

Attention: Military Spouses

McChord Officers' Spouses Club Spouse Scholarship Award Eligibility Requirements and Application

The McChord Officers' Spouses Club is pleased to announce that they will give scholarship awards to eligible Air Force dependent spouses. These awards will be presented on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, creed, sex, national origin, or religious affiliation.

Eligibility:

1. These awards will be offered to legal dependent spouses of:
 - a. Active duty Air Force personnel stationed in the local area and on assignment to any unaccompanied remote tour where the family resides in the local area*
 - b. Retired Air Force personnel residing in the local area*
 - c. Deceased Air Force personnel where the family resides in the local area*
 - d. Air Force reservists and Air Force National Guard assigned to McChord AFB

* Local area is defined as up to and including the area within a 40-mile radius of the main gate of McChord Air Force Base. Applicants must be authorized dependent privileges and possess a valid dependent ID card.

2. The applicant must have a high school diploma, G.E.D. certificate or a recent college transcript with a GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale.
3. The applicant must be enrolled during the academic year 2009-2010 in a prescribed course of study geared toward degree completion.
4. Recipients of scholarships or awards from any other military spouses' group are not eligible.
5. Spouses are eligible to apply for and receive this scholarship annually.

Awards:

The merit awards will be awarded to applicants on a ranked scale. The applicant receiving the highest number of points will receive the first place award. The monies will be coming from the Welfare funds of the McChord Officers' Spouses Club.

Award recipients will be recognized at the McChord Officers' Spouses Club meeting in April. Recipients of the awards will be notified in advance of the date and issued an invitation to attend this meeting.

All information given by the applicant is confidential. All names of applicants will not be known to the evaluation team. This team is an independent committee of members of the community not associated with the McChord OSC. Their decisions are final.

Limitations:

No award will be given to a student accepting a service academy appointment, a 4-year ROTC scholarship, or a full scholarship (room, board, & tuition).

Awards will be paid directly to the school in which the winner enrolls, upon presentation of receipt of registration. The OSC award money will be used for tuition and books. Awards must be used in the 2009-2010 academic year.

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Limitations (continued):

If the student does not complete at least one official term of school, for any reason other than hardship (to be determined by the Scholarship Committee), he/she will return the full amount of the OSC award within 60 days of disenrolling.

Each scholarship award recipient and his or her sponsor will be required to sign a contract acknowledging acceptance of the rules and regulations of the **Outstanding Student Merit Award** prior to the disbursement of funds.

DEADLINE

COMPLETED TYPED APPLICATIONS, AS WELL AS ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION, MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 3, 2009 TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ANY AWARD. Applications will only be received at the address listed below. Please contact Emily Manuel (OSMA Scholarships Chairperson) at (253) 875-8974 or teachmanuel@earthlink.net for further information.

All applications and required information must be sent to:

**OSMA Scholarship Chairperson
McChord Officers' Spouses Club
PO Box 4088
McChord AFB, WA 98438**

**MCCHORD OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB
SPOUSE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

APPLICATION

PERSONAL DATA:

FULL NAME: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NAME AND RANK OF AIR FORCE SPONSOR: _____

SPONSOR'S STATUS:

_____ Active Duty _____ Reservist/National Guard _____ Retired _____ Deceased

Organization: _____

INTENDED FIELD(S) OF STUDY: _____

INTENDED COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: _____

VERIFICATION STATEMENT: (by applicant and military sponsor)

I fully understand the eligibility requirements, criteria for selection, and limitations of the awards, I certify that the information provided in this application is correct.

Applicant signature

Sponsor signature

Date

Print sponsor's name

PLEASE ATTACH A PHOTOCOPY (FRONT AND BACK) OF YOUR MILITARY ID CARD

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Going back no farther than five years, please list activities, employment, community/volunteer, and/or place of worship involvement. Include number of years, hours involved per month and any other relevant information. Please include any awards, honors and special recognition received from any of these categories. (Please **PRINT** or **TYPE** clearly)

List all activities in which you have participated in the community and/or any volunteer work completed.

Please include the dates that you participated in each activity and any offices held. You may include stay-at-home parenting and home schooling in this category. (Civic organization, religious organization, sports, community drama or music groups, scout leader, volunteer hours at your child's school, on base, etc.)

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2. **Work Experience:** List your paid work experience. Include dates of employment, approximate number of hours you worked each week, and name and address of employer.

Name and address of Employer:			
Position Title	Name and Address of Employer	Hours/Week	Dates of Employment

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C. Honors and Awards

List all honors and/or awards received in categories A or B above. Give the title of the award, a short description of the recognition (for most valuable player, for countless hours of volunteer work, for academic achievement, etc), and the date you received the award.

Award Received	Description of Recognition	Date Received

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Part 11. (30%) Personal Essay

Please answer the following essay question in 500 words or less. Use separate sheet(s), typed, double-space, and attach the essay to your application.

Describe your most meaningful achievements and how they relate to your field of study and your future goals.

Part 111. (20%) Letters of Recommendation

You must submit two letters of recommendation from professionals who know you well (professors, employers, clergy, coaches, or any adult other than a relative).

If more than two letters are submitted, two letters will be randomly chosen from application packet and others will be excluded from consideration.

Part IV. (20%) Cumulative GPA

Minimum requirement for this scholarship is a 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale. Submit official/certified high school transcript or most recent college transcript of completed work.

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Applicant, please check below to ensure that the following documents are included in your packet.
Please submit your packet with the all documents in the following order.

_____ **Application Checklist**

_____ **Personal Data Page**

Including verification signed by applicant AND sponsor

_____ **Copy of applicant's Military ID card**

_____ **Part I--Activities, Employment, Volunteer Work and Awards**

_____ **Part II--Personal Essay**

_____ **Part III--1st Letter of Recommendation**

_____ **Part III--2nd Letter of Recommendation**

_____ **Part IV--Official/Certified College or High School Transcript**

Including most recent courses and grades