



**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MILITARY CHILDREN PROGRAM**  
**2009 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
**[www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org)**



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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Commissaries are an integral part of the Quality of Life offered to service members and their families. The Fisher House program provides "*A Home Away from Home*" for families experiencing a personal medical crisis and is one of the premiere quality of life organizations supporting military families. The Scholarships for Military Children Program was created to recognize the contributions by military families to the readiness of the fighting force and celebrate the role of the commissary in the military community. It is the intent of the program that a scholarship funded through contributions will be awarded annually for each commissary operated by the Defense Commissary Agency. The Defense Commissary Agency and Fisher House Foundation, Inc. wish to thank commissary business partners and other contributors for their generosity in funding the Scholarships for Military Children Program.

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**CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY**

Unmarried children (under the age of 23) of active duty, Reserve/Guard and retired military personnel may apply for a Scholarship for Military Children. Eligibility, including survivors of deceased members, will be determined using the DEERS (Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System) database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and that they have a current ID card. Applicants can verify if they are enrolled in DEERS by going to [www.dmdc.osd.mil](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil) and entering their social security number, date of birth, and last name.

Applicants must be enrolled, or planning to enroll, full-time in the fall of 2009 in an undergraduate program of studies leading to a Bachelor's Degree at an accredited college or university. They must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 basis).

**Applicants who receive an appointment to one of the US Military Academies (or affiliated preparatory schools) or are awarded a full scholarship at any accredited US post-secondary institution of higher education are not eligible to receive funds from this program.** A full scholarship is usually defined as one that provides for payment of tuition, books, lab fees, and room and board. Further, no scholarships will be awarded to those pursuing an associate degree as their final degree, second undergraduate, or graduate school degree.

Applicants who attend or plan to attend a Community or Junior College with the express purpose of earning an Associate Degree are ineligible to receive a scholarship. Students attending a community or junior college must be enrolled in a program of studies designed to allow the student to transfer directly into a four-year program.

Excepting extremely unusual circumstances, the awards cannot be deferred for future use; the awards must be used for educational expenses incurred during the 2009-2010 Academic Year.

The awards are made without regard to race, creed, color, sex, religious belief, national origin, rank or service of the sponsor.

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## **PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION**

This program is independently administered by Scholarship Managers (SM) a non-profit scholarship service organization which has no connection to the Defense Commissary Agency or the Fisher House Foundation. SM is solely responsible for the selection of scholarship recipients and its decisions are final. Please direct any questions or concerns to SM at (856) 616-9311.

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## **PLEASE REMEMBER**

- Applicants must provide their permanent home address, not their college address, on the front page of the application. It is the applicant's sole responsibility to notify SM of any change of address.
  - Applicants who submit an application at more than one commissary will be disqualified from consideration for a scholarship.
  - It is your responsibility to ensure that your application is received at a commissary by close of business, February 18, 2009. **Please note that this is not a postmark deadline date. There will be no exceptions made to this deadline date.** See the "locations" link at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) for a store list.
  - Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted.
  - The applicant's sponsor must be a member of, or retired from, the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force or Coast Guard (or a deceased member).
  - Children of civilian employees, US Public Health Service Officers, or NOAA are not eligible (unless they are otherwise qualified as identified on page 1).
  - SM will notify recipients by letter on or about May 1, 2009. Scholarship checks are mailed to the recipient made payable to the applicable college no later than August 1, 2009.
  - Non-recipients will not be notified. Applicants should check [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org) for a list of winners.
  - Should you have any questions about the Scholarships for Military Children Program application please
    - Call SM at (856) 616-9311 or,
    - Email SM at [militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com](mailto:militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com)
  - Additional information is available from the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) at [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org)
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**CHECKLIST**

- I have enclosed a transcript or copy of my grades with my application.
- I have enclosed my essay with my name on each page.
- My parent or guardian (the sponsor) has signed the application.
- My sponsor is deployed, my other parent, or a guardian, has signed the application.
- I am an unmarried dependent child under age 21 (23 if enrolled as a full time student) of one of the following: an active duty person, reserve/guard or retired military member, survivor of a service member who died while on active duty or a survivor of an individual who died while receiving retired pay from the military.
- I **am not** a dependent child of a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Public Health Service, other federal or military related agencies or activities, or a DoD civilian employee.
- I have signed the application.
- My high school College Board Code # (if available) is on the application.
- I have kept a copy of my application and essay.

