

# MARINE CORPS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Must be the child/step-child of **one** of the following:
  - Active duty, reserve, or veteran U.S. Marine\*
  - A Marine killed while serving in the U.S. Marine Corps
  - Active duty, reserve, or veteran U.S. Navy Corpsman who is/was attached to a U.S. Marine Corps unit or who was killed while serving with a U.S. Marine Corps unit\*
  - A U.S. Navy Chaplain or Religious Programs Specialist who is/was attached to a U.S. Marine Corps unit or who was killed while serving with a U.S. Marine Corps unit\*
- GPA of at least 2.00 (cumulatively, on an unweighted 4.00 scale)
- **Family adjusted gross income for the 2020 tax year that does not exceed \$106,000. Non-taxable allowances are not included in the adjusted gross income.**
- Attending or planning to attend a college or career training school listed on the *National Center for Education Statistic's [College Navigator](#)* website in the 2021-22 academic year.
- Applicants who have served/are serving in the U.S. military are required to provide a Statement of Service or DD214 showing their own honorable character of service. Applicants with a discharge status of other, general, under honorable conditions, dishonorable, etc. are not eligible for an award.
- Must submit a completed application with all required documents, as outlined in the application or as requested by the Scholarship Foundation, by the deadline. For more details regarding required application documents, please visit [https://mcsf.scholarshipapps.org/required\\_docs.cfm](https://mcsf.scholarshipapps.org/required_docs.cfm)

\*Veterans must have received an honorable discharge. A discharge status of other, general, under honorable conditions, dishonorable, etc. are not eligible for an award.

## DISQUALIFYING INFORMATION:

- Applicants and awarded scholars attending a Federal Service Academy OR a school not listed on College Navigator are NOT eligible. Federal Service Academies include:

United States Military Academy, United States Naval Academy, United States Air Force Academy, United States Coast Guard Academy, and United States Merchant Marine Academy.

- Applicants who submit an incomplete application are NOT eligible. Reasons why an application may be deemed incomplete may include providing incorrect documents, or documents with missing information.
- \*Applicants who already have an undergraduate degree, are pursuing a second bachelor's degree, or are attending graduate school of any kind are NOT eligible.
- Qualifying military parent veterans and applicant veterans must have received an honorable discharge. A discharge status of other, general, under honorable conditions, dishonorable, etc. are not eligible for an award.

## HEROES TRIBUTE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN OF THE FALLEN:

The Scholarship Foundation guarantees scholarships of \$30,000 over four years (\$7,500 a year) to eligible\* children of the following:

- Children of Marines and veteran Marines whose parent was **killed in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001**
- Children of Marines who were **killed in combat operations or during a Department of Defense operation, training exercise, or domestic terrorist incident on or after September 11, 2001**
- Children of Navy Corpsmen, Chaplains or Navy Religious Program Specialists attached to a Marine unit who were **killed in combat operations or during a Department of Defense operation, training exercise, or domestic terrorist incident on or after September 11, 2001**
- Children of Marines, Navy Corpsmen, Chaplains or Religious Program Specialists attached to a Marine unit whose parent **died by suicide as a result of combat related Post-Traumatic Stress**

*\*Heroes Tribute Scholarship Program for Children of the Fallen applicants must meet the above eligibility criteria, excluding income eligibility.*

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# HEROES TRIBUTE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN OF THE WOUNDED

The Scholarship Foundation provides scholarship support of \$6,000 to \$40,000 over four years (\$1,500 – \$10,000) to eligible children of the following:

- Children of Marines and Navy Corpsmen, Chaplains or Religious Program Specialists attached to a Marine unit who were **wounded in action in any war or conflict**
- Children of Marines and Navy Corpsmen, Chaplains or Religious Program Specialists attached to a Marine unit who were **permanently retired from the Marine Corps or Navy as a result of their service related injury**
- Children of Marines and Navy Corpsmen, Chaplains or Religious Program Specialists attached to a Marine unit whose parent is **currently ill or injured and serving with Wounded Warrior Regiment/Battalion.**

*\*Heroes Tribute Scholarship Program for Children of the Wounded applicants must meet the above eligibility criteria, including financial eligibility.*

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## LIMITED GRANDCHILDREN ELIGIBILITY

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation administers programs for several Marine Corps associations that offer scholarships to the grandchildren of their members. To qualify, applicants must provide documentation\* of their grandparents' membership in one of the following associations AND meet the Scholarship Foundation's eligibility criteria, including financial eligibility. **There are no exceptions.** These programs receive limited funding and not all who apply will receive a scholarship award.

- 4th Marine Division Association of WWII
- 5th Marine Division Association of WWII
- 531 Gray Ghost Squadron Association
- 3rd Battalion/26th Marines\*\*
- Basic Class 3-56 Graduate\*\*\*

- Marines' Memorial Association
- USMC/Combat Helicopter Association

*\*Proof of membership can include: membership card, roster list, letter from the association indicating membership.*

*\*\*DD214 must indicate qualifying grandparent served with 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines.*

*\*\*\*Must provide documentation that qualifying grandparent graduated from The Basic School in March 1956.*

## **Website:**

<https://www.mcsf.org/apply/eligibility/>