

Fort Rucker Community Spouses' Club Scholarship Application 2019-2020

Post Mark Deadline is **March 1, 2020**

Carefully read the attached applicant checklist and eligibility criteria sheet for the listed scholarships. **Applicants are welcome to apply in all scholarship categories for which he/she qualifies but will only be eligible to receive ONE scholarship. Scholarship recipients will be notified via mail in mid-April and should plan to attend the Scholarship Awards ceremony in early-May.**

Scholarship awards will be based on academic and personal achievement, community, volunteer involvement, and an essay. Scholarship funds may be used for tuition and other academic expenses. Awarded funds will be sent directly to the recipient.

Applicants who receive an appointment to one of the U.S. Military Academies (or affiliated preparatory schools) or are awarded a full scholarship** at any accredited U.S. post-secondary institution of higher education are not eligible to receive funds from this program.

* A full scholarship is defined as one that provides for payment of tuition, room and board, books, lab fees, and other related expenses.

This application maybe found online at: <http://www.fortruckercsc.com/scholarships.html>

If you have any questions concerning this application, please contact the FRCSC Scholarship Chairperson, *Cathy Alexander-Hazel* at scholarshipsfrcsc@gmail.com.

APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

The following items must be included with the application packet and must be postmarked no later than **March 1, 2020** Incomplete applications or failure to follow instructions will disqualify the applicant. It is your responsibility to ensure that the application is complete and on time. Only one application packet is required if applying for multiple scholarships.

The Completed Scholarship Application includes:

- Scholarships & Criteria checklist (pp. 3-4)
- Personal Information (pp. 5-6)
- Circumstance and Essay (p. 7)
- One letter of recommendation and one character evaluation in sealed envelopes with signature across the seal on the back flap (pp. 9-10)

One reference must be from a direct supervisor in either a community-service or paid position or an academic evaluation from an instructor or professor. The other must be a character reference, preferably from an employer, volunteer manager, minister, or another individual (not related to you) who knows you personally.

- Guidance Counselor Information Sheet (for high school seniors only) in sealed envelope with signature across the seal on the back flap. (p. 11)
- Scholarship Agreement Form, Signed and Dated (p.12)
- Copies of **official transcripts** from high school(s), vocational school(s), and/or all colleges. If you have college experience, you do NOT need to include high school transcripts.
- For scholarships requiring military dependent status, provide a copy of the sponsor's DEERS enrollment form (DA Form 1172) with the applicant's information highlighted and Social Security Numbers blacked out. Photocopies of ID cards may NOT be submitted.
- For scholarships for dependents of DA/DoD Civilians, submit a signed and sealed letter from the sponsor's supervisor verifying DAC/DoD status, assigned unit and contract expiration date. Photocopies of ID cards may NOT be submitted.

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2019-2020 SCHOLARSHIPS AND CRITERIA

Please check all scholarships for which you are eligible to apply. **To qualify for a particular scholarship, you must meet all the criteria for that scholarship.** Scholarship committee members, judges, and their family members are not eligible for scholarships during their term of appointment. All applications are judged by blind review. Recipients may receive a scholarship in a category only once; awardees from previous years will not be eligible to receive the same scholarship they were awarded in previous years.

- I. **Fort Rucker Community Spouses' Club Scholarships** – The FRCSC will award scholarships in the following categories. Scholarship amounts will be determined by how much money the club fundraises during the 2019-2020 academic year and how many generous financial donations we receive from the local community. Scholarship amounts per recipient will vary based on the quality/quantity of applications received.

SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES:

(Please check appropriate box.)

_____ **GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR**

_____ **SPOUSE UNDERGRADUATE**

_____ **DEPENDENT UNDERGRADUATE (CONTINUING)**

_____ **ADVANCED DEGREE (SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT)**

Eligibility (For all the above):

1. The applicant's parent/guardian/spouse **must** be an Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve, Retired, or deceased member of the United States Military; or the applicant's parent/guardian/spouse must be a DA/DoD civilian assigned to and/or living within a 50-mile radius of Fort Rucker, AL.
2. The applicant themselves, or their parent/guardian, **must** be a 2019-2020 member, in good standing, of the Fort Rucker Community Spouses' Club by December 31st 2019.
3. The applicant **must** apply for one of the above listed categories.
4. All applicants **must** have an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
5. The application **must** be completed and be in accordance with the guidance provided in this application.
6. The completed application **must** be postmarked no later than 1 March 2020.

II. Local Community Scholarships – The following scholarships have been generously donated by the greater Fort Rucker community, and applicants must meet all the established requirements as outlined by the donors themselves.

