



Military and Civilian Spouses' Club, P.O. Box 10284, Fort Irwin, CA 92310

MILITARY AND CIVILIAN SPOUSES' CLUB 2024 SPRING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The following application requirements apply for scholarships to be awarded by the Military and Civilian Spouses' Club of Fort Irwin, California for the 2024 Spring Scholarship Campaign. Scholarships will range in value.

For 2024, there are FOUR scholarship categories:

High School Graduating Seniors

Undergraduate Degree Students out of High School < 5 years

Military Spouses pursuing an Undergraduate Degree

Post-Graduate Degree Students

ELIGIBILITY

Scholarship applicants or the applicant's parent/guardian must be an active, honorary or special member of MCSC stationed at Fort Irwin. Please refer to the MCSC website (www.mcscftirwin.org) for more information on how to join the club.

Further requirements/restrictions:

1. Active Duty, Active Guard/ Reserve (AGR) service members and MCSC board members are not eligible for scholarships.
2. Applicants must be enrolled or intend to enroll in an accredited academic institution on a part-time or full-time basis. Eligible academic programs must award a degree or certificate upon completion.
3. Individuals who have been awarded and have accepted a full scholarship from other sources are not eligible to apply for MCSC scholarship funding.
4. Total academic expenses for scholarship recipients must exceed the amount of the scholarship awarded.
5. Applications are judged on academic achievement, community service, extracurricular involvement, essays, and letters of recommendation. Applicants will be considered without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, rank of sponsor, gender, age, or financial need.
6. Applicants may reapply after previous award/denial as long as they meet all of the eligibility requirements and turn in original material to include the essay answer and letters of recommendation. Scholarship recipients are only eligible once per year.

REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

1. The Applicant is responsible for ensuring that all items sent under separate cover, such as transcripts, are received by March 31, 2024. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
2. A hard copy of your application must be submitted by mail. Electronic versions will NOT be accepted.
3. Two scholarship recommendations (use attached forms) must be included with the application. The two recommendations are to be from a person outside your family. High School applicants must have one (1) academic and one (1) character recommendation. GED recipients, private and public home-schooled students, undergraduate, and graduate applicants must have one (1) academic or professional recommendation and one (1) character recommendation. Acceptable sources for recommendations include but are not limited to: school faculty members, employers, supervisors, members of volunteer organizations, or members of the clergy. Recommendation forms along with a typed letter of recommendation need to be in a sealed envelope and signed across the seal by the author. Envelopes with enclosed forms and letters must be submitted with the application.
4. The essay must be 300-500 words in length, based on one of the topics listed on the application, and typed (10-12 font, double spaced). The essay will be judged on writing ability, content, grammar and punctuation.
5. Completed, signed applications must be received by March 31, 2024. Please mail your completed application to the following address:
MCSC
Attn: 2nd VP / Scholarship Chairperson
P.O. Box 10284
Fort Irwin, CA 92310
6. Payments of the awarded scholarships will be made to the financial office of your college or university. All awarded scholarship money must be used by August 31, 2024. At that time, any remaining funds will be remitted to the MCSC Treasurer. If funds are not deposited by this date the check will have an immediate “stop-payment.”
7. Notification of scholarship outcome will be received by mail regardless of receipt of scholarship. Notification will be sent no later than Saturday, April 18, 2024.
8. All scholarship awardees are encouraged to attend the Scholarship Award Ceremony. Information will be included in the notification letter.
9. Questions about eligibility or requirements may be directed to Abraham Guerra, VP of Scholarships and Welfare at secondvp@mcscfirwin.org
10. Scholarship applications can be retrieved online at www.mcscfirwin.org.

MCSC Scholarship Application 2024

Check your scholarship category:

- ☐ High School Graduating Senior
- ☐ Undergraduate Degree Student Out of High School < 5 Years
- ☐ Undergraduate Degree Student Out of High School > 5 Years
- ☐ Post-Graduate Degree Student

APPLICANT INFORMATION

All information in this application is considered confidential and will be shared only with the Scholarship Committee.

Applicant's Full Name _____

Social Security Last 4: XXX-XX-_____

Date of Birth _____

Home Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Mailing Address _____

To be eligible the applicant or parent/guardian of the applicant MUST be a current member of MCSC.

