

## ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



### MCCHORD THRIFT SHOP THE JOAN WASSERSTROM SCHOLARSHIP AND OUTSTANDING STUDENT MERIT AWARDS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION

The McChord Thrift Shop is pleased to announce they will give scholarship awards to eligible US Armed Forces child dependents, who are college-bound high school seniors. This award will be presented on a nondiscriminatory 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, Army, Marine Corp, Navy, or Coast Guard personnel stationed in the local area\*\* or on assignment to any unaccompanied remote tour where the family resides in the local area\*\*
  - b. Retired Air Force, Army, Marine Corp, Navy, or Coast Guard personnel residing in the local area\*\*
  - c. Deceased Air Force, Army, Marine Corp, Navy, or Coast Guard personnel whose family resides in the local area\*\*
  - d. Air Force, Army, Marine Corp, Navy, or Coast Guard Reservists and National Guard assigned to Joint Base Lewis-McChord
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, college or technical college on a full-time basis during the 2024-2025 school year. Full time is defined as taking a minimum of 12 hours per term.

*\*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 26<sup>th</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 50-mile radius of the main gate of McChord Field located at Fairway Road, McChord AFB, Joint Base Lewis McChord, WA 98438.*

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### **The Joan Wasserstrom Scholarship and Outstanding Merit Awards:**

The scholarships will be awarded to students on a ranked scale. The student receiving the highest number of points will receive the Joan Wasserstrom Scholarship. The monetary awards are funded by the McChord Thrift Shop.

Award recipients will be recognized by the McChord Thrift Shop in spring/summer following awarding.

All information given by the applicant is confidential. Names of applicants will not be known to the evaluation team. The evaluation team is an independent committee of members of the community not associated with the McChord Thrift Shop. Their decisions are final.

### **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 receipt of **enrollment verification**. **Enrollment verification** will be the official document provided by the school with recipient's enrollment information. Screen shots, photographs, or emails are NOT official enrollment documents and will NOT be accepted as such.

The scholarship will be used for tuition & fees, and only for the student named in the award. Awards must be used in the 2024-2025 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 MTS Board), he/she will ensure the return of the full amount of the MTS award within 60 days of dis-enrolling.

Each scholarship award recipient and his or her sponsor will be required to sign a contract accepting the rules and regulations of the scholarship prior to the disbursement of funds. Recipients are responsible to provide the official school address for where checks will be mailed.

### **DEADLINE:**

**COMPLETED TYPED APPLICATIONS, AS WELL AS ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION, MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2024 TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ANY AWARD.**

Applications will be received at the address listed below, email listed below, or in person. Please contact the Scholarship Committee via e-mail at [MTSBoard@mcchordthriftshop.org](mailto:MTSBoard@mcchordthriftshop.org) for further information. All applications and required information must be sent to:

MTS Scholarship Chairperson  
PO Box 4025  
McChord Field, WA 98438  
[MTSBoard@mcchordthriftshop.org](mailto:MTSBoard@mcchordthriftshop.org)

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**MCCHORD THRIFT SHOP**  
**OUTSTANDING STUDENT MERIT AWARD**

**APPLICATION**

**PERSONAL DATA**

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

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

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

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

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

SPONSOR PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR'S STATUS:

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

Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL NAME, ADDRESS, & PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Name

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**PART I. Activities, Employment, Coursework and Awards (please PRINT or TYPE clearly)**

You may attach an extra page if more space is needed.

**A. Schools Attended (grades 9-12 & collegiate):** List all public and private schools attended, the location of the school, grade(s) and the dates (years) you attended the school.

Name of School	Location (City, State, Country)	Dates Attended	Honor & Awards Received	Point of Contact/Advisor (email/phone)

**B. Extracurricular Activities:** List all SCHOOL organizations in which you have participated. Please include the dates (years) that you participated in each activity and any offices held. (Sports, music, clubs, student government, publications, etc.)

Activity	Dates Participated	Office Held	Honor & Awards Received	Point of Contact/Advisor (email/phone)

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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, and animal shelter, etc.)

Activity	Dates Participated	Office Held	Honor & Awards Received	Point of Contact/Advisor (email/phone)

**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 & Address of Employer	Hours/Week	Dates of Employment	Honors/Awards

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### **Part II. 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.

*The Joan Wasserstrom Award honors a woman with exemplary service to the military community. Being raised, as well as raising her own family, in a military setting, Joan saw how important this unique community was in supporting and nurturing individuals and families. Joan chose to serve by helping the McChord Thrift Shop thrive, in turn financing military community programs and scholars.*

*How has being part of a military family affected you?*

### **Part III. 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). They must have contact information for verification, original signatures, and be in sealed envelopes with signatures on the flap.

If more than two letters are submitted, two letters will be randomly chosen from the application packet and all others will be excluded from consideration.

### **Part IV. Cumulative GPA**

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

Have your guidance counselor provide information and **SIGN** the Guidance Counselor Verification Form (include contact information for the counselor for verification).

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

### **Part V. 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.

### **Part VI. Military Dependent Identification Document Verification**

Complete the provided form to verify dependent status. Must be verified by service member's Squadron Commander, First Sgt, or Senior Enlisted Leader. Do not include a copy of your Military ID.

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GUIDANCE COUNSELOR VERIFICATION**

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

**GPA**

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

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

Cumulative College GPA (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**SAT or ACT Results**

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

OR

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Counselor Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Counselor

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

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**Military Dependent Identification Document Verification**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last Name, Middle Initial, First Name)

Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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*I hereby represent that all above information is true and accurate.*

(Printed name and signature of Service Member's Commander, First Sgt, or Senior Enlisted Leader)

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 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 all documents in the following order.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Application Checklist**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Personal Data Page**  
(Including verification signed by applicant AND sponsor)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Military Dependent Form Verification**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Part I - Activities, Employment, Coursework and Awards**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Part II - Personal Essay (Typed)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Part III - 1st Letter of Recommendation (signed in sealed envelope)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Part III - 2nd Letter of Recommendation (signed in sealed envelope)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Part IV & V - Guidance Counselor Verification Form (with contact information)  
& Official or Certified Transcript & ACT/SAT Scores**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Part VI - Military Dependent Form Verification**