- _____ Thrift Shop Community Family Member Continuing Education Academic Scholarship
- Military dependent of all ranks (active-duty, NG, reservist, retired, or deceased) assigned to and/or living within a 50-mile radius of Fort Rucker.
 - Accepted to a college undergraduate program on a full-time basis
 - Equal points given to needs based consideration (equal to GPA) times 2 (X2)
 - Minimum 3.5GPA
 - Community volunteer involvement
 - Recipients may use the scholarship funds for tuition, fees, books, and/or room and board
 - Recipient has not received a prior Thrift Shop scholarship in this category
 - Scholarship committee members, judges, and their family members are not eligible for scholarships during their term of appointment
- _____ First Command Educational Foundation Scholarship
- Son/Daughter of all ranks (active, NG, reservist, retired, or deceased) or DA/DoD Civilians assigned to and/or living within a 50-mile radius of Fort Rucker
 - Currently enrolled or plan to enroll in an institution of higher learning for the 2019/20 school year
 - Extra-curricular activities to include community volunteer involvement
 - Minimum 3.0 GPA
 - May not be a member of or related to any member of the FRCSC scholarship committee
 - Scholarship applicants of First Command Educational Foundation Scholarship MUST complete the FCEF Basic Finances 4 ALL online course and submit the Certificate of Completion with the application packet to be eligible to receive the scholarship. (www.fcef.com/basic-finances-4-all/). This free, web-based course provides a brief introduction to five fundamental areas of personal finance: spending plans, basic banking and accounts, credit, debt and loans, and investing.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Please write legibly.*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County of Residence: _____

Telephone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Current Education Status: High School Senior Undergraduate Student
 Graduate Student Vocation/Trade School Student

High School Information:

Name: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Current/Prospective College Information:

Name: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Intended Major: _____

Sponsor Information:

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Status (circle all that apply) Active/Retired/NG/Reserve/Deceased/DA Civilian/DoD Civilian

Sponsor's Assigned Unit and Location _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Sponsor's ETS or Contract End Date: _____

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Please fill out the below information, if extra space is needed please attach additional pages using the below format. Please do not attach resume. Hours/month is defined as hours per month.

1. List employment experience for the last four years. (List most recent first)

<i>Employer/Contact Info</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Position/Duties</i>	<i>Hours/Month</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

2. List activities in which you have actively participated in during the last four years. (Athletics, Band, School or Church Activities, Clubs, and Professional Organizations).

<i>Reference/Contact Info</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Activity/Position</i>	<i>Hours/Month</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

3. List your community volunteer organizations for the last four years.

<i>Reference/Contact Info</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Activity/Position</i>	<i>Hours/Month</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

4. List any honors or awards you have received within the last four years.

<i>Honor/Award</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

5. List other areas of interest (If vocational, please list completed and currently enrolled career courses).

6. Number of people in your immediate family that will be attending an institution of higher learning in the 2019-2020 school year: _____

7. Are you planning to apply GI Bill benefits to the 2019/2020 school year? _____
If yes, number of months? _____

8. If you are awarded this scholarship, what do you anticipate the money being applied to (please check ONE box only): Tuition Room and Board Books Lab fees Other: _____

CIRCUMSTANCE AND ESSAY

Instructions: Complete the following on a separate sheet of paper with **first letter of last name and essay word count** as the header. (Ex. Jon Smith 549 would be S549). *Please make sure that your name or any names are not included anywhere in the essay portion.* Please number your responses according to the model. If questions one or two are not applicable, please mark "N/A" (ex. 1. N/A). **All Applicants must complete essay question 3.**

Essays must follow a standard essay format: an introductory paragraph, three or more supporting paragraphs, and a concluding paragraph. Sentences should be complete and with proper grammar and punctuation. ***Plagiarism of any kind or failure to follow instructions will disqualify the applicant.*** Essays must be double-spaced in Times New Roman, font size 12. Essays will be scored according to the rubric provided below.

1. Are there any extenuating circumstances that you would like to bring to the attention of the selection committee (i.e. any circumstances that may have prevented you from working or participating in activities)?

2. Please explain any financial circumstances that should be considered in your particular selection.

3. In an essay containing a minimum of 500 words to a maximum of 1000 words, please address and evaluate one of the following that you have faced and its impact on you:

A. What is a specific goal you have? How did you choose the goal? How do you plan to achieve the goal?

B. How do you feel your experiences within the Military Community have prepared you for handling the challenges of collegiate academic life?

C. Explain your personal view of the importance of the Military in today's society?

D. Have you ever struggled mightily for something and either succeeded or failed? Explain how this experience has changed you.

