



Air Force Officers' Wives' Club of Washington, D. C. Current College Student Scholarship Application 2014-2015

General Information/Criteria:

1. The Air Force Officers' Wives' Club (AFOWC) offers merit-based scholarships to eligible dependent children who are current college students pursuing undergraduate studies at an accredited college or university during the 2014-2015 academic school year.
2. Scholarships are awarded in accordance with the AFOWC Scholarship Committee Policies and Procedures.
3. Selection criteria may include all or some of the following: academic achievement; standardized test scores; extracurricular activities (e.g. school and/or community athletics, volunteering, work experience, clubs, etc.); work history, citizenship, leadership roles, awards/honors, character references and personal essay.
4. The applicant is responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information and official documents.
5. Awards are granted without regard to USAF member's rank or applicant's race, gender, ethnicity, religion, or disability.
6. Applications must be postmarked no later than **3 March 2014**. No other delivery method will be accepted (e.g. hand-delivered, e-mailed or faxed.) Incomplete packets will be deemed ineligible. Please retain a copy of all documents; application packets will not be returned.
7. Applicants will be notified in writing of the results.
8. The Scholarship Committee invites individuals with strong academic backgrounds from the community to judge the application packets. Judges and their dependents are not eligible to apply for the scholarship. Judges may not be members of the AFOWC.
9. Please e-mail questions to AFOWCScholarships@gmail.com

Eligibility: Each applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Applicants must be currently enrolled in an accredited college or university and will be attending an accredited college or university during the 2014-2015 academic school year.
2. Each applicant must be a legal military dependent child of an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, MIA/POW, deceased officer or enlisted member of the United States Air Force.
3. As of May 31, 2014, applicants must be at least 17 years old, and not older than 22 years old.
4. Applicants for academic awards must have a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale.
5. The AFOWC Scholarship Committee members and their dependents are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Limitations:

1. Scholarship funds are to be used during the 2014-2015 academic year for undergraduate studies only.
2. All funds received shall be applied to tuition and/or associated university fees/costs administered by an accredited college or university. These costs may include books, fees, room or board, but may not be used to cover fees from previous academic years, penalty fees or disenrollment fees.
3. Payment of scholarship awards will be made directly to the selected school. The recipient **must** provide the Scholarship Committee with the name and address of the school the recipient will attend. This information, along with the **Enrollment Verification Form** must be postmarked by **1 October 2014**, or the award will be considered unclaimed.
4. The scholarship award, when combined with other scholarships, must not exceed the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board for the academic year. Any remaining funds at the end of the school year must be returned to the AFOWC Welfare Fund.
5. Students accepting an appointment to a military service academy or a full scholarship (to include tuition, fees, books, room and board) become ineligible for this award. Any applicant awarded an AFOWC Scholarship and intends to attend a military service academy or intends to use a full scholarship, must notify the AFOWC Scholarship committee immediately and forfeit the AFOWC Scholarship. The AFOWC scholarship will, in turn, be awarded to an alternate scholarship recipient.
6. Recipients who accept a scholarship from another military officers'/enlisted spouses' organization become ineligible for the AFOWC scholarship and must notify the AFOWC Scholarship committee immediately and forfeit the award. The AFOWC scholarship will, in turn, be awarded to an alternant scholarship recipient.
7. Prior recipients of an AFOWC Scholarship are not eligible to apply for or receive an AFOWC Scholarship for the 2014-2015 academic school year.

*The AFOWC is a private, nonprofit organization.
It is not part of the DOD or any of its components and has no governmental status.*

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Application Instructions:

1. **Print completed application or type**, using only available spaces on this form. Do not use back of form. Do not attach a resume.
2. It is important that applicants provide any and all qualifying information in the application categories (Educational, Employment, Community/Volunteer Service, Community/Club Activities, High School Activities, Awards/Honors.) Scholarships are awarded based on total points. Please attach additional data sheets as necessary to gain maximum points.
3. Mail the completed application and any supporting documents to:

AFOWC
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 8490
Washington, D.C. 20032

4. Your complete packet must be postmarked no later than 3 March 2014.

Application Completion:

