into consideration. It is important that you communicate your thoughts clearly.

Essays will be scored on creativity, content appropriateness, and clarity of the story.

ELIGIBILITY

- ◆ Applicants must be family of members in good standing of the Illinois Marine Corps League or Illinois Marine Corps League Auxiliary.
- ◆ This includes regular members, (USMC veterans, Navy FMF Corpsmen, Navy Chaplains) associate members, members at large, and auxiliary members.
- ◆ Applicants must be currently enrolled in and attending any high school and reside in Illinois.
- ◆ Applicants must provide an official sealed transcript from the high school.
- ◆ Applicants must have a GPA of C+ or better to be considered.
- ◆ Applicants must provide a letter of acceptance from the college or vocational training center they plan to attend.
- ◆ Applicants must be US citizens.



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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write your essay.
2. Complete your application.
3. Obtain your High School transcript.
4. Copy your letter of acceptance from the school you are planning to attend.
5. Assemble all of your paperwork and mail with the essay to:

Mrs. Victoria Cobbett
733 Singer Avenue
Lemont, IL 60439-3912

IL MCL scholarship.

- ◆ No online submissions will be accepted.
- ◆ All entries must be printed and mailed.
- ◆ You may list extra curricular activities on an additional sheet, if needed.
- ◆ Work programs during school for any vocational education should be listed.
- ◆ Entries must be postmarked by 30 April of the current year.
- ◆ All essays become property of the Department of Illinois Marine Corps League Scholarship Committee.



APPLICANT NAME: _____

LAST FIRST MIDDLE

ADDRESS: _____

STREET

CITY STATE ZIP PHONE

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____ CUMULATIVE GPA _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY STATE ZIP PHONE

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: (may use separate page)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF ACCREDITED COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO:

INSTITUTION'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

STREET

CITY STATE ZIP PHONE

MEMBER/ASSOC

MEMBER/MAL NAME: _____

MCL/MCLA/MAL

RELATIONSHIP: _____ Membership Number: _____

(Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Uncle, Aunt, Grandfather, Grandmother, etc.) Detachment: _____

I understand that the decision of the Scholarship Fund Committee is final, and that the information contained in this application and the accompanying documentation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. All information contained in this application and accompanying documentation will be kept totally confidential and strictly for determining the qualifications of the applicant. Applications become the sole property of the Department of Illinois Marine Corps League Scholarship Committee. It is my understanding that if awarded this scholarship, it must be used toward payment of tuition and/or books only.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____