

The 2026 Senior Chief Scott DeCoste Memorial Scholarship Inc.



1. Qualifications:

- a. 2026 High School Graduating Senior in the state of Rhode Island
- b. Accepted into College
- c. Child of Active-Duty Military, Veteran, or Deceased Active Duty/Veteran
- d. Overcame a personal or educational obstacle
- e. Copy of DD-214 or DD-1300 (if applicable, **please black out social security number**)

2. Required Documents:

- a. Essay (**500 words minimum, type-written, double-spaced**)
- b. Faculty letter of recommendation

Application and Required Documents Can Be Emailed to:

lisa@sdecoste.org

3. Due Date: February 1, 2026

4. Personal Information:

a. Name of Applicant:

b. Home Address:

c. Date of Birth:

d. Phone:

e. Name of Military Parent

f. Branch of Service:

g. Current Command (if applicable)

5. Academic Information:

a. Current GPA:

b. Extra-curricular activities:

c. Volunteer work:

Have you applied for admission to a college or university?

Have you been accepted?

List the names of the institutions where you have been accepted:

6. Essay:

Scott struggled in high school with academics before turning it around and graduating in 1984. Please describe in the essay what you feel you struggled with, whether it be personal or educationally related, and how you overcame it to graduate.

Note: Please feel free to use additional paper if you need more space to provide the requested information.

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY March 1, 2026 AND POSTED TO OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE.

The Senior Chief Scott DeCoste Memorial Scholarship Inc. is a non-profit 501c3 organization that was formed on June 13, 2016 in memory of Retired Senior Chief Scott DeCoste. Scott passed away August 31, 2015 at the age of 49 years old after a brief 8-week battle with a service connected cancer. The purpose of the organization is to award scholarships to high school students who have overcome a personal or academic obstacle prior to graduation.

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