



Naval Officers' Spouses' Club of Okinawa 2020-2021 Scholarship Program

The Naval Officers' Spouses' Club of Okinawa (NOSCO) is offering scholarships to eligible military or eligible civilian family members. (Enrollment may be in an undergraduate degree program, on or off island). The applicant must meet **at least one** of the following:

- A. **Graduating high school senior**, entering an accredited college, university, or vocational/trade school.
- B. **Continuing student**, an unmarried dependent, presently enrolled in a degree program in an accredited college, university, or vocational/trade school.
- C. **Eligible spouse** in a degree or associate degree program at an accredited college, university, or vocational/trade school.

Scholarship selection will encompass a variety of areas including academic merit, extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation, work/volunteer history, and a personal essay. This scholarship will be awarded without regard to gender, race, or creed of applicant, school to be attended (excluding military academies), and rate/rank of sponsor.

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible, an applicant:

- A. Must be a dependent of a **sponsor who is:**
 - 1. Active duty U.S. Navy personnel of **any rank/rate** assigned to Okinawa through the application deadline date (Monday, April 13, 2020); **or**
 - 2. Retired U.S. Navy personnel living on Okinawa; **or**
 - 3. Civilian personnel attached to the U.S. Navy and assigned to Okinawa through the application deadline date (Applicant must provide written affidavit from sponsor's CO stating that the sponsor is attached to the U.S. Navy); **or**
 - 4. Deceased, but who met one of the above criteria prior to death.
- B. **Must have current Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) status** if sponsor is on an accompanied tour.
- C. Must have a minimum 2.5 GPA
- D. Must plan to attend a fully accredited two to four-year college, university, or vocational/trade school as a full-time student; **or**
- E. Must be an eligible spouse meeting criteria listed above and planning to be enrolled part-time in an undergraduate course of study at an accredited institution (part-time study is defined as enrollment in at least one course totaling 6 credits per term for the entire 2020-2021 academic year).
- F. **Military academy appointment or non-acceptance by a college, university, or vocational/trade program by September 30, 2020 will make the applicant ineligible.**
- G. ***Dependents of Marine, Army, Air Force or DoDDs sponsors are ineligible to apply.***



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REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION:

- A. Completed NOSCO scholarship application form (application will not be considered if not completely filled out and submitted in a sealed envelope or emailed to Scholarship Chair).
- B. **Official, sealed, current** school transcript. **May be sent via secure email** from school directly to Scholarship chair. All continuing students must include a current transcript, reflecting the most recent term completed.
- C. SAT and/or ACT score results for high school students, if available (A photocopy of the school or student score report will be accepted).
- D. Two current letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, coaches, principals, mentors, and/or employers. The letters should be **individually signed and sealed** by the reference and included with the application package **or sent via email directly** to the scholarship chair. Recommendations should include pertinent information on character, citizenship, and leadership. **(Form letters will not be accepted).**
- E. A 300 to 500-word essay from the applicant answering:
Question A: How has being a Navy dependent impacted your educational experience, and how will this scholarship help assist your educational goals?
- F. A 300 to 500-word essay from the applicant answering *either* Question B *or* C.
Question B: If you have spent time on Okinawa, how has this experience impacted your personal development?
Question C: If you haven't spent time on Okinawa, how has the separation from your family impacted your personal development?
- G. Signed Privacy Statement (signed by applicant *and* sponsor)
- H. Signed Publicity Statement (signed by applicant; and if under 18-years old, also must be signed by sponsor)
- I. Completed application materials should be hand-delivered or postmarked via Priority Mail **no later than April 13, 2020**. Applications can be delivered to the Fleet Gift Shop on Camp Shields, building 6300 (www.fleetgiftshop.com), emailed to: nosco1stvp@gmail.com, or mailed to:

**Scholarship Chair
c/o Fleet Gift Shop
PSC 480 Box 50
FPO, AP 96370**



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Application Deadline: Postmarked via Priority Mail (with tracking)* or hand-delivered to Fleet Gift Shop no later than April 13, 2020.

Applications sent via email must also be received in entirety by application deadline. (Incomplete applications will not be considered.)

** There are seven (7) items required for application consideration**	
1	Completed NOSCO Scholarship Application Form
2	School Transcript - Official, sealed and current (or by secure email)
3	SAT and/or ACT Scores for high school students, if available
4	Two (2) Letters of Recommendation - Signed, sealed and current (or direct email to scholarship chair)
5	Two (2) Personal Essays (Question A and Question B or Question C)
6	Signed Privacy Statement
7	Signed Publicity Statement

****Completeness and professional presentation of application will also be considered. Attention to detail, grammar and spelling is important. Applicants not satisfying all of the criteria will not be considered.**



