

FORT SILL PATRIOT SPOUSES' CLUB
2024 Scholarship Application Guidelines

The intent of this scholarship is to support graduating high school seniors, college students, and spouses of members of any branch of the armed forces (Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Space Force, including dependents of Reservists or National Guard).

- 1. Applicants must meet the following criteria:**
 - a.** Planning to seek an undergraduate, associate, or Master's degree from an accredited 2 or 4-year college, university or vocational-technical school; and
 - b.** Be a dependent of an active duty, retired, **or** deceased military member of any branch of service; and
 - c.** Be in possession of a DoD ID card with full benefits; and
 - d.** May not be currently serving as a member of the Patriot Spouses' Club Scholarship committee; and
 - e.** Reside within a 60-mile radius of Fort Sill, or
 - f.** Be the dependent of a sponsor stationed at Fort Sill.
- 2.** This is a merit-based scholarship that rewards students who demonstrate scholarship, citizenship, leadership, and a diversity of interests. Selection is made by a panel of impartial judges.
- 3.** Recipients may be awarded this scholarship up to two times in their lifetime.
- 4.** Each recipient will be notified by email of his or her selection.
- 5.** The award money will be sent directly to the College/University and is to be used solely for the purposes of tuition and fees.
- 6.** The awards will be presented to the recipients on **8 May 2024**. (location TBD)
- 7.** Applicants must be in possession of a valid DoD ID. Award recipients must bring their DoD ID to the Award Ceremony on **8 May 2024** for verification purposes.
- 8.** The award will be withdrawn if the recipient fails to enroll in an institution of higher learning within six months of receiving said award. Verification of enrollment will be requested from the school.
- 9.** The Patriot Spouses' Club reserves the right to increase, decrease, or withdraw any or all awards.
- 10.** In addition to their application, all applicants must submit:
 - a.** A typed letter of recommendation;
 - b.** The applicant's typed essay;
 - c.** An official transcript with the GPA of highest level of education completed (GED scores are acceptable).

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Mail completed application with all attachments, **POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE 10 April 2024 to:**

Patriot Spouses' Club Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 33174
Fort Sill, OK 73503

Applications must be postmarked no later than 10 April 2024. We will not accept e-mailed, incomplete, or late applications. Please include all required documents in one envelope. Do not include any additional information; only the requested materials will be presented to the judging panel. We will email confirmation of receipt. Please contact us if you haven't received confirmation within 2 weeks of your application submission. Questions or concerns may be directed to: Fort Sill Patriot Spouses' Club Scholarship Committee at fspscscscholarship@gmail.com.

Required Documents:

- 1.** Application Form
- 2.** Essay
- 3.** Letter of Recommendation
- 4.** Official Transcript with the GPA of the highest level of education completed to date, or official GED percentile scores (high school information is acceptable if the student has not earned a college GPA yet)

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Applications may be typed or handwritten in black or blue ink. Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered. If additional space is needed for responses in any section of the application, you may attach a separate sheet of paper. Please provide appropriate labels on your continuation pages.

Name:

Last

First

Middle Initial

Address:

Street

City

State

Zip

Phone Number:

Email:

Name of Military Sponsor:

Sponsor's Unit:

Sponsor's Phone Number:

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Academic Information:

High School: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Year Graduated or GED date: _____

For Students currently/previously enrolled in College/University, what schools are you/have you attended?

College/University	City	State	Dates Attended	Degree Earned?
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

Cumulative GPA: _____ (HS GPA is acceptable if not in college studies yet)

What colleges/universities have you applied to?

What colleges/universities have you been accepted to?

Current or Intended field of study/major: _____

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Achievements and Extracurricular Activities:

Special honors and awards (include academic achievements for high school or college):

Extracurricular activities (include elected leadership roles for high school, college, professional or personal):

Volunteer activities (include name of organization and description of volunteer work):

Other significant information that you wish the committee to consider (please remember that this is a merit-based award and not a need-based award):

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Work Experience:

Employer	City & State	Dates of Employment	Job Title	Hours/Week

Have you previously received a scholarship from the Fort Sill Patriot Spouses Club? Yes No

Legal Release:

I _____ (legal guardian of applicant and/or name of applicant) hereby grant permission to the rights of their/my name, image, likeness as recorded on audio or video tape without payment or any other consideration. I understand that my image may be edited, copied, exhibited, published or distributed and waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of my image or recording. I also understand that this material may be used in the award ceremony's program/local post newspaper and any presentations created by the Fort Sill Patriot Spouse's Club. By signing this release I understand this permission signifies that photographic or video recordings of me may be electronically displayed via the Internet or in the public educational setting.

Self-Certified Statement of Validity:

I certify that the information supplied in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. It is submitted for review by the judging panel in their evaluation process as established by the Fort Sill Patriot Spouses' Club Scholarship Committee.

Applicant's Signature Date

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Essay Directions:

1. Essays should be carefully thought out, as they play heavily in the selection process.
2. Essays should be typed, double spaced, and no more than 750 words/two pages in length.
3. Include the essay in the completed application packet.

“You’re off to great places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting,
So... get on your way!”

-Dr. Seuss, *Oh, the Places You’ll Go*

Essay Question:

The military lifestyle often provides servicemembers and their families an opportunity to see and live in many places that they might never have chosen on their own. How will your unique experiences help you navigate the places you’ll go as you move forward in life?

Letter of Recommendation:

1. Recommendations must be typed and limited to one page.
2. Please place the recommendation in a sealed envelope and enclose it with the rest of the application.
3. Please avoid using student’s name more than once in the letter. Names and identifying information will have to be redacted in order for the packet to be anonymously reviewed by our panel of judges.