

Okinawa Enlisted Spouses' Club General Academic Scholarship Application 2024-2025

General Information/Criteria:

1. Okinawa Enlisted Spouses' Club (OESC) awards merit-based scholarships to eligible Uniformed Service dependent spouses or dependent children who are applying or currently enrolled in an accredited college or university, located in the United States.
2. Scholarships are awarded in accordance with the OESC 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; and personal essay.
4. The applicant is responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information and official documents.
5. The OESC Scholarship Committee members and their dependents are not eligible to apply for or receive this scholarship.
6. Recipients are chosen by a Scholarship Rating Committee, an independent panel within the local community and are not active members of the OESC. The Scholarship Rating Committee members and their dependents are not eligible to apply for the scholarship.
7. Awards are granted without regard to Uniformed Service member's military rank or applicant's race, sex, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, or disability.
8. Applications must be **postmarked** by **1 March 2024** or in our inbox no later than 11:59pm JST on **15 March 2024**. No other delivery method will be accepted (e.g. hand-delivered, or faxed). Incomplete packets will be deemed ineligible. Please retain a copy of all documents; application packets will not be returned.
9. Applicants will be notified in writing of the results.
10. Please email questions or applications to **scholarship.oesc@gmail.com**

Eligibility: Each Applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Applicants must be attending an accredited college or university or applying to an accredited college or university (located in the United States) during the 2024-2025 academic school year. Applicants must be pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree.
2. Applicants must be a high school graduate or equivalent.
3. Each applicant must be the non-military spouse or child of an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, or DoD civilian currently stationed in Okinawa.
4. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale.
5. Applicants may not have previously won an OESC Scholarship.

Limitations:

1. Scholarship funds are to be used within the 2024-2025 academic year for those seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree.
2. All funds received shall be applied to tuition and/or associated university costs administered by an accredited college or university. These costs may not be used to cover previous academic year fees, 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 received by **30 June 2024**, or the award will be considered unclaimed.
4. Applicants 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 OESC Scholarship and intends to attend a military service academy, or intends to use a full scholarship, must notify the OESC Scholarship Committee immediately and forfeit the OESC Scholarship. The OESC scholarship will, in turn, be awarded to an alternate applicant.
5. Prior recipients of an OESC Scholarship are not eligible to apply for or receive the OESC Scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic school year.
6. At any time OESC may request receipts of purchase for items that are being purchased.

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

Please keep this sheet for your records

Last 4 SSN:

Application Instructions:

1. **Electronic submission preferred. Print legibly in black ink or type**, using only available spaces on this form. Do not use the back of the form. If more space is needed, make copies of the application pages.
2. It is important that applicants provide any and all qualifying information in the application categories (Educational, Community/Volunteer Service, Community/Club Activities, College Activities, and Awards/Honors.)
3. Should you choose to submit your application by mail (at risk of delay), please send the completed application and any supporting documents to:

**OESC Scholarship Committee
18 FSS Unit 5135
APO, AP 96368-5135**

4. If submitting by email please email the completed application and any supporting documents to:

scholarship.oesc@gmail.com

5. Your complete packet must be postmarked by **1 March 2024** or emailed no later than 11:59pm JST **15 March 2024**

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 (pg 3)
- Certification Letter (pg 6)
- Photocopy of Sponsor's PCS orders to Okinawa.
- Official Copy of College Transcript (straight from the Registrar's Office of respective college/s)
 - If less than 30 college credits are earned by the applicant, a photocopy of a High School diploma or equivalent is required.
- **Two (2) copies** of the Educational and Employment Data Sheet(s) (pg 4)
- **Two (2) copies** of the Activities and Awards Data Sheet(s) (pg 5)
- **Two (2) copies each** of Letters of Recommendations from **two professional or personal contacts** not related to the applicant. Letter must be current and dated from the 2022-2023 academic year. Letters must be sent directly by author to address listed or via email to scholarship.oesc@gmail.com
- **Two (2) copies of applicant's "YOU" letter.** Letter must discuss educational, career, and personal goals and any other pertinent information that encompasses your life (motivations, passions, etc.). 500-750 words, same format as the essay.
- **Two (2) copies** of the essay written by the applicant on one of the following topics (Applicant chooses one)
 - Type essay on 8½" x 11" white bond paper, double-spaced, 500-1000 words in length. Please use 1 in margins and 12pt Times New Roman font. Place your SSN (Last 4 ONLY) in the upper right corner and word count at the end of the essay. Please do not use your name, position, or other identifiers in the essay.
 - Judging criteria include: ideas, originality, mechanics, technical, vocabulary, organization, and overall impression of the essay.

Essay Question:

"Name a time you had to face adversity and the steps taken to overcome the challenge."

Military Spouse applicant- "How has your experience of being a military spouse shaped your life?"

If sending an application via email, only include **ONE** copy of each requirement.

