

MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS

Formally known as Military Officers' Benevolent Corporation

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MFST will award 16 Scholarships For Academic Year 2012-2013

ELIGIBILITY

Students whose parent, guardian, or grandparent meet one of the following criteria:

1. A Retired, Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve Officer, or a Former Officer of the US Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, i.e. Officers (O-1 thru O-10), Warrant Officers (WO-1 thru WO-5) and Non-commissioned Officers (E-5 thru E-9). See Counselor, or call the Military Family Support Trust office if you have a question about your eligibility before you apply.
2. An Officer who died while on active duty in the service of his/her country.
3. All recipients of the PURPLE HEART no matter their pay grade or length of service.
4. A WWII Combat Veteran of the Merchant Marine who is recognized by the Veterans Administration.
5. Federal Employees, GS-7 or higher equivalent officer grade.
6. Foreign Service Officers, FSO-8 and below.
7. An Honorably Discharged or Retired Foreign Military Officer of an Allied Nation meeting the service and disability retirement criteria of his/her respective country and living in the US.

APPLICANT

1. Must be a High School Senior.
2. Must have the recommendation of his/her principal.
3. Must have achieved a minimum score of 21 on the ACT or 1,500 on 3 part SAT, and have a G.P.A. of 3.00 on a 4.00 grading scale. (Other test scoring not acceptable.)
4. Must demonstrate superior leadership skills in school and/or community activities.
5. Must possess moral and character attributes worthy of scholarship candidates.
6. Must present proof of college enrollment and formal acceptance in an accredited program before funds will be released to the applicant.
7. Must maintain a "B" average (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) throughout the term of the scholarship, being re-certified annually for college attendance. Failure to do so will result in probation for one (1) semester or two (2) quarters. If a "B" average is not later maintained, such failure will result in disqualification and forfeiture of the unused portion of the scholarship.

APPLICATIONS

1. Available in the Counselor's Office or at the Military Family Support Trust (MFST) Corporate Office.
2. Must be returned to the Corporate Office by **March 1, 2012**. (See corporate address above.)
3. When submitted, applications and supporting paperwork must be arranged in the order specified. Typewritten applications and statements are preferred. Handwritten submissions must be printed clearly using black ink.
4. Applicant may apply for one (1) Scholarship only.

MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT TRUST SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION/INSTRUCTIONS

This application is for high school seniors **ONLY**.

Before completing any portion of this application, **please make absolutely certain** that you are eligible. (See eligibility section.)

All applicants must be desirous of attending a four-year college, two-year junior college or trade school in the United States. Awards are issued based on leadership, scholarship, and need without regard to sex, race or creed.

MFST Scholarship grants are paid directly to the scholarship recipient over a four-year period. For example, a \$2,000 scholarship will be disbursed over four years at \$500 per year. Payments will generally be made in the August time frame. After the freshman year, payments will only be made following receipt of a transcript for the previous year which indicates the student has obtained a "B" average. If the "B" average has not been obtained, the student will be placed on MFST academic probation for one semester and half of the grant will be paid. If an overall "B" average has once again been earned, the probation will be lifted and the balance of the yearly grant paid at the end of the semester. A transcript will be required to substantiate the academic standing.

A Social Security number is required for our records, and if you do not have one, you should apply immediately at your nearest Post Office. There is no charge to obtain this number.

Custodial Parent: If your parents are divorced or separated, answer the questions for the parent you lived with the most in the last 12 months. For example, if you lived with your mother more than your father, you would count your mother. If you lived with your father instead of your mother, you would count your father. If you lived with both parents an equal number of days in the past 12 months, you would count the parent who provided you with the greatest amount of support. Support would include material as well as financial help. Material things would include cars, clothing, medical and dental payments, etc. If that parent married or remarried, you must also include the stepparent's information.

