

# **OOSCCA Spouse & Dependent Scholarship Policy and Procedures**

## **POLICY FOR SPOUSES & DEPENDENTS:**

1. The Offutt Officers' Spouses' Club Charitable Association, Inc. (OOSCCA) will award at least one spouse scholarship. OOSCCA will also award at least one college student aged 18-24 who is not a spouse, but who is a dependent currently enrolled in a college program.

2. A Scholarship Selection Panel will determine the award recipient based on current scholastic achievement, program of study, community service activities, and an essay. The Scholarship chairperson of the OOSC will chair the Scholarship Selection Panel.

- a. The panel may include but is not limited to: Community Representatives, School Representatives, Local Business Representatives, Enlisted Representative, and Officer Representative. The Chairperson for the OOSC may not vote.

3. The OOSCCA will send the scholarship award check before **September 1, 2026**, directly to the accredited institution where the recipient's account is maintained. Recipients must use the scholarship money before **June 30, 2027**. Unused funds will revert to the OOSCCA. The OOSCCA will notify the accountable party when the check has been mailed to the institution.

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Applicants must be enrolled in a current college program for **fall 2026**. Applicants who are enrolled in community colleges or trade schools are also encouraged to apply.
2. All sponsors, spouses, and college applicants must live within 40 miles of Offutt Air Force Base (when not attending school out of the area) and meet one of the following qualifications for eligibility. Please choose one or more of the following.
  - Sponsor active duty
  - Sponsor retired assigned to Offutt in some capacity
  - Sponsor retired in the local area with no connections to Offutt
  - Sponsor deceased while on active duty
  - Sponsor employed at Offutt AFB in government service or as a contractor
  - Sponsor or applicant is an Offutt AFB Thrift Shop Volunteer

3. Acceptance of any full scholarship\*, or another OSC/NCOWC or OESC scholarship, before or after selection as a recipient of an OOSCCA Scholarship, will automatically terminate consideration for entitlement to another OOSCCA scholarship. In such an event, the scholarship will be awarded to an alternate in order of merit.

\*The OOSCCA policy defines a full scholarship as having a student's tuition, room & board paid.

4. Previous recipients of the OOSCCA Scholarship will be eligible for consideration.
5. Children, wards or spouses of any OOSCCA Selection Panel member are not eligible for a scholarship in the year that person serves.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURES:**

1. Applicants must submit the following materials no later than **March 1, 2026**:
  - a. Official or unofficial transcript(s) and GPA of all course work pertaining to current area of study
  - b. Completed, legible application form
  - c. Activity form provided
2. A 300-500 word essay answering the following prompt: How has being a military dependent shaped your understanding of leadership and community, and how will you carry that perspective into your future education or career? Incomplete or inaccurate applications will not be considered.
3. Your application and supporting documents must be submitted no later than **March 1, 2026**.
4. All submitted materials will become the property of the OOSCCA and will be retained for one full year from the date of selection. At the end of the year, all applications and supporting documents will be destroyed.
5. Direct any questions to: Lindsay Andersen at scholarshipsoosc@gmail.com

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## **DISCLAIMER:**

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