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The separate 2 page application, along with your essay and transcript must be returned to the

**CUSTOMER SERVICE DESK/CASHIER'S OFFICE  
AT YOUR LOCAL COMMISSARY  
NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 18, 2009**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS NOT A POSTMARK DEADLINE DATE**

**PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT THIS OR THE PRECEDING 2 PAGES**



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**Applicant Data:** Email \_\_\_\_\_

Ms.  Mr.  Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Home Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Tel # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Commissary Information:** (Must be completed by a Commissary official)

Commissary Name \_\_\_\_\_ City/State – APO \_\_\_\_\_

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**Student/Sponsor Certification:**

We certify that, to the best of our knowledge, all responses are true and factual, and the sponsor, as well as the applicant, possesses a valid DD Form 2 or DD Form 1173 United States Uniformed Services Identification Card and is enrolled in DEERS. We also agree that, if the applicant is selected as a recipient, any and all information submitted with this application (including photos when submitted at a later date) may be used for purposes of news and publicity by the Scholarships for Military Children Program, the Defense Commissary Agency, Fisher House Foundation, Scholarship Managers and all current and future promotions of this program.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Printed or typed names of Applicant and Sponsor *(the sponsor's spouse, or a guardian, may sign if the sponsor is deployed)*

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Data:** Cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 basis) This must be converted from numerical or letter grades. .

College Board Code #  (May be obtained at guidance office) | Graduation Date: Month  Year

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Tel # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**College Data:** Cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 basis) This must be converted from numerical or letter grades. .

Please list the undergraduate US college/school you attend or the colleges/schools where you have applied.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: Month  Year  Degree AA  BA  BS

**High School Extracurricular and Community Activities during the last 4 years only (IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED PLEASE DUPLICATE THIS PAGE – RESUMES OR ANY OTHER FORMAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED)**

Activity/Awards/Offices Held	from mo/yr	to mo/yr	hrs per wk	Activity/Awards/Offices Held	from mo/yr	to mo/yr	hrs per wk

**College Extracurricular and Community Activities during the last 4 years only (IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED PLEASE DUPLICATE THIS PAGE – RESUMES OR ANY OTHER FORMAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED)**

Activity/Awards/Offices Held	from mo/yr	to mo/yr	hrs per wk	Activity/Awards/Offices Held	from mo/yr	to mo/yr	hrs per wk

**Work Experience, Full or Part-time during the last 4 years only (IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED PLEASE DUPLICATE THIS PAGE – RESUMES OR ANY OTHER FORMAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED)**

Position	from mo/yr	to mo/yr	hrs per wk	Position	from mo/yr	to mo/yr	hrs per wk

**Transcript:** All applicants must also submit a transcript or copy of their grades (unofficial transcripts are acceptable). The transcript may be in a sealed and separate envelope but it **MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION.**

**Essay:** “What would you place in a time capsule to help people opening the capsule in the next century understand military life today? Explain your choice(s).”

The essay must be 500 words or less, typewritten or computer-generated, double spaced, no longer than 2 pages and stapled to this application. Please place your name in the upper right hand corner of each page of the essay.

PLEASE RETURN THIS 2 PAGE APPLICATION, YOUR ESSAY, AND A TRANSCRIPT OR COPY OF YOUR GRADES, TO YOUR LOCAL COMMISSARY. **PLEASE DO NOT E-MAIL OR FAX THIS APPLICATION. ALL MATERIALS MUST BE HAND-CARRIED OR MAILED TO THE COMMISSARY NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 18, 2009.**

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