

FORT MEADE SPOUSES' CLUB SPOUSES SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND APPLICATION
2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR



The Fort Meade Spouses' Club Spouses Scholarship is awarded annually to spouses of service members in the Fort Meade area. This award is for military spouses committed to volunteerism and academic achievement.

This scholarship will be applied to the 2021-2022 academic school year. Multiple recipients may be selected for this competitive scholarship and all eligible applicants are encouraged to apply.

Applicants will be notified in April of their application status.

Eligibility Criteria:

- ❖ Applicants must qualify as one of the following:
 1. The spouse of active enlisted personnel E-1 through E-9, O-1 through O-10 and W-1 through W-5 stationed in the Fort Meade area.
 2. The spouse of E-1 through E-9, O-1 through O-10 and W-1 through W-5 enlisted personnel who reside in this area and whose sponsor is assigned outside the Fort Meade area.
 3. The spouse of retired personnel E-1 through E-9, O-1 through O-10 and W-1 through W-5 of the Armed Forces living in the Fort Meade area.
 4. Any widow or widower of deceased Armed Forces personnel E-1 through E-9, O-1 through O-10 and W-1 through W-5 whose status has not been changed by remarriage and who lives in the Fort Meade area.
 5. Any spouse of Reservists or National Guard E-1 through E-9, O-1 through O-10 and W-1 through W-5 who lives in the Fort Meade area.
- ❖ Additionally, applicants must meet **one** of the following criteria:
 - a. To qualify as a full-time student, a minimum of 12 credits each semester for the academic year of the scholarship is required. **OR**
 - b. All other applicants will qualify as a part time student.
- ❖ Applicants must live on Fort Meade or in the Fort Meade area.
- ❖ Active volunteer in the military community.

Financial Restrictions:

- ❖ Additional Financial Restrictions and Obligations:
 1. Scholarships will be payable directly to the school for tuition only and will be paid when the FMSC receives a detailed statement of all financial activity on the student's account, to include hours enrolled, tuition and general institution fees, and any scholarships or grants.
 2. Winners have until **August 1, 2022** to submit a bill from their school. Unclaimed funds will be retained by the ESC.
 3. Failure to submit documentation on time will result in forfeiture of scholarship.
 4. Tuition will be paid directly to the school after the Scholarship Director has verified that all financial restrictions and regulations have been met.

5. If a scholarship winner receives 100% tuition money from other scholarships, tuition assistance, GI Bill, Post 9-11 GI Bill transfer, or any other sources that do not require repayment, the scholarship winner will become ineligible for the scholarship.
6. Scholarships may be used at any accredited college, university, business or vocational school for one year not to exceed the amount awarded

Required Documents to be Submitted with Application:

- Respond to the following prompt with a minimum 1 ½ page response:

Community disruptions, such as COVID-19 and natural disasters, and various societal concerns can have deep and long-lasting impacts. How have events such as these impacted you, and what have you done to better yourself and the world around you?

- Proof of Military Status
- o Examples are: Copies of DD214, DEERS Enrollment, or Letter from Command.
 - o If you have further questions, please contact scholarships@fortmeadespousesclub.org
- Two proofs of **sponsor** residency in the Fort Meade area:
- o One copy of a rental, mortgage, lease agreement, housing contract or property tax.
 - o One copy of the top portion of a cable, landline or home utility bill, bank statement or credit card bill (with account numbers blacked out). Cell phone bills are not acceptable proofs of residency.
- SUBMIT OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS** from your appropriate higher level of education.
- o Associates, Business and Vocational School Students: Submit Official High School Transcripts if completed in the last 2 years
 - o Bachelors Students: Submit official Transcripts from Associates Degree if applicable or High School only if completed within the last 2 years
 - o Masters Students: Submit official Transcripts from your undergraduate program
 - o Ph.D. Students: Submit official Transcripts from your Master's program if applicable, or prior course of study
 - o Official transcripts for any courses taken in the previous 2 years
- Two current letters of recommendation from non-family members. For verification purposes, one letter is required to be from your supervisor from recent volunteer experience or someone you volunteered with. Please be sure that the letter includes contact information for your references. Letters must be received by the deadline for scholarship applications. (Note: Letters of recommendation cannot be accepted from members of the FMSC Scholarship Committee or other applicants for this scholarship.)
- scholarships

Completed applications and all supporting documentation should be sent together to:

Fort Meade Spouses' Club
ATTN: Scholarship Director
P.O. Box 105
Fort Meade, MD 20755

For additional information or questions please contact the Scholarship Director at:
scholarships@fortmeadespousesclub.org

Completed Application Packets must be postmarked by March 15,2021.
Incomplete application packets or applications received after this date will NOT be considered.

**Fort Meade Spouses' Club
2021-2022 Spouses' Scholarship Application**

Please print clearly or type.	
Last Name:	First Name:
Phone:	Email:
Your Address:	
Street: _____	
City:	State: ZIP:
Name of Applicant's Military Spouse:	
Spouse's Unit and Unit Address (or former unit, if retired):	
Spouse's Branch of Service and Most Recent Rank:	
Spouse's Address (if different from applicant):	
Street: _____ Phone: _____	
City:	State: ZIP:
How many credits/semester hours do you plan to take in the following semesters of the upcoming academic year?	
School of Enrollment:	Cumulative GPA:
Major:	Minor:
Current Academic Rank (circle): UNDERGRAD GRAD N/A	
Anticipated Date of Graduation:	
Have you applied to your program? Yes ___ No ___	
Have you been accepted into your program? Yes ___ No ___ In Progress _____	
Are you applying for any other scholarships or grants? Yes _____ No _____	
Award Name(s):	
Maximum Award Amount(s) (if known):	

A resume style document may be attached to answer the following questions.

Please discuss your volunteer and community service experience over the past five years. Please include the approximate months/years, location, organization, and your role in providing the service.

Please share your work experience. Include approximate years, location and description of duties.

Please share any other activities you participate in regularly (such as book club, choir, sports, etc.)

List all honors or awards you have received in the past 5 years.

By submitting and signing this form I attest:

- I have read and fully understand the Fort Meade Spouses' Club rules, guidelines and criteria for this annual scholarship.
- I understand it is my responsibility to submit this package and all supporting documentation, and it must be **postmarked by March 15, 2021.**
- I understand that failure to have all documents submitted on time (including transcripts and references) will result in my application being deemed ineligible for scholarship consideration.
- The above information is accurate, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

_____ Date: _____
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

_____ Date: _____
SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE

*****INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO ENSURE ALL DOCUMENTS ARE COMPLETE AND MAILED ON TIME*****

*****NO EXCEPTIONS*****

BEFORE YOU SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION, RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR PERSONAL RECORDS.