

Scholarship Application for Marines Form and Instructions



CFMCF Website: <http://centralfloridamarines.org>

The Central Florida Marine Corps Foundation (CFMCF), as an active and supportive member of the local community, provides scholarships to deserving undergraduate students based on evaluation of academic merit, community service and involvement and embodiment of Marine Corps core values.

Five scholarships will be awarded in the amounts of \$2500, \$2250, \$2000, \$1750 and \$1500 to the applicants the Scholarship Selection Committee determines to have the best combination of academic performance, service and involvement in the community, and embodiment of the core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. The committee will notify all scholarship applicants via email once the selection process is completed.

The Foundation's scholarships are available to Marines (Active Duty, Reserve, and Honorably or Medically Discharged) 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. This scholarship is also available to Marines who are working toward a technical or vocational degree, credential, or certificate in an eligible program. An "eligible program" is one that is accredited by a state or federal approving agency. **Persons possessing a four-year college degree are not eligible.**

Note: If proof of College/University or Technical/Vocational school acceptance is not available at the time of submission for this application, an acceptance letter may be submitted at a later date. Please note that scholarship awards will not be presented until acceptance is verified.

Additional student/applicant eligibility criteria are listed below. Contact CFMCFScholarships@gmail.com prior to mailing your application package if you have any questions about the intent or need clarification on the instructions below.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:
 - Active duty or reserve US Marine or Fleet Marine Force Corpsman.
 - US Marine or Fleet Marine Force Corpsman who served at least 6 months and has received an Honorable or Medical Discharge.
 - o Provide with your application a copy of your DD214 showing characterization of honorable service and reenlistment code.
2. Applicant must provide proof that he/she currently resides in one of the following seven Central Florida Counties: Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, or Volusia. Typically a current driver's license is sufficient.
3. Applicant must be in the process of applying to or attending as a student at an accredited junior college, four-year college, or university, or an accredited technical or vocational school/course.
(NOTE: Proof of accreditation can be a link to the school's website that shows state or federal accreditation.)

Note: Proof of acceptance and/or enrollment will be required prior to actual award of scholarship funds.

Guidelines for the Essay:

1. A 300- to 500-word, typed (Times New Roman 12 point, 8½ X 11 paper, double-spaced)
 - The Essay should address 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 contribution to your community.
 - Information about 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 how the example of the Marine in your life influenced you. **THIS IS IMPORTANT**
 - Your love and pride in being an American citizen and your patriotic values
- 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.

Transcripts:

Provide high school transcripts and any college/vocational school transcripts indicating courses taken and grades earned, if applicable. High school transcripts may be omitted on if college transcripts are submitted that include a grade point average based on completion of at least 60 semester credit hours of college course work.

Standardized Test Scores:

Document your scores on ACT, SAT, etc., if applicable.

Optional Additional Information:

Copies of Military Awards, Citations or other documents that characterize your performance in the Marine Corps.

Submission Details:

DO NOT STAPLE PAGES TOGETHER, USE A PAPERCLIP IF NECESSARY

Mail the completed application package to:

Central Florida Marine Corps Foundation

ATTN: Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 621918

Oviedo, FL 32762-1918

Your application package will not be returned. All applications must be post marked by **January 31, 2025**.

Late, unsigned, or incomplete submissions will not be accepted. Any questions or inquiries should be addressed to:

Scholarship Chairman

CFMCFScholarships@gmail.com

Notification: All applicants will be notified by email at the email address on the application form of the CFMCF's decision as to whether they have been selected to receive a scholarship or not. Notification is typically during the month of March. Recipients will be required to complete and sign an acceptance form with instructions for attending the scholarship presentation reception in Orlando in mid-April, 2025. The amount of the scholarship awards will be announced at the scholarship presentation reception. Payment of the scholarships will be made via check made to the recipient upon confirmation of enrollment for the summer or fall semester.

Note: Depending on the version of Acrobat you are using, you may not be able to save this file. Please fill out the form and print a copy to include in your application package and print another copy for your records.

Application Form:

Type or print legibly.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____
E-Mail Address _____

The maximum limit in the boxes provided for the responses below is 625 characters. List significant achievements during your military career.

Provide a brief description of your military occupational specialty during your time in service.

List the education/certification you are pursuing and include school name, location and desired level of achievement. Briefly explain your rationale for choosing this path of advancing your education:

What career do you plan on pursuing? _____
Why?

Use this space to provide any additional information for consideration (interests, hobbies, special situations, etc.). This can also include amplification of your activities during your Marine Corps service.

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 DD-214 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)
- College transcripts, if applicable
- PHOTOCOPIES of Standardized Test Scores (ACT, SAT, etc.), if applicable
- Proof of Accreditation, if applicable
- Additional Optional documents concerning Marine Corps service

I attest that the information contained in this application and accompanying documentation is accurate.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

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