The following merit standard will prevail:

Leadership _____	40%
Scholarship _____	30%
Financial Need _____	<u>30%</u>
	100%

The scholarships will be distributed in increments respectively during each of the four years of undergraduate education. This may include two years of junior college or trade school. The award is subject to review prior to the commencement of each academic year, and will be governed by the academic information specified in the student's pledge, and any unexpended credit is also subject to the individual's personal behavior at college relative to the principles of law and order and morality supported by the Military Family Support Trust.

All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award issued by the Office of the Military Family Support Trust, conditioned upon the enrollment of the student in an undergraduate four-year or less degree program in an accredited college or university, community college, or trade school located in the US. **Upon receipt of "Verification of Enrollment" from proper school officials, an MFST check will be forwarded to the student.**

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE APPLICATION

1. **Applicant must use the official Military Family Support Trust form obtained from the MFST office or the counselor's office.** A form may also be downloaded from www.mobc-online.org. **The form must be dated and signed by the student, the principal, and parent(s) or guardian.** Application forms may be copied for other students in your area.
2. The Parent(s) financial statement **must be notarized.** Typewritten applications and statements are preferred over handwritten submissions and must be signed in all instances. **A copy of the first two pages of the parent's/guardian's latest Federal tax return must accompany this application. Financial data will be kept confidential to the Scholarship Committee and the Trustees.**
3. Applications and all supporting documents must be in English or English translation.
4. Continuation Sheets may be used where required.
5. Letters may be originals or photocopies on one side of a single sheet of 8.5"x11" paper signed by author.
6. Official high school transcript of student grades from the beginning of the 9th grade to due date of application may be photocopies that bear an original signature of the proper school authority.
7. SAT and ACT test scores must be included but may be photocopies.
8. It is preferable that exhibits such as awards and media items be photocopies.
9. The **application must be arranged** in the order described below:
 - a. Application of required facts. Carefully plan a response to each item before preparing final draft. **Use "1" for freshman year of school and "2", "3", and "4" for subsequent years to identify appropriate scholastic, extra curricular and civic activities. Secure all required dates. Be careful not to duplicate listings of activities and/or awards.**
 - b. The applicant must prepare a one-page essay of 400-600 words, preferably typed, single-spaced as to his/her professional goal and relate how past, present, and future activities make the accomplishment of this goal probable. The applicant by deed and circumstance must demonstrate his/her worthiness. Each letter included must be signed.
 - c. The parent/guardian must prepare a statement of 300 words or less summarizing the family's obligations and resources. The statement should illustrate the applicant's need for financial assistance and the inability of the family to satisfy this need. The statement should also include a brief summary of his/her qualifying relative's service history, such as name, relationship, grade, branch of service, length of service, type of discharge, units served with, overseas service, etc. The qualifying relative **must be** a parent, guardian or grandparent. The following sentence must be included: **"I verify that the student has a military service relative who qualifies him/her to apply for a MFST scholarship."** The statement must be signed.
 - d. Official signed transcript of high school grades.

- e. College entrance test scores required (SAT or ACT).
 - f. Currently dated and signed one-page letters of recommendation from at least one person, but not totaling more than three, in authority from high schools attended by the applicant. Letters may cover the applicant's ability, work habits, leadership, personality and integrity.
 - g. **Two letters** of endorsement from responsible community (non-school) persons. These persons should not be related to the applicant. They should be capable of reporting the applicant's participation in the community in terms of work service, leadership, notable skills and outstanding recognition. Each letter should be typed, dated, signed and on not more than one side of an 8.5" x 11" page.
 - h. Copies of exhibits of achievement in scholarship, leadership, athletics, dramatics, community service or other activities may be attached, but avoid being repetitious.
 - i. **Application neatness, appearance and your ability to follow directions will be evaluated.**
10. After completing this application, make a copy for your records. All applications become the property of the Military Family Support Trust.
11. If selected, you will be required to submit a 2 ½" x 3 ½" picture of yourself to the corporation for use in newsletter and Web Site articles concerning your achievement. It is suggested that a copy of your graduation picture be used for this purpose.