ESSAY RUBRIC

	Excellent 5 Points	Above Average 4 Points	Average 3 Points	Below Average 1-2 Points	Poor 0 Points
Introduction and Conclusion	Inviting and well developed opening that clearly states the topic and provides an overview of the essay. It has a strong conclusion that relates to the entire essay.	The main topic is clear and provides a basic overview of the essay. The conclusion relates to the essay and reflects back to the introduction.	The opening is clear and states the main topic with a hint of the rest of the essay. The conclusion is present but plain.	The topic is not clear or well supported. The conclusion may be unclear or weak.	Does not contain a discernible introduction or conclusion.
Main Points	At least four main points support and clearly embellish the topic.	At least three main points strongly support the essay topic.	At least two main points support and describe the author's message.	The author's points are unclear or loosely related to the topic.	Main supporting points are not provided, or are irrelevant.
Organization	The essay is very well organized with a definite sequence, interesting language, and distinctive transitions. The reader is interested and easily engaged.	The essay is organized with a logical flow of information with basic transitions. The information stays on topic and is engaging.	The essay is basic. The points are developed, but may get off track at times. Some information may be unclear. Transitions are evident, but not pronounced.	The writer attempts to explain their topic, but the organization is lacking and the reader may be confused.	The essay lacks a main topic, with no apparent transitions. Ideas are random and not well developed.

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Mechanics	There are two or less errors in grammar, punctuation or spelling.	There are up to 4 errors that cause the reader to pause and re-read for clarity. The essay continues to impress the reader.	There are more than 5 mechanical errors in the essay that distract the reader enough for pause, but do not frustrate the reader.	There are many grammar, punctuation or spelling errors. Reader is distracted or confused.	There are an excessive number of mechanical errors. Reader is unable to determine the author's intent.
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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

TO APPLICANT: Fill in your name and the name of the person recommending you: a direct supervisor in community-service or a supervisor in a paid position, an instructor or professor who can provide an academic and/or work ethic evaluation. Please provide an envelope with your name on it. Please include the letter of recommendation in your application packet.

Applicant: _____
Last Name First Name

Name of Recommender: _____

1. In what capacity do you know the applicant? _____

2. I have known the applicant for _____ years and _____ months.

3. Please evaluate the applicant's ability to complete his/her program of study by evaluating the following areas:

	No basis for judgment	Average	Good (Top 11-25%)	Excellent (Top 4-10%)	Outstanding (Top 3%)
Leadership					
Integrity					
Responsibility					
Ability to get along with others					
Motivation					
Industry					
Community Involvement					
Intellectual Promise					

4. **REQUIRED** Please provide a brief explanation of why you feel this student is qualified for our scholarship. If you would like more room, please use the back or attach a separate letter. **Please do not include the applicant's name in your evaluation, use the word "applicant."**

Signature _____ Name _____

Date _____ Title _____

Please return your recommendation directly to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal on the back flap. The complete application packet must be postmarked by **March 1, 2020**.
 Email Address _____
 Phone Number _____

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CHARACTER EVALUATION

TO APPLICANT: Fill in your name and the name of the person recommending you: an employer, volunteer manager, minister or another individual (not related to you) who knows you personally. Please provide an envelope with your name on it. Please include the character evaluation in your application packet.

Name of Applicant (print or type) _____
Last Name *First Name*

Name of Recommender _____

1. In what capacity do you know the applicant? _____

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GUIDANCE COUNSELOR INFORMATION SHEET

This section only applies to High School Senior applicants

The following named student is a candidate for one of the several scholarships administered by the Community Spouses' Club at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Your evaluation will become part of the student's confidential file intended for use by the selection committee. Please attach a copy of the student's secondary school transcript for grades 9-12 with **honors classes clearly marked**. Please place this form in a sealed envelope and sign across the seal on the back flap. Return this form to the applicant as soon as possible so that he/she can include it in the application package. The application package must be postmarked no later than **March 1, 2020**.

Name of Student: _____

1. Student's cumulative GPA through the first semester of the 12th grade based on a:

Numerical Average (99.9): _____

Weighted GPA: _____ Unweighted GPA: _____

2. Student's Scores: SAT _____ ACT _____ SCAT _____

**Please attach a copy of the student's official test scores.*

3. Guidance Counselor's assessment of the student's character and conduct:

Superior Above Average Average Less than Average

4. Please provide any other relevant comments on student's character or personality. **Please do not include the applicant's name in your evaluation, use the word "applicant."**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (print): _____ Telephone: _____

School Title: _____

Email Address: _____

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SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT FORM

Return completed application to the following address, post marked by **March 1, 2020:**

**FORT RUCKER COMMUNITY SPOUSES' CLUB
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRPERSON
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I have read and understand all the conditions set down by the Community Spouses' Club concerning these scholarships. I hereby affirm that all the information given in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I hereby waive my rights concerning any letters of recommendation or Guidance Counselor forms, which are given to me in sealed envelopes by the writers. If I am selected as a recipient, I agree to participate in publicity activities such as having my name, photo, and school address (N/A Home School) published in web-based and local print media.

I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THE ENCLOSED SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT, IF I AM AWARDED THIS SCHOLARSHIP, I WILL ABIDE BY THE TERMS STIPULATED WITHIN THIS ENTIRE APPLICATION.

Applicant Signature

Sponsor Signature

Print Name

Print Name

Email Address

Email Address

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