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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 OESC Scholarship Committee for accounting purposes, and to verify military dependent eligibility. Applications are kept on file for one year then shredded.

PERSONAL DATA SHEET

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION <input type="checkbox"/> Military Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing College	
NAME (last, first, middle)	
Name of College Attending (if not currently enrolled, see below):	PO Box Address or Current Address (if different from sponsor):
Address of College:	City/State/Zip:
City/State/ZIP:	Applicant's Military ID Card Expiration Date:
Home/Cell Phone Number:	Last Four of Social Security Number (SSN)
E-mail address:	
SPONSOR'S INFORMATION	
Sponsor's Eligibility Category: (Check One) Active Duty Retired Guard Reserve DoD Civilian	
Sponsor's Name	Rank/Grade
Sponsor's Branch of Service	Sponsor's Last Four of SSN
Sponsor's Current Base	Sponsor's ID Card Expiration Date
Sponsor's Squadron/Unit	Sponsor's Unit Address
Current Mailing Address (if different than applicant's)	E-mail Address
Home Phone Number	Duty Phone Number

If not currently enrolled, list college or university you applied to and plan to attend or have been accepted to.			
First Choice			
Name	City	State	Acceptance (Y/N)
Second Choice			
Name	City	State	Acceptance (Y/N)
Do you have plans beyond four years of college/university? (Y/N)			
If so, please explain:			

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*It is important that applicants provide any and all qualifying information in the application categories (Educational, Employment, Community/Volunteer Service, Community/Club Activities, College Activities, Awards/Honors). Scholarships are given to those who show commitment to the pursuit of knowledge.

EDUCATIONAL DATA. Please list all college/university attended, starting with the most recent.			
High schools and colleges attended (Name, City, State)	GPA	Dates Attended	
		From Mo/Yr - To Mo/Yr	

INTENDED COLLEGIATE AREA OF STUDY (Attach official college transcript to complete the application)	
Major:	Minor:
For applicant with less than 30 college credit, provide HIGH SCHOOL Scores: Please complete the following and attach a complete unofficial high school transcript.	
SAT Critical Read: Math: Writing:	ACT:
GRE:	MCAT:
GPA: Grading Scale (circle): 10 PT 8 PT 6PT 4PT	Class Rank: _____ of _____
Number of Weighted/AP Courses:	

EMPLOYMENT DATA List last 5 years of employment. List most recent employment first. Include employment hours.		
Job Title/Company (Include Name, City, State as applicable)	Total Hours/Week	Dates employed
		From Mo/Yr - To Mo/Yr

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COMMUNITY/CLUB/VOLUNTEER SERVICE List past 3 years volunteer work with service, religious, and other community organizations or clubs. Verification of service may be required. List most recent service first.				
Organization (Name, City, State)	Position/Title	Estimated Total Hours	Dates volunteered	
			From Mo/Yr	To Mo/Yr

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES List activity and place the descriptive symbol in the appropriate year column.		
C -Captain	P -President	T -Treasurer
CC - Co-Captain	VP -Vice-President	S -Secretary
		M -Member
		L -Letter
		O - Please state position
Activity	Position	Description of Est Hours and Year(s) participated
<i>e.g., Baptist Student Union</i>	<i>VP</i>	<i>20 hours per month-100 hours total Fall 2015</i>
<i>National Honor Society</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>10 hours per month-50 hours total Fall 2015</i>

College or Service/Volunteer Award/Honor & Organization	Description of Award/Honor	Date(s)
<i>e.g., Dean's List</i>	<i>Min GPA 3.5 required</i>	<i>Fall 2014</i>
<i>PTA Volunteer of the Year</i>	<i>Park Hill Elementary</i>	<i>9-/14-6/15</i>
<i>Key Spouse Volunteer of the Year</i>	<i>22ARW</i>	<i>May 2016</i>

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CERTIFICATION LETTER

I further certify that should I accept an Okinawa Enlisted Spouses' Club Scholarship Award (OESC), I will abide by the following conditions:

1. Scholarship funds are to be used within the 2024-2025 academic year.
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 **8 May 2024** to complete and sign a notice/acceptance of 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 provide the name and address of the school I will attend for the 2024-2025 academic year along with the **Enrollment Verification Form** to the scholarship committee **NLT 30 June 2024**.
5. After receiving the notice of acceptance of the 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 for the academic year. Any remaining funds must be returned to the OESC Charitable Treasurer as soon as possible.
7. If I accept an appointment to a military service academy, or use a full scholarship (to include tuition, books, room and board) I will be ineligible for this OESC scholarship award.
8. I am a responsible citizen in good standing in the school and the community.
9. It is my responsibility to notify the OESC 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.
10. Unclaimed funds as of **31 October 2024** revert to the OESC Charitable Treasury Fund.
11. If any of the above conditions are violated, scholarship funds must be returned to the OESC Charitable Treasury Fund.

I agree that my signature on this form will authorize the OESC 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: _____