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APPLICATION OF REQUIRED FACTS

Student Scholarship Award Offer

BASED ON LEADERSHIP, SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL NEED

For the 2012 – 2013 academic year.

IMPORTANT: Before preparing this application, it is recommended that the procedures outlined on pages 2-4 be carefully studied and the application completely executed. Applications **must be filed** with the Military Family Support Trust Corporate office before March 1, 2012.

Name: _____ Social Security # _____

Perm. Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Date of Birth: Day ____ Month ____ Year ____ Place of birth: _____

Citizenship: US ____ Naturalized ____ Date _____ Place _____

If not a US citizen, what is your country of birth and citizenship? _____

Schools attended (ninth through twelfth grades)

Name of School	Date of Entrance	Period Attended
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Name of School	Date of Entrance	Period Attended
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Date will graduate _____ Number in Class _____ Rank in Class _____ GPA _____

Name/Grade/Address/Telephone/Relationship of Qualified Relative _____

DATE:

_____, 2012 _____

Signature of Student

MUST HAVE PRINCIPAL'S ENDORSEMENT TO BE ACCEPTED FOR JUDGING

The Principal last having supervisory responsibility for the applicant is asked to sign the endorsement, certifying that he has reviewed the application and verifies the accuracy of the statements as they pertain to the High School academic standing and activities of the student. Applications should not be endorsed if they do not reflect the student's situation as understood by the Principal.

This application, with attached exhibits, has been reviewed by me, and to the best of my knowledge and belief (does) (does not)* accurately set forth the High School record of _____

Date: _____, 2012 _____
Signature of Principal

*Note: If it does not meet with the Principal's approval, it should be returned to the student, or forwarded through the counselor with a letter of explanation to the President of the MFST.

Name of Student's Counselor at Time of Application _____

Telephone Number of Student's Counselor _____

SCHOOL RELATED LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Indicate high school year by (1), (2), (3), (4).

Honors and Awards (**State nature of honor or award and year**; thus: National Honor Society 3,4.)

- a. _____ b. _____
- c. _____ d. _____
- e. _____ f. _____
- g. _____ h. _____
- i. _____ j. _____

Offices and Positions of Leadership (**State name of organization, position and year.**)

- a. _____ b. _____
- c. _____ d. _____
- e. _____ f. _____
- g. _____ h. _____
- i. _____ j. _____

Member of Organization where no office was held (**State name of organization and year**; thus: Key Club 2,3.) (**State only major activities.**)

- a. _____ b. _____
- c. _____ d. _____
- e. _____ f. _____
- g. _____ h. _____
- i. _____ j. _____

SCHOOL RELATED EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Honors and Awards (**State nature of honor or award and year**; thus: Band 2,3.)

- a. _____ b. _____
- c. _____ d. _____
- e. _____ f. _____
- g. _____ h. _____
- i. _____ j. _____

Offices and Positions of Leadership (**State name of organization, position & year.**)

- a. _____ b. _____
- c. _____ d. _____
- e. _____ f. _____
- g. _____ h. _____
- i. _____ j. _____

Member of Organization where no office was held (**State name of organization & year**, thus: Band 2,3.) (**State only major activities.**)

- a. _____ b. _____
- c. _____ d. _____
- e. _____ f. _____
- g. _____ h. _____
- i. _____ j. _____

NON-SCHOOL RELATED CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Honors and Awards (**State nature of honor or award and year**; thus: 4-H 2,3.)

- a. _____ b. _____
- c. _____ d. _____
- e. _____ f. _____
- g. _____ h. _____

Office and Positions of Leadership (**State name of organization, position & year.**)

- a. _____ b. _____
- c. _____ d. _____
- e. _____ f. _____
- g. _____ h. _____

Member of Organization where no office was held (**State name of organization & year**; thus: Scouting, 4-H, etc.) (**State only major activities.**)

- a. _____ b. _____
- c. _____ d. _____
- e. _____ f. _____
- g. _____ h. _____

NOTE: Please list additional honors & activities on a separate sheet.