This application becomes complete and valid only when all of the pages listed below are delivered. All materials must be submitted at the same time. Each page of the application must include the last four digits of the applicant's SSN. Copy only the pages indicated and attach. Do not staple, but paper clip together in the following prescribed order:

- Personal Data Sheet
- Photocopy of front of applicant's **AND** sponsor's valid military identifications cards, *the expiration dates must be clearly visible* **OR** a copy of the DEERS military dependent eligibility form: sponsor must login with CAC to this webpage: <https://www.dmde.osd.mil/milconnect/>
- Two (2) copies** of the Educational, Employment, and Community Service Data Sheet(s)
- Two (2) copies** of the Activities and Awards Data Sheet(s)
- Two (2) copies** of the Essay written by the applicant on the following question:

“Knowing that military families face unique challenges (such as having no control over when/where they move or when/if a parent deploys), what advice would you give new military parents to help their child be successful in overcoming those challenges?”

- Type essay, including a title, on 8½" x 11" white bond paper, 1 inch margins, 12pt Times New Roman, double-spaced, 500-1000 words in length. Place your SSN (Last 4 ONLY) in the upper right corner of every page and a **word count at the end of the essay**. **DO NOT use your name, school, position, or other identifiers in the essay.**
 - Judging criteria include: ideas, originality, mechanics, technical, vocabulary, organization, and overall impression of the essay.
- Official college transcript supporting all educational data and documenting your cumulative GPA.
 - Official high school transcript (Note: Grade reports and copies of transcripts are not acceptable)
 - Two reference letter from persons who know you well. May not be written by a family member.
 - Certification Letter

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**Mail your application to AFOWC Scholarships, P.O. Box 8490, Washington, D.C. 22032
YOUR COMPLETE PACKET MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN 3 MARCH 2014.**

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Personal Data Disclosure
PRINCIPLE PURPOSES: To facilitate award of scholarship funds to education centers and determine eligibility.
ROUTINE USES: Information may be disclosed to federal, state and local education institutions for the purpose of allocating awards to scholarship recipient accounts; the AFOWC Scholarship Committee for accounting purposes, and to verify military dependent eligibility. Applications are kept on file for one year and then shredded.
DISCLOSURE: Disclosure of the SSN is voluntary. However, this form will not be processed without the applicant's and sponsor's SSN.

PERSONAL DATA SHEET

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION	
NAME (last, first, middle)	
Applicant's Social Security Number (SSN):	
Street Address:	Name and Address of College Attending:
City/State:	
ZIP:	Applicant's Military ID Card Expiration Date:
Home Phone Number:	Cell Phone:
E-mail address:	
SPONSOR'S INFORMATION	
Sponsor's Eligibility Category: (Check One) Active Duty _____ Retired _____ Deceased _____ Guard _____ Reserve _____ POW/MIA _____	
Sponsor's Name	Rank/Grade
Sponsor's Organization	Sponsor's Social Security Number (SSN)
Organization Address	Duty Phone Number:
Current Mailing Address (if different than applicant's)	E-mail Address:
Home Phone Number	Sponsor's ID Card Expiration Date

Please check one of the following:

_____ I am a student pursuing a degree in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) and wish to apply for the AFOWC/Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship award money.

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_____ I am not a student pursuing a degree in STEM and am applying for the AFOWC Scholarship award money.

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EDUCATIONAL DATA			
High schools and colleges attended (Name, City, State)	GPA	Dates Attended	
		From Mo/Yr -	To Mo/Yr

To be awarded points in the categories of Employment and/or Community/Volunteer Service, all information including the hours and dates of employment/volunteer service must be fully completed.

EMPLOYMENT DATA Fresh, Soph, Jr. List most recent employment first. Include employment hours through 3 March 2014.			
Job Description (Include Name, City, State as applicable)	Estimated Total Hours	Dates employed	
		From Mo/Yr -	To Mo/Yr

COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER SERVICE Fresh, Soph, Jr, college only. List volunteer work with service, religious, and other community organizations. Verification of service may be required. List most recent service first, do not include HS activities.				
Organization (Name, City, State)	Position/Title	Estimated Total Hours	Dates volunteered	
			From Mo/Yr -	To Mo/Yr

