



## Malmstrom Spouses' Club 2026-2027 Scholarship Application

Welcome to the 2026-2027 Scholarship Program of the Malmstrom Spouses' Club (MSC). The MSC awards scholarships to outstanding dependents of the Malmstrom Air Force Base, to include tenant units and the Montana Air National Guard Station located in Great Falls, MT. The number and amount, as well as the total number of scholarships offered, are based on funds raised through the MSC's various fundraising efforts throughout the year.

All applications must be dropped off at the Malmstrom Thrift Store (107 77<sup>th</sup> Street North) during their business hours by **31 March** or mailed to: MSC- Scholarship Chair, PO BOX 7346, Great Falls, MT 59406 postmarked by **23 March**.

### General Information / Criteria

1. The MSC offers merit-based scholarships to eligible dependents pursuing higher education or certifications.
2. An independent selection committee will evaluate all applications on a non-discriminatory basis.
3. All decisions made by the committee will be final. Any unwillingness on the part of the applicant or applicant's representative to abide by the scholarship committee's decision will result in rejection of the application.
4. Applicants will be notified by email of the results no later than 20 April.
5. Recipients will have until 27 April to accept or decline their offer.
6. Please see our FAQ page at the end of the application packet. Any additional questions can be emailed to [mscscholarshipchair@gmail.com](mailto:mscscholarshipchair@gmail.com).

### Eligibility

1. Applicants must fit within one of the following categories:
  - a. Be a candidate for graduation from high school or certified home school program for the current school year and plan to attend an accredited college, university, technical school, or licensure/certification program during the 2026-2027 academic school year. OR
  - b. Must be currently enrolled in an accredited college, university, technical school, or licensure/certification program and will be continuing their studies during the 2026-2027 academic school year.
2. The applicant must be a legal military dependent, spouse or child, of either an Active-Duty Member, Active Guard or Reserve Member, Retired Member, or Deceased Active or Retired Members of the US military.
3. The military sponsor of the applicant must be physically stationed at or assigned to either the 341<sup>st</sup> MW Malmstrom Air Force Base, to include tenant units at MAFB or the 120<sup>th</sup> AW Montana Air National Guard at the time of application.

### Limitations

1. Scholarship funds are to be used during the 2026-2027 academic year.
2. All funds received shall be applied to tuition and/or associated university fees/costs administered by an accredited college or university. These costs may include books, fees, room or board, but may not be used to cover fees from previous academic years, penalty fees or disenrollment fees.
3. Active Duty and Retired Service Members are not eligible to apply.
4. Applications and all required documents are subject to verification. Essays must be the original work of the applicant. Please note that any essay found to have been generated by AI tools (including ChatGPT) will result in immediate disqualification from the competition.
5. Applicants will be ineligible for this scholarship if they have been awarded a full scholarship, appointed to any military service academy, or received a full ROTC scholarship.
6. The Scholarship Chair will make **ONE** attempt to reach a winner by telephone if they have not responded to their notification email. If the Scholarship Chair does not hear back from the winner by 30 April, they forfeit their award with no exceptions.
7. Payment of the scholarship money will be made directly to the selected school upon formal acknowledgement of enrollment and verification of full-time student status. Recipients are required to provide college/university contact/financial aid information no later than 15 May. Checks will NOT be mailed until this information is received. Information shall be emailed to [mscscholarshipchair@gmail.com](mailto:mscscholarshipchair@gmail.com)



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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 MSC Scholarship Committee for accounting purposes, and to verify military dependent eligibility.

## PERSONAL DATA SHEET

### APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Name (last, first, middle)

Street Address

School Currently Attending

City/State

School Planning to Attend during 2026-2027

ZIP

Cell Phone Number

Home/Alternate Phone Number

E-mail Address

### SPONSOR'S INFORMATION

Sponsor's Eligibility Category: (Check One)

Active Duty  Retired  Deceased  Guard/Reserve

Sponsor's Name

Rank/Grade (if applicable)

Sponsor's Duty Station and Unit (current)

If Retired or Deceased: Last Duty Station

Duty City/State

Phone Number

Current Mailing Address (if different than applicant's)

E-mail Address

Sponsor's last 4 SSN or DoD ID Number

Sponsor's ID Card Expiration Date

Have you applied or are you applying for another spouses' club scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, which club/years? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you intend to use the full GI bill for the 2026 - 2027 school year? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any other full scholarship for the 2026-2027 school year? \_\_\_\_\_



## Activities Resume

Reporting activities can help us better understand your life outside of the classroom. Examples of activities might include clubs, sports, extracurriculars, family responsibilities, hobbies, work, or volunteering. List your activities in the order of their importance to you. Please see sample under the FAQ.

Description (include Location)	Position, Title or Activity	Total Hours estimated (if applicable)	Dates Participated
Ex. Pizza Hut Store #125, Great Falls	Waitstaff	200	6/23 - Present



### Current Academic Enrollment

Name of High School, Undergraduate Institution, or Program

GPA, GED, or HiSet (circle one) if applicable

SAT or ACT (circle one) if applicable

Date Entered Program (month & year)

Expected Graduation (month & year)

### Intended Academic Enrollment for 2026-2027

Institutions/Programs you have applied to or are currently attending

Intended Degree (select one)

Associates     Vocational     Bachelor's     Master's     Doctorate     Other:

Intended Major/Field of Study/Program

Projected Start Date (month/year)

Projected Graduation Date (month/year)

### Reference Contact Information: Please indicate below who will be providing your reference letter

Name

Relationship to Applicant

Telephone

Email



## ESSAY

Respond to the following prompt:

“What does community involvement mean to you, and how have you practiced it?”