Are you a member of MCSC?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If No, MCSC Member's Full Name: _____

Have you applied for an MCSC Scholarship in previous years?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Active Duty/ National Guard/ Reserves Retired Deceased Civilian Sponsor's Full Name: _____

Fort Irwin Unit/Troop/Team/Employer: _____

Home Phone: _____

Duty/ Work Phone: _____

Sponsor's Email: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Current Status:

- ☐ High School Senior
- ☐ College Full time
- ☐ College Part time
- ☐ Employed Full time
- ☐ Employed Part time
- ☐ Other _____

Institution of higher learning you will attend in 2024-2025 (check the appropriate boxes):

- ☐ I have: applied been accepted
- ☐ I intend to enroll
 - ☐ part time
 - ☐ full time

College Class Level (5/1/2024)

- ☐ Freshman
- ☐ Sophomore
- ☐ Junior
- ☐ Senior
- ☐ Graduate

Academic Major _____

Expected Graduation Date _____

Anticipated Degree _____

IMPORTANT:

High School Seniors must have their school counselor complete the High School Guidance Counselor's Report (page 14).

Homeschooled Seniors must have a parent/ guardian complete the Home School Academic Standing Report (page 15). If scores are unavailable, please provide a written explanation.

Public Academy Homeschooled Seniors must have a school administrator complete the Home School Academic Standing Report (Page 15). If scores are unavailable, please provide a written explanation.

Undergraduate and graduate students who are currently enrolled in school must complete the information below. If GPA is unavailable please explain.

Name of school attending _____

Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4.0 point scale _____

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Additional information may be added on a separate sheet. Use the same format to record information.

High school senior applicants - List AP, Advanced or Honors courses taken

Course / Year Taken / Semester or Quarter / Final Grade

All applicants- List special academic awards or honors (Cards or Excel programs, Honor Roll, Honor Society, Academic Excellence, Merit or Achievement Awards, etc.)

Award or Honor / Year

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND ACTIVITIES

*List activities starting with the most recent through the last four years.
Additional information may be added on a separate sheet, using same format*

Sports, Hobbies and Interests: List any extracurricular activities (note any awards or leadership positions).

Activity / Years Participated / Special Recognition

Club Participation, Active Memberships, Volunteer Experience and Community Involvement:
List school clubs and national organizations of which you have been an active member, as well as any service organizations, religious groups, or volunteer activity that you participated in that benefited others.

Activity or Organization / Position or Duties / Year / Average Hours per Week

List other achievements, accomplishments, or activities not covered above for which you would like the Scholarship Committee to be aware.

INTERNSHIPS

List unpaid internships through the last four years.

EMPLOYMENT

List paid employment (including summers) through the last four years.

Employer / Position or Duties / Year / Avg. Hours per Week

CONSENT AND CERTIFICATION
Privacy Act/Acknowledgment

I acknowledge reading all instructions pertaining to this application and fully understand the requirements stated therein. By signing below, I am verifying that the information I have provided to the MCSC Scholarship Committee is accurate and original to the best of my knowledge and I consent freely to allow MCSC to confirm all the information included therein. If selected, I agree to allow use of my name and picture for publication in local newspapers, media outlets, and MCSC publications.

In addition, I understand the primary purpose of the information submitted is for the MCSC Scholarship Committee to judge my application for possible award of a 2024 Spring scholarship. Disclosure of all information is voluntary; however, failure to provide this information will prevent MCSC and its designated judges from properly judging my application packet and thus determining my eligibility for the award of a scholarship. All submitted information is used solely for the purpose of awarding MCSC Scholarships and will not be used for any other purpose.

Applicant Printed Name

Applicant Signature

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian if Applicant is under 18 years of age

Date

ESSAY

On a separate sheet of paper, write an essay addressing one of the questions/topics listed below using the listed criteria.

- **Answer must be typed in 10-12 font, double-spaced, 300 to 500 words in length.**
- **You must re-type the question at the top of the page.**
- **Do not put your name on the essay. Please attach the essay to this cover sheet.**

Essay Topics

- Explain the importance of your major (or intended field of study) in today's society. Upon completion of this phase of your education, how do you see yourself applying this knowledge in the next 5-10 years?
- Describe a significant event in your life. Explain what effect this event had on your life and future. .
- Who is your role model and why? How do you strive to follow in their footsteps?
- Choose a significant person from history and explain how their contribution to society has impacted your life.
- Tell us about your favorite volunteer or community activity and how/why it has impacted your life.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT RECOMMENDATION

Academic Recommendation

Applicant's Name: _____

Please rank the applicant on each of the items listed using the scale below.

