

Scholarship Application Form and Instructions for Family Member

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.

Scholarships will be awarded to a select number of 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 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. **Previous recipients of a scholarship from the CFMCF are not eligible to apply again.**

Note: If proof of College/University 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 college acceptance is verified.

Additional student/applicant eligibility criteria are listed below.

Eligibility Requirements:

- A. Applicants must meet one of the following three criteria:
 1. 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.
 - a. Provide Unit Name and Address for a Marine presently on active duty or provide a copy of the former Marine's DD214 including the characterization of service and the reenlistment code.
 2. A student enrolled in a Marine Corps Junior ROTC program or Marine option Senior ROTC Midshipman.
 3. The son/daughter/grandchild/spouse of an active duty, reserve, honorably discharged, or medically discharged US Navy Corpsman who serves, or has served at least 6 months, with the US Marine Corps.
 - a. Provide with your application the name of the Marine unit and dates of service with that unit of the Corpsman.
 - b. Provide the DD214 with the Honorable characterization of service and the reenlistment code
- B. 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. A Florida driver's license is the preferred credential.
- C. Applicant must be 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, e.g. a schedule of enrolled classes from the college, will be required prior to actual award of scholarship funds.

Submission Details:

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 postmarked by **January 31, 2026**. **Only the first 20 applications received will be accepted so, do not delay submitting until the deadline.** Late, unsigned, or incomplete submissions will not be accepted or considered. **YOU WILL NOT BE NOTIFIED IF YOUR APPLICATION IS INCOMPLETE**

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.

A complete application must include:

1. The completed application form **with signed enclosure checklist**,
2. 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.
3. **Transcripts with Grade Point Average:** Provide all high school and college transcripts indicating courses taken and grades earned. High school seniors and college freshmen are required to submit high school transcripts and any available college transcripts. Current college students with at least 60 credit hours are only required to submit college transcripts. Document an unweighted Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0. High school seniors are encouraged to include an acceptance letter from a college or university.
4. **Standardized Test Scores:** document your scores on ACT, SAT, FCAT, etc. (Note: Standardized Test Scores are only required for high school seniors and current college freshmen applicants.)
5. **Letters of Recommendation:** Two recommendation letters are required. One from each category below:
 - Provide one letter of recommendation from a mentor, community leader, or businessperson.
 - 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).

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, 2026. 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.

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Please fill out the form and print a copy to include in your application package and print another copy for your records.

Application Form:

Please type into the fields of this using a PDF editor and Save it using your first and last name as the file name.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Eligibility Requirements:

I am the (relationship) _____ of _____

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

Attach with a paperclip (NO STAPLES) 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.

or

Name and rank of Marine Corps JROTC instructor (if applicable) _____ MC

JROTC instructor Phone #: _____ Email address: _____

The maximum limit in the boxes provided for the responses below is 625 characters but provide as many details as possible to help the committee get a picture of who you are

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).

List any offices held, and honors or awards that you have received:

List participation in any activities (clubs, sports, etc.) highlighting leadership roles:

Describe your “community service” activities:

List and describe any paid work experience you have had:

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 (Note: High school seniors and college freshmen are required to submit high school transcripts and any available college transcripts. Current college sophomores or beyond are only required to submit college transcripts).
- PHOTOCOPIES of Standardized Test Scores (ACT, SAT, FCAT, etc.) (Note: Standardized Test Scores are only required for high school seniors and current college freshmen applicants.)
- 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.

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

Applicant

Printed Name and Signature

Date

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

Parent/Guardian

Printed Name and Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature is only required if the applicant is the son/daughter/grandchild 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 or; is a student enrolled in a Marine Corps Junior ROTC program.

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