- Type the essay in 12 pt Times New Roman font, double spaced, with one-inch margins
- Essays should not exceed 500 words
- DO NOT use your name, school, position, or other personal identifiers in the essay
- The essay may be attached as a separate document
- Judging criteria will include: organization of ideas, originality, usage of standard English grammar and mechanics, organization, and overall impression of the essay
- Any essay found to have been generated by AI tools (including ChatGPT) will result in immediate disqualification from the competition.

## TRANSCRIPT

Please include an unofficial transcript or a copy of your official transcript of the most recent school you attended or are currently attending. For GED scores, please submit a copy of your online unofficial GED Score Report. For HiSET scores, please submit a copy of your Comprehensive Score Report. Individual Test Reports will not be accepted.

## TEST SCORES

High School Seniors ONLY, please submit a copy of your SAT or ACT score if required for college admission per your selected university policy.

## REFERENCE LETTER

A letter of recommendation must be completed by a person who is not related to you and who can attest to your leadership skills, motivation, integrity, and character. The letter must be signed and sent directly by the reference to the MSC-Scholarship Chair. The letter may be sent via email (preferred) to [mscscholarshipchair@gmail.com](mailto:mscscholarshipchair@gmail.com) or mailed to:

MSC Scholarship Chair  
PO Box 7346  
Great Falls, MT 59406



## CERTIFICATION LETTER

I certify that the information in the application is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and my essay is entirely my own effort. I further certify that I am a Malmstrom military dependent in possession of a valid military ID in my name and I meet all other MSC Scholarship Award eligibility requirements as stated in this application. Should I accept an MSC Scholarship Award, I acknowledge that the following restrictions apply:

1. Scholarship funds are to be used within the 2026-2027 academic year for an accredited technical certification, associate, bachelor, master, specialist or doctoral program. Funds 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. The funds cannot be used for summer terms.
2. I will have until 27 April to email the scholarship chairperson of my acceptance of the award. In failing to do so, I will forfeit the award.
3. I will submit via email the name and address of the bursar's office of the school I will attend for the 2026-2027 academic year with verification of enrollment to the scholarship chairperson by 15 May.
4. After receiving the notice of acceptance of the award letter and the requested documents, the scholarship check, along with a cover letter with the terms of the scholarship, will be mailed directly to the college or university.
5. If I accept another full scholarship from any other source, I will notify the MSC scholarship committee immediately.
6. Funds that are unclaimed or designated for future use, as of October 1, 2026 will revert to the MSC Scholarship & Charity Fund.
7. I agree to the use of my name and picture concerning this award in local publications (area newspapers), and their websites, as well as MSC & Malmstrom Air Force Base publications & websites.
8. I understand that the MSC Scholarship Committee reserves the right to correspond with the selected school financial aid officer concerning the appropriate use of this award. Should questions or concerns arise, the Scholarship Committee reserves the right to withdraw unused funds until my standing is clarified to their satisfaction.
9. I understand that submission of an application in no way guarantees that a scholarship will be awarded. I understand that my application will not be considered if it is incomplete or submitted after the 31 March deadline.

I agree that my signature on this form will authorize the MSC Scholarship Chair to release this application, including GPA, essays, transcript(s), etc. to the Scholarship Committee, Scholarship Partners, and Judges, 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 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Signature (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How do I fill out the Activities section?

Description (include Location)	Position, Title or Activity	Total Hours estimated	Dates Participated
Ex. Pizza Hut Store #125, Great Falls	Waitstaff	200	6/23 - Present
Babysitting, White & Thomas Families, Great Falls	Babysat 2 children under 6	100	8/24 - Present
MacLean Animal Shelter, Great Falls	Walked Dogs	25	8/23 – 8/25
Eagle Scout Project, Great Falls	Built Ramp	35	Summer 2023
New City Church Choir, Great Falls	Member	50	6/22 - Present
Dean's List, Great Falls High School	Member	N/A	Sophomore & Junior Year
Good Citizen Award, Great Falls High School	Awarded for community service	500	2020 - Present
National Merit Scholar, Great Falls High School	Recipient of Award	n/a	Senior Year

2. My spouse works as a civilian on Malmstrom, Can I apply?

No, you are not a military dependent.

3. My spouse/parent served in the USAF for 7 years and got out. Can I apply?

No, Your spouse is a proud USAF veteran, but you are no longer considered a dependent.

4. In a prior year, I won a scholarship from another spouse club (ex. At a previous base) can I apply?

Yes.

5. In a prior year, I won a scholarship from MSC, can I apply?

Yes.

6. Can the check be made out to any other person/agency/landlord?

No, the check will only be written to the university or institution. We can note to the bursar's office that the funding is specifically to be used for room and board to avoid competing with the GI bill.

7. Will you let me know when you have received my completed application?

Yes, you will receive an email when the Scholarship chair has received a completed application from you, to include receiving the reference letter.

8. We are a dual active-duty family. Can my spouse apply?

No, only non-military spouses may apply.

9. What is the timeline?

March 23: Mailed applications must be postmarked by this day

March 31: In person applications must be dropped off at Thrift Store

April 20: Scholarship Recipients will be notified via email

April 27: Scholarship Recipients must formally accept the scholarship

May 15: Scholarship Recipients must provide Scholarship Chair with Enrollment Verification and Financial Aid Office Contact Information