COMMUNITY CLUB/ACTIVITIES Fresh, Soph, Jr, college only. List non-school athletics, clubs or activities. Verification of participation may be required. List most recent first, do not include HS activities.				
Organization (Name, City, State)	Position/Title	Estimated Total Hours	Dates Participated	
			From Mo/Yr -	To Mo/Yr

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COLLEGE ACTIVITIES List activity and place the descriptive symbol in the appropriate grade column					
C-Captain	P-President	T-Treasurer	M-Member	O- Please state position	
CC- Co-Captain	VP-Vice-President	S-Secretary	L-Letter		
Activity	12 th (HS)	Fresh	Soph	Junior	Description & Est. Hrs
<i>e.g., School Musical</i>	<i>O</i>	<i>M</i>			<i>Fresh Lead role; 120 hr total</i>
<i>Freshman Football</i>			<i>CC</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Center; 160 hr/year</i>
<i>National Honor Society</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>M</i>		<i>Honor Society; 1 hr/mo</i>

AWARDS/HONORS Fresh, Soph and Junior. Begin with the most recent				
College Award/Honor and Organization	Description of Award/Honor	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Grade
<i>e.g., Dean's List</i>	<i>Min GPA 3.5 required</i>	<i>GPA 3.9</i>	<i>GPA 3.9</i>	<i>Fresh</i>
<i>Dean's List</i>	<i>Min GPA 3.5 required</i>		<i>GPA 3.7</i>	<i>Soph</i>
<i>PTSA Reflections</i>	<i>1st Place in Literature</i>			<i>Soph</i>

INTENDED COLLEGIATE AREA OF STUDY (Attach official college transcript to complete the application)	
Major:	Minor:
HIGH SCHOOL Scores: Please complete the following and attach a complete official high school transcript.	
SAT Critical Read: Math: Writing:	ACT:
GPA: Grading Scale (circle): 10 PT 8 PT 6PT 4PT	Class Rank: _____ of _____
Number of Weighted/AP Courses:	Advisor's Name:
Advisor's Signature:	Date:

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CERTIFICATION LETTER

I further certify that should I accept an Air Force Officers' Wives' Club (AFOWC) Scholarship Award, I will abide by the following conditions:

1. Scholarship funds are to be used within the 2014-2015 academic year for undergraduate studies.
2. All funds received shall be applied to tuition and/or associated university costs administered by an accredited college or university. These costs may include books, fees, room or board but may not be used for past or current penalties or disenrollment fees.
3. I will have until 1 July 2014 to complete, sign and postmark a notice/acceptance of the award. In failing to do so, I will forfeit the award and it will, in turn, be awarded to an alternate applicant.
4. As a scholarship recipient, I must submit (postmarked) the name and address of the school I will attend for the 2014-2015 academic year along with the **Enrollment Verification Form** to the scholarship committee **NLT 1 October 2014**.
5. After receiving the notice of acceptance of award letter, and the Enrollment Verification Form, the scholarship award, along with a cover letter with the terms of the scholarship, will be mailed directly to the college or university.
6. The scholarship award, when combined with other scholarships, must not exceed the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board for the academic year. Any remaining funds must be returned to the AFOWC Welfare Fund as soon as possible.
7. If I accept an appointment to a military service academy or a full scholarship (to include tuition, books, room and board) I will be ineligible for this AFOWC scholarship award.
8. If I accept a scholarship from another military officers' /enlisted spouses' organization, I will be ineligible for this AFOWC scholarship award.
9. I am a responsible citizen in good standing in the school and the community.
10. It is my responsibility to notify the AFOWC Scholarship Committee of any change of status (e.g., change of schools, change in address, etc.) Failure to do so may result in the forfeiture of my scholarship award.
11. Unclaimed funds as of **1 October 2014** revert to the AFOWC Welfare Fund.
12. If any of the above conditions are violated, scholarship funds must be returned to the AFOWC Welfare Fund.

I agree that my signature on this form will authorize the AFOWC Scholarship Chair to release this application, including social security number, GPA, and transcript(s) to the Scholarship Committee, as needed.

I certify that all information in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and the essay is entirely my own effort.

APPLICANT'S NAME:

Printed _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

SPONSOR'S NAME:

Printed _____

Signature _____ Date: _____