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GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A. **Scholarship monies may be used to pay for tuition and fees (also including room and board fees).** Successful applicants will be awarded scholarship funds not to exceed the cost of one-year's tuition and fees at the school of their choice.
- B. **Scholarship award recipients will be announced by May 04, 2020. At that time, award recipients will be sent the "NOSCO Scholarship Disbursing Information Form" and must complete and return it to NOSCO no later than May 20, 2020.**
- C. Scholarship monies are **available to the recipient no later than June 30, 2020 for one academic year beginning the fall term 2020 through the summer term 2021** (any unused funds will revert back to NOSCO).
- D. Only one scholarship will be awarded to an applicant per year. Previous winners of NOSCO scholarships are eligible to apply for future awards as long as the applicant meets eligibility requirements at the time of the application.
- E. Payment of Scholarship monies will be made as follows:
- F. The college, university, or vocational/trade school will be paid directly for the tuition and fee portions of the bill. **It is the recipient's responsibility to provide NOSCO with the completed disbursement form (which shall include the appropriate mailing address for payment) no later than May 20, 2020.**
 1. All monies will be sent to the attention of the Financial Aid Officer at the recipient's school, identifying the tuition and fee only scholarship award.
- F. If the recipient declines the award, the scholarship will be returned to the NOSCO Scholarship Fund.
- G. An award recipient, who **does not attend, does not enroll as a full-time student (with the exception of part-time student spouses), or who decides to withdraw from the Fall 2020, Spring 2021, or Summer 2021 terms** at the approved college, university, or vocational/trade school listed in their application, **will forfeit all rights to the awards and must immediately notify NOSCO.**
- H. If it is determined that inaccuracy appears or information has been withheld from the Scholarship Committee, the scholarship will be returned to the NOSCO Scholarship Fund.

Names of the applicants and any revealing data will be withheld from the NOSCO Scholarship Committee prior to selection.

Please direct all questions to: NOSCO Scholarship Chair, Carey Pozniak

Email: nosco1stvp@gmail.com

Mailing address:

**Scholarship Chair
c/o Fleet Gift Shop
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FPO, AP 96370**



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The purpose of the information provided is to apply for educational financial assistance. Information provided will be used to assess scholastic achievement. Completion of this form is mandatory. Failure to provide required information and documentation may result in disqualification from participation in the scholarship program. All application information and documentation must be postmarked via Priority Mail (or hand-delivered) no later than **April 13, 2020**. Incomplete application packets or applications submitted after the deadline are ineligible for consideration.

I certify that this application and all supporting documents, to the best of my knowledge, are complete and accurate and that I am a dependent with current SOFA status with a valid dependent identification (ID) card. Upon request I will make them available for review by NOSCO.

I further understand that the information in this application is exclusively for the use of the NOSCO Scholarship Selection Committee and will not be shared with other individuals or agencies without my consent.

I also agree that if I am selected as an award recipient, any and all information submitted within this application (including photos, if submitted at a later date) may be used for purposes of news and publicity by the NOSCO Scholarship Program and all current and future promotions of this program.

Applicant's Name Printed

Applicant's Signature

Date

Sponsor's Name Printed

Sponsor's Signature*

Date

**If Sponsor does not physically reside with Applicant, a scanned copy of Sponsor's signature on this form is acceptable*



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I do

I do not

give NOSCO permission to use my name, any image of myself, and biographical information provided by me for the purpose of publicity in media outlets, including print, news, magazines, radio, TV, social media, online, scrapbooks, and on the NOSCO web page.

Applicant's Name Printed

Applicant's Signature

Date

If Applicant is under the age of 18 years old, Sponsor's signature is also required:

Sponsor's Name Printed

Sponsor's Signature*

Date

**If Sponsor does not physically reside with Applicant, a scanned copy of Sponsor's signature on this form is acceptable*



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This portion of the application may be filled out electronically. Please insert more rows to tables if needed.

I. Education Background (Please fill out the following where applicable):

School(s) Attended: (Include High School, College, University, Trade, Vocational, and others if applicable)				
School	Dates Attended	Major/Minor	Degree(s) Earned	Graduation Date

II. Other Scholarship(s) Awarded:

Scholarship Name	Year Awarded

III. Honors and Awards Received: Briefly list any academic distinctions or honors that you have received including school, church, and community.

Honor/Award Name	Year Awarded



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IV. Extracurricular Activities: Please describe extracurricular activities (band, performing arts, athletics, church, civic, ROTC). Include specific events and/or major accomplishments such as musical instrument played, varsity letters earned. Estimate total hours spent on extracurricular activities.

Activity Name	Year(s) of Participation	Total Estimated Hours	Position Held (if any)

V. Community Service: Please describe community service participation and include specific events and/or major accomplishment. Estimate total hours spent on extracurricular activities.

Activity Name	Year(s) of Participation	Total Estimated Hours	Position Held (if any)



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VI. Work Experience

Company	Year(s)	Position Held

VII. Other notable activities to your goals (if applicable)

Activity Name	Year(s)	Comments

VIII. Educational Plans

List all accredited schools to which you have applied (Colleges, universities, vocational/trade, etc.)			
School	City	State	Accepted?



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IX. Any Additional Comments: