

## **Fort Rucker Community Spouses' Club Scholarship Application 2020-2021**

Post Mark Deadline is **March 1, 2021**

Carefully read the attached applicant checklist and eligibility criteria sheet. **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.fortruckeresc.com/scholarships.html>**.

If you have any questions concerning this application, please contact the FRCSA Scholarship Chairperson, *Cathy Alexander-Hazel* at *[scholarshipsfrcsc@gmail.com](mailto: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, 2021** 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.

The Completed Scholarship Application includes:

- Scholarship Eligibility (p. 3)
- Personal Information (p. 4-5)
- Circumstance and Essay (p. 6-7)
- One letter of recommendation in a sealed envelope with signature across the seal on the back flap. The reference must be from a direct supervisor in either a community-service or paid position or an academic evaluation from an instructor or professor. (p. 8)
- One character evaluation in a sealed envelope with signature across the seal on the back flap. The character reference should be from an employer, volunteer manager, minister, or another individual (not related to you) who knows you personally. (p. 9)
- Guidance Counselor Information Sheet (for high school seniors only) in sealed envelope with signature across the seal on the back flap. (p. 10)
- Scholarship Agreement Form, Signed and Dated (p. 11)
- 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 dependents of Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve, Retired, or Deceased member of the United States Military submit 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 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.

**2020-2021 SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY**

1. Applicant's parent/guardian/spouse is an Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve, Retired, or Deceased member of the United States Military: or the applicant's parent/guardian/spouse is a DA/DoD civilian assigned to and/or living within a 50 mile radius of Fort Rucker, AL.
2. Applicant must have an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
3. The application must be completed and be in accordance with the guidance provided in this application packet.
4. The completed application must be postmarked no later than 1 March 2021.
5. 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.
6. Scholarship recipients may receive a scholarship in a category only once. For example, if the applicant received a Continuing Education scholarship in a previous year, they are no longer eligible.

FRCSA awards two types of scholarships, the FRCSA Scholarships and the FRCSA Community Scholarships. They are funded in different ways. FRCSA Scholarships are awarded to applicants who fulfill the above criteria and are dependents of FRCSA members or are members themselves. FRCSA Scholarships are funded with money raised by FRCSA fundraising. FRCSA Community Scholarships are awarded to recipients that fulfill the above eligibility criteria but do not have any club member affiliation with FRCSA. FRCSA Community Scholarships are funded by FRCSA fundraising and community donations.

The amount awarded in both scholarships is determined by how much money the club fundraises during the 2020-2021 club year and financial donations from the local community. This amount fluctuates from year to year.

**Check all that apply to you:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a dependent of a member of FRCSA or a member of FRCSA and fulfill #1 under eligibility criteria listed above (eligible for FRCSA Scholarships)

\_\_\_\_\_ I have no membership affiliation to FRCSA and fulfill #1 under eligibility criteria listed above (eligible for FRCSA Community Scholarships)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a High School Senior

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a Continuing Education Student

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**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 2021-22 school year:**

**7. Are you planning to apply GI Bill benefits to the 2021-22 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**

## **ESSAY**

Answer **one** of the following questions on a separate sheet of paper with **the letter of the essay question and essay word count** as the header. (Ex. Question A with 549 word count would be A549). Please make sure that your name or any names are not included anywhere.

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, and have a word count between 500 and 1000. Essays will be scored according to the rubric provided on the next page.

- 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.

## **CIRCUMSTANCES (OPTIONAL)**

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, financial hardships for you and/or your family)? If so, on a separate sheet of paper give a brief description of these circumstances. This is completely optional.

**ESSAY RUBRIC**

|                                    | <b>Excellent</b><br>5 Points  | <b>Above Average</b><br>4 Points   | <b>Average</b><br>3 Points  | <b>Below Average</b><br>1-2 Points  | <b>Poor</b><br>0 Points  |
|------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|
| <b>Introduction and Conclusion</b> | 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.   |
| <b>Main Points</b>                 | 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.  |
| <b>Organization</b>                | 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.   |
| <b>Mechanics</b>                   | 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<br>(Top 11-25%) | Excellent<br>(Top 4-10%) | Outstanding<br>(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, 2021**.  
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? \_\_\_\_\_

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:

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

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

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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, 2021**.

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Student's cumulative GPA through the first semester of the 12<sup>th</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form directly to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal on the back flap.**

**SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT FORM**

Return completed application to the following address, post marked by **March 1, 2021:**

**FORT RUCKER COMMUNITY SPOUSES' CLUB  
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRPERSON  
P.O. BOX 620001  
FORT RUCKER, AL. 36362**

**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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