

**McCHORD OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB  
OUTSTANDING STUDENT MERIT AWARDS  
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION**

The McChord Officers' Spouses' Club is pleased to announce that they will give scholarship awards to eligible Air Force dependents, who are college-bound high school seniors. This award 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 dependents\* 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

\* A dependent for scholarship purposes is defined as a currently unmarried natural child, an adopted child, or a stepchild, who has not passed his/her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. Applicants must be authorized dependent privileges and possess a valid dependent ID card.

\*\*Local area is defined as up to and including the area within a 40-mile radius of the main gate of McChord AFB.

2. The applicant must be a senior in high school as recognized by the State of Washington, and be graduating from an accredited high school or home school.
3. The applicant must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale to be eligible.
4. The applicant must be planning to attend an accredited two or four-year university or college on a full time basis. Full time is defined as taking a minimum of 12 hours per term.
5. Recipients of scholarships or awards from any other military spouses' groups are not eligible.

**AWARDS**

The merit awards will be awarded to students on a ranked scale. The student 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. 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.

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## 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. 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.

The above limitations apply to all of the OSC awards.

## 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](mailto: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**

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**APPLICATION**

**PERSONAL DATA:**

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

NAME AND RANK OF MILITARY SPONSOR: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR'S STATUS:

\_\_\_\_\_ Active Duty \_\_\_\_\_ Reservist/National Guard \_\_\_\_\_ Retired \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME AND ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

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SCHOOL COUNSELOR: \_\_\_\_\_

INTENDED COLLEGE: \_\_\_\_\_

INTENDED MAJOR: \_\_\_\_\_

**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's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Sponsor's name

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

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**C. Community Involvement and Volunteer Work:**

List all activities in which you have participated outside of school and/or any volunteer work completed.  
Please include the dates (years) that you participated in each activity and any offices held.  
(Civic, religious, sports, art, drama, music, scouts, dance, or volunteer hours at a nursing home, food bank, animal shelter, etc.)

| Activity | Dates Participated | Office Held |
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**D. Paid 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. Please include baby-sitting in your work experience.

| Position Title | Name and Address of Employer | Hours/Week | Dates of Employment |
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### E. Advanced Placement Classes

List all advanced placement classes you have taken including Honors classes, AP classes, IB classes, and "Running Start" classes.

| Course Title | Year Enrolled (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior) | Grade Received |
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### F. Honors and Awards

List all honors and/or awards received in categories A, B, C, or D 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 II. (15%)      Personal Essay**

Please answer the following essay question in no more than 500 words. Use separate sheet(s), **type**, double-space, and attach the essay to your application. Failure to follow directions will disqualify application.

How has being part of a military family affected your character development?

**Part III. (10%)      Letters of Recommendation**

You must submit **two** letters of recommendation from professionals who know you well (teachers, 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 all others will be excluded from consideration.

**Part IV. (30%)      Cumulative GPA**

\*Minimum requirement for this scholarship is a 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale.

\*Have your high school guidance counselor provide information and **SIGN** the Guidance Counselor Verification Form.

\*Submit an official/certified transcript of your high school (grades 9-12) subjects and grades.

**Part V. (15%)      ACT or SAT scores**

Have your high school guidance counselor provide information and **SIGN** the Guidance Counselor Verification Form.

Submit your SAT or ACT test results.

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**GUIDANCE COUNSELOR VERIFICATION**

**To be completed by your High School Guidance Counselor:**

**GPA**

Minimum requirement for this scholarship is a 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale.

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**SAT or ACT Results**

Test results      SAT: V \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ Written \_\_\_\_\_

OR

ACT: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I certify that the GPA and Test Results I have provided here are correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Counselor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name of Counselor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

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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, Coursework and Awards**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Part II --- Personal Essay**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Part III --- 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of Recommendation**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Part III --- 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter of Recommendation**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Part IV & V--- Guidance Counselor Verification Form**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Part IV --- Official/Certified High School Transcript**

including GPA, courses enrolled in and grades earned in grades 9-12.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Part V --- SAT or ACT scores**

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