

ATTENTION: MILITARY SPOUSES



McChord Thrift Shop

MCCHORD THRIFT SHOP SPOUSE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION

The McChord Thrift Shop is pleased to announce that they will give scholarship awards to eligible US Armed Forces dependent spouses. These awards will be presented on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, creed, sex, national origin, or religious affiliation.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. These awards will be offered to legal dependent spouses 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 have a high school diploma, G.E.D. certificate or a recent college transcript with a GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale.
3. The applicant must be enrolled during the academic year 2024-2025 in a prescribed course of study geared toward degree completion.
4. Spouses may reapply for our scholarships as many times as they like. **However, an individual will NOT be awarded scholarship money from this organization more than ONCE.**
5. Applicants who have previously submitted application packages must re-submit all required information.

**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. Applicants must be authorized dependent privileges and possess a valid dependent ID card.*

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SPOUSE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

The merit awards will be awarded to applicants on a ranked scale. The number and amount of awards will be determined by the MTS Scholarship Committee. 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 Spouse 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 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

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APPLICATION

PERSONAL DATA

FULL LEGAL NAME: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

NAME AND RANK OF MILITARY SPONSOR: _____

SPONSOR'S STATUS:

_____ Active Duty _____ Reservist/National Guard _____ Retired _____ Deceased

Branch: _____

INTENDED FIELD(S) OF STUDY: _____

INTENDED COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: _____

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, Volunteer Work and Awards

Going back no further than five years, please list activities, employment, community/volunteer, and/or place of worship involvement. Include number of years, hours involved per month and any other relevant information. Please include any awards, honors and special recognition received from any of these categories. **(Please PRINT or TYPE clearly)**

A. Community Involvement, Volunteer Work, & Paid Work: List all activities in which you have participated in the community, any volunteer work, and any paid work completed. Please include the dates that you participated in each activity and any offices held. You may include stay-at-home parenting and home schooling. (Civic organization, religious organization, sports, community drama or music groups, scout leader, volunteer hours at your child’s school, on base etc.)

Activity/Office Held	Community Organization	Hours/ Month	Dates Participated	Honors and Awards	Contact Email

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Part II. Personal Essay

Please answer the following essay question in no more than 500 words. Use separate sheet(s), **typed**, double-space, and attach the essay to your application:

Why are you continuing your education? What are your plans for future career development?

Part III. Letters of Recommendation

You must submit **two** letters of recommendation from professionals who know you well (professors, 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 signature on the flap.

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

Part IV. Notarized Military Dependent Identification Document Verification

Complete, with a notary public, the provided form to verify dependent status. Must submit original form, no copies. Do not include a copy of your Military ID.

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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: _____

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

_____ **Part I - Activities, Employment, Volunteer Work, and Awards**

_____ **Part II - Personal Essay**

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

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

_____ **Part IV - Military Dependent Form Verification**