

# 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.

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 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:** 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:**

1. Applicants must meet **one** of the following four criteria:
  - 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.
    - o Provide Unit Name and Address for a Marine presently on active duty or provide a copy of the former Marine's DD214 or discharge paper(s).
  - A student enrolled in a Marine Corps Junior ROTC program or Marine option Senior ROTC Midshipman.
  - An active duty or reserve US Navy Corpsman who serves, or has served at least 6 months, with the US Marine Corps.
    - o Provide with your application the name of the Marine Unit and your dates of service with that Unit.
  - A US Navy Corpsman who has served at least 6 months with the US Marine Corps and has received an Honorable or Medical Discharge.
    - o Provide with your application a copy of your DD214 and the name of the Marine Unit and your dates of service with that Unit.
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.
3. 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 will be required prior to actual award of scholarship funds.

## **Guidelines for the Essay:**

- A 300- to 500-word, typed (Times New Roman 12 point, 8½ X 11 paper, double-spaced)
- The Essay should focus on one of the following subjects:
  - o 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.
  - o Information about your career goals and future plans.
  - o 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.

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- 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 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.

**Grade Point Average:** Document an unweighted Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0.

**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.)

**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).

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## **Submission Details:**

Mail the completed application package to:

Central Florida Marine Corps Foundation

**ATTN:** Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 781754

Orlando, FL 32878-1754

Your application package will not be returned.

All applications must be post marked by **January 31, 2024**. Late, unsigned, or incomplete submissions will not be accepted or considered.

Any questions or inquiries should be addressed to: [CFMCFScholarships@gmail.com](mailto:CFMCFScholarships@gmail.com)

### **A complete application must include:**

1. The completed application form,
2. A 300- to 500-word essay,
3. 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).
4. Standardized Test Scores.
5. 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.

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**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.

or

Name of Marine Corps JROTC instructor (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

MC JROTC instructor Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**The maximum limit in the boxes provided for the responses below is 625 characters.**

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).

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

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

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## **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.*

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Applicant

Printed Name and Signature

Date

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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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