

Central Florida Marine Corps Foundation



Scholarship Application Form and Instructions

The Central Florida Marine Corps Foundation (CFMCF), as an active and supportive member of the local community, provides scholarships to deserving undergraduate students.

The Foundation will award up to \$10,000 in scholarships in 2010. No scholarship will be less than \$500, nor will any scholarship be more than \$2500. The Central Florida Marine Corps Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee determines the number and amount of scholarships awarded based upon the Committee's evaluation of the applications received. The Committee will notify all scholarship applicants in writing once the selection process is completed.

The Foundation's scholarships are available to students who are residents in any of Central Florida's seven Counties: Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, and Volusia, and who are registered/accepted into an accredited Junior College, four-year college, or university.

Note: This application can be submitted with proof of acceptance to a college/university provided in the future when it is available.

Additional student/applicant eligibility criteria are listed below.

Instructions: (After December 1, 2009)

- From the CFMCF Web Site, <http://centralfloridamarines.org>
- Download the Application Form, below,
- Complete the form,
- Submit by Mail to the address listed below in the "Submission Details" paragraph:

Applications for scholarships should contain the following items.

1. **Application Form.** Complete the application form beginning on page 3. (The same form may be downloaded from the website.) This information is used to contact the applicant, and to provide essential data to the selection committee concerning the applicant's eligibility for a scholarship.
2. **Eligibility.**
*Applicants must meet **one** of the following six criteria:*
 - An active duty or reserve US Marine.
 - A US Marine who has received an Honorable or Medical Discharge.
 - Provide with your application a copy of your DD214.
 - An active duty or reserve US Navy Corpsman who serves, or has served, with the US Marine Corps.
 - Provide with your application the name of the Marine Unit and your dates of service with that Unit.
 - A U.S. Navy Corpsman who has served with the U.S. Marine Corps and has received an Honorable or Medical Discharge.
 - Provide with your application a copy of your DD214 and the name of the Marine Unit and your dates of service with that Unit.
 - The son/daughter/grandchild/spouse of an active duty or reserve US Marine or of a US Marine who received an Honorable or Medical Discharge or who died while serving in the US Marine Corps.
 - Provide Unit Name and Address for a Marine presently on active duty
 - Provide a copy of the former Marine's DD214 or discharge paper(s).
 - A student enrolled in a Marine Corps Junior ROTC program.

AND applicants must be:

- A current resident in one of the seven Central Florida Counties: Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, or Volusia.
- In the process of applying to or attending as an undergraduate student at an accredited Junior College, four-year college, or university.
 - **NOTE:** Proof of acceptance and/or enrollment will be required prior to actual award of scholarship funds.

3. Guidelines for the Essay:

- A 300- to 500-word, typed (12 point, 8½ X 11 paper, double-spaced)
- The Essay should focus on one of the following subjects:
 - Your involvement in extracurricular and/or community activities (i.e., civic organizations, school, or church, etc.) and should detail how you made a positive difference within your community
 - Information on your career goals and future plans.
 - What the “Marine Corps” Core Values of Honor, Courage and Commitment mean to you at this point in your life.

AND

- **Each Essay should state why you are applying for this scholarship.**

- Place your full name at the top of the first page of your essay.

4. Transcripts: Provide transcripts indicating courses taken and grades earned.

5. Grade Point Average: Document a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.5.

6. Standardized Test Scores: Document your SAT and/or ACT scores along with the number of times taken,

7. Letters of Recommendation: Two recommendation letters are required. One from each category

below:

- a. Provide one letter of recommendation from a mentor, community leader, or businessperson.
- b. Provide one letter of recommendation from a school official, i.e., teacher, professor, or guidance counselor. (For this category, **Marine Corps Junior ROTC students** must provide a letter of recommendation from the Marine Corps JROTC instructor in your high school).

Submission Details

Mail the completed application package to:

Central Florida Marine Corps Foundation
Attn: Scholarship Committee
4250 Alafaya Trail, Suite 212, PMB 321
Oviedo, FL 32765-9424

Your application package will not be returned.

The deadline for submitting applications is **February 19, 2010.**

Late or incomplete submissions will not be accepted nor considered.

A complete application must include:

- The completed application form,
- A 300- to 500-word essay,
- High school and/or college transcripts,
- Standardized Test Scores, and
- Two letters of recommendation.

Notification: All applicants will be notified of the CFMCF’s decision by mail. Scholarships will be presented at an appropriate time coordinated with the applicant.

Application Form

Type or print legibly.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Eligibility Requirements

I am the (relationship) _____

of (Service member's/veteran's name) _____

Attach to this application a PHOTOCOPY of the veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty (Form DD-214) or other Government document showing time served on active duty in the Marine Corps or as a US Navy Corpsman serving with a US Marine Unit.

Name of Marine Corps JROTC instructor (if applicable) _____

MC JROTC instructor Phone # _____

List the Junior College, or 4-year College/University you are attending or to which you have applied.

Briefly explain your rationale for choosing this school (or these schools).

What institution of higher learning do you plan to attend (or are you now attending)?

What career do you plan on pursuing?

Why?

Use this space to provide any additional information for consideration (interests, hobbies, special situations, etc.)

Checklist for Submission and Signature Page

Please include this checklist (signed) with your application.

I certify that I meet the requirements for this application and that my application package contains the following items in this order:

- Completed Student Application Form**
- PHOTOCOPIES of Government documents to support eligibility for the Central Florida Marine Corps Foundation Scholarship**
- PHOTOCOPIES of documents to indicate the applicant's County of residence in Florida**
- Typewritten Essay (300-500 words)**
- High School and/or college transcripts**
- PHOTOCOPIES of High School Standardized Test Scores**
- Letter of recommendation from a mentor, community leader, or business person**
- Letter of recommendation from a school official, i.e., teacher, professor, or guidance counselor**
NOTE: Marine Corps JROTC students must submit a letter of recommendation from the MC JROTC Instructor for this category.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Counselor, Teacher, or Instructor Signature

Date