

# FORT WOOD COMMUNITY SPOUSES' CLUB



2026 Spouse/Dependent Scholarship Program

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Dear Applicant,

The Fort Wood Community Spouses' Club (FWCSC) is honored to support the educational goals of students connected to the Fort Leonard Wood community. Our annual scholarship program reflects our commitment to strengthening families, encouraging community impact, and fostering a philanthropic spirit among military-connected youth. This scholarship is open to adult spouses and legal dependent family members of Armed Forces personnel (active duty, Reserves, National Guard, retired US military, surviving spouse, or DoD civilians working at or affiliated with FLW) who plan to enroll part-time or full-time in an accredited college, university, or technical/trade program in Fall 2026. Students who have received an appointment to a U.S. Military Academy, a full four-year ROTC scholarship, or service-funded nursing sponsorship **are not eligible** for this award. All information must be submitted by **11:59 PM on March 15, 2026**. Incomplete or late applications cannot be considered.

Your completed application requires submission of the following materials through the links provided:

- ✓ A completed Spouse/Dependent Scholarship Application  
<https://forms.gle/Hx3VS3XQcRP48ioi9>
- ✓ Two Letters of Recommendation  
<https://forms.gle/ra5Stv3DUW3SrQhe8>

FWCSC maintains a fair and impartial review process for all applicants. All judging is anonymous. Personal identifiers are removed before scoring, and judges evaluate the content of submitted materials. Students whose parent/guardian is a FWCSC member may apply, provided the parent/guardian is not serving on the Grants & Scholarships Committee during the 2025–2026 cycle.

Applications are evaluated using a rubric covering:

## **1. Academic Achievement (15 Points)**

Includes GPA and rigor of coursework. Academic performance is considered within the context of each student's circumstances.

## **2. Out-of-School Time (25 Points)**

This category includes all commitments a student manages outside the classroom. To ensure equity, FWCSC recognizes a wide range of experiences. All forms of engagement are valued, and no specific type of activity is required for consideration.

## **3. Essay Quality (50 Points)**

Essays are scored based on originality, clarity, depth of reflection, and alignment with the chosen prompt. All essay content must be the applicant's own original work. The use of AI tools to generate or edit essay content is not permitted.

## **4. Character and Integrity (15 Points)**

Evaluated through Letters of Recommendation and consistency across application materials.

## **5. Eligibility Verification (5 Points)**

Includes required documentation confirming military or DoD affiliation and dependent status.

FWCSC wishes you the very best in your educational journey.

Respectfully,

Fort Wood Community Spouses' Club Grants & Scholarships Committee

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## Letter of Recommendation Information

The student requesting your assistance is applying for a scholarship provided by the Fort Wood Community Spouses' Club (FWCSC). All applicants are required to submit 2 letters of recommendation. Sources for recommendations include any person over the age of 18. Backgrounds may include, but are not limited to, a teacher or professor, activities coach, employer, faith-based mentor, community leader, etc. A recommendation from a family member of the applicant will not be considered. Completed forms must be submitted by **11:59 PM on March 15, 2026.**

### Instructions:

- Fill out the applicant's information using an official email at: <https://forms.gle/hZPqG6u4D4pg1ifL7>
- Upload the applicant's LOR that may include comments on initiative, attitude, integrity, intellectual curiosity, and any other information you feel is pertinent to convey the applicant's character and integrity to the FWCSC Scholarship Committee judges.

## Questions & Answers Information

All questions from the applicant or LOR author should be submitted to:

<https://forms.gle/S3ycz3m66rWnQhPw9>

Please allow 5 business days for a response from the Committee. A FAQ & Answers Guide will be posted on [fwcsc.com](http://fwcsc.com) on February 15, 2026.