1=Poor 2=Below Average 3= Average 4=Above Average 5=Outstanding

Academic Achievement: 1 2 3 4 5

Attitude/Desire to Learn: 1 2 3 4 5

Critical/Objective Thinker: 1 2 3 4 5

Overall Performance: 1 2 3 4 5

Extracurricular Involvement: 1 2 3 4 5

This scholarship is judged on academic achievement, community/volunteer involvement, participation in extracurricular activities, and with consideration of the applicant's employment history. Please attach a separate typed letter describing how this applicant has demonstrated themselves as a worthy recipient for this scholarship. Please refrain from using the applicant's name or reference to their gender in your letter.

Printed Name:

Signature: Date:

Position/Relation to Applicant:

Contact Information:

Please seal this form and letter of recommendation in an envelope with your signature over the seal. Return the sealed envelope to the applicant so it can be included in their scholarship application packet for submission.

(This Applicant Profile for use by the Military and Civilian Spouses' Club Scholarship Committee only)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT RECOMMENDATION

Character Recommendation

Applicant's Name: _____

Please rank the applicant on each of the items listed using the scale below.

1=Poor 2=Below Average 3= Average 4=Above Average 5=Outstanding

Community Service: 1 2 3 4 5

Efficiency: 1 2 3 4 5

Positive Attitude: 1 2 3 4 5

Overall Character: 1 2 3 4 5

Ambition: 1 2 3 4 5

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT RECOMMENDATION

Professional Recommendation

Applicant's Name: _____

Please rank the applicant on each of the items listed using the scale below.

1=Poor 2=Below Average 3= Average 4=Above Average 5=Outstanding

Innovative/Creative: 1 2 3 4 5

Attitude/Desire to Learn: 1 2 3 4 5

Critical/Objective Thinker: 1 2 3 4 5

Overall Work Ethic: 1 2 3 4 5

Initiative: 1 2 3 4 5

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Signature: Date:

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Contact Information:

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HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR'S REPORT

(This form is required ONLY for high school senior applicants)

Counselors,

Please complete this form and return to the applicant.

Name of high school:

Applicant's name:

Applicant's GPA on a 4.0 scale:

Class rank: _____ of _____

ACT Score:

SAT Score:

School Counselor Contact Information

Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Counselor Signature

Date

Please note: In order to be considered, the scholarship committee will also need a copy of the applicant's official transcripts with ACT or SAT scores. Transcripts can be emailed to secondvp@mcscftirwin.org or mailed to the following address:

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Attn: 2nd VP/ Scholarship Chairperson
P.O. Box 10284
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HOME SCHOOL ACADEMIC STANDING REPORT

(This form is required ONLY for high school senior applicants)

Please complete this form and return to the applicant.

Name of school:

Applicant's name:

Applicant's GPA on a 4.0 scale:

Class rank: _____ of _____

ACT Score:

SAT Score:

Parent/Administrator Contact Information

Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Signature

Date

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MCSC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

All applicants must read, initial, sign/date the following checklist to ensure the application is complete and properly submitted. Incomplete or improperly submitted applications WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

- _____ The applicant or the applicant's parent/ guardian, is a member of MCSC.
- _____ Complete all applicable sections of the MCSC Scholarship Application
- _____ Read and sign the Consent and Certification (page 9).
- _____ Include your typed response to the essay question (page 10).
- _____ Include two Scholarship Applicant Recommendation forms along with Recommendation Letters in sealed envelopes with author's signature over the seal. (Page 11-13)
- _____ If applicable, official records/certificates from vocational or technical programs.*
- _____ If applicable, official GED transcript.*

High School Senior Applicants:

- _____ Include the High School Guidance Counselor's Report completed / signed by the Counselor
- _____ Official high school transcripts with ACT or SAT scores.*

Undergraduate and Graduate Students:

- _____ Official college transcripts from last school attended.*

*Official transcripts must be mailed directly from your school to MCSC. We will also accept official transcripts digitally, if emailed directly from your school to secondvp@mcsctirwin.org.

Place all of the requested materials in a single envelope addressed to:

MCSC
Attn: 2nd VP/ Scholarship Chair
P.O. Box 10284
Fort Irwin, CA 92310

The completed application packet must be postmarked on or before March 31, 2024.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Applicant's Signature

Date