Volunteer Organizations with Hours and Dates Worked.

State your plans for enrollment in an accredited American college or university.

Have you been granted scholarship aid? Yes No If so, give details

Do you intend to apply for financial aid at the college you plan to attend? Yes No If so, give details.

Have you reason to expect scholarship aid from any other source? Yes No If so, give details.

Do you plan on participating in a four-year college ROTC program? Yes No

If applicable, which program? _____

Positions held in gainful employment, each year of employment, average time employed, earnings, savings, etc.

Total personal savings \$_____ (Does not affect the eligibility.)

Is there anything else you might like the Selection Committee to know about your financial need or worthiness as it reviews your application? (Please do not hesitate in presenting anything you believe would be helpful to the Committee in making its decision concerning the granting of a scholarship to you. A continuation sheet may be used.)

PARENTAL FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

(This information is confidential to be used by the Scholarship Committee only.)
(Indicate N/A rather than leave a space blank.)

Stepfather's Name v
Father's Name v _____ Age _____ Occupation _____

Stepmother's Name v
Mother's Name v _____ Age _____ Occupation _____

Parents' Marital Status - Mother: Married _____ Widowed _____ Divorced _____ Remarried* _____
Father: Married _____ Widowed _____ Divorced _____ Remarried* _____

*Note: If you checked remarried, please include stepparent's income in the appropriate section and read our instruction concerning custodial parent. Whenever the word "parent" (mother or father) is used, it also means "stepparent."

- A. Stepfather's v
Father's v 2011 annual income (earned from work) \$ _____ (A)
B. Stepmother's v
Mother's v 2011 annual income (earned from work) \$ _____ (B)
C. Other taxable income from parent(s) 2011 - IRS 1040 (all schedules) \$ _____ (C)
D. Parent(s) adjusted gross income from 2011 - 1040 (bottom line first page)** \$ _____ (D)
(A+B+C)

**Note: If you have not filed your 2011 return, you MUST ESTIMATE your adjusted gross income for 2012.

- E. All non-taxable income not included above*** (including pensions, IRA/Keogh, Social Security/disability benefits, child support, rent-free housing, etc.) \$ _____ (E)

***For Social Security Only - Report benefits for parent(s) and other siblings: Do not include benefits received by applicant.

- F. GROSS INCOME (Total D + E) \$ _____ (F)
(D + E)
G. Family Size: dependent children. _____ (G)

- H. Number of dependent children attending college during the academic year 2011-2012 on a full time basis (including applicant) _____ (H)

- I. 2011 Medical and Dental Expense not paid by insurance. \$ _____ (I)

- J. Total Market Value of Home this Year. _____ (J)

Renting Yes/No Quarters provided Yes/No

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT

I understand that the awarding of this scholarship is predicated on my acceptance as a student in a college program, and that my annual receipt of funds will depend on my continued participation in this program. I understand that subsequent receipt of annual funding will depend on my maintenance of a “B” average (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) academic standing throughout the term of the scholarship. Failure to maintain a “B” average in one semester (two quarters) will result in probation for the following semester, or two (2) quarters. If I do not attain a “B” average by the end of the one semester (two quarters), disqualification and forfeiture of the unused portion of the scholarship will result.

Furthermore, I understand that any act or activities on my part that would not reflect favorably upon myself, the college or the Military Family Support Trust Scholarship program will be grounds for my termination.

I will strive to master these skills to the best of my ability. I understand that it is my responsibility to see that the information (transcripts, reports, etc.) requested by the Scholarship Committee is provided at the end of the academic year throughout the term of my scholarship.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Signature of Father, or Legal Guardian)

(Date)

(Signature of Mother, or Legal Guardian)