



Naval Officers' Spouses' Club of Okinawa 2022-2023 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 personal essays. 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 11, 2022); **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.
- OR
- 5. A dues-paying member of NOSCO or immediate family of a member (must be assigned to Okinawa through the application date).
- 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 2022-2023 academic year).
- F. **Military academy appointment or non-acceptance by a college, university, or vocational/trade program by September 30, 2022 will make the applicant ineligible.**
- G. ***Dependents of Marine, Army, Air Force or DoDDs sponsors are ineligible to apply (unless they are dues-paying members of NOSCO or family of a member.)***



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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 the Scholarship Chair. All continuing students must include a current transcript, reflecting the most recent term completed.
- C. 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).**
- D. Two 300 to 500-word essays from the applicant answering:
 - Question A:** How has being a military dependent living in Okinawa enriched your life? If you have not spent time in Okinawa, how has being a military dependent enriched your life?
 - Question B:** Discuss something you are passionate about. How does that passion shape your identity and your future goals?
- E. Signed Privacy Statement (signed by applicant *and* sponsor)
- F. Signed Publicity Statement (signed by applicant; and if under 18-years old, also must be signed by sponsor)
- G. Completed application materials should be hand-delivered or emailed **no later than April 11, 2022**. Applications can be delivered to the **Fleet Gift Shop on Camp Shields, building 6300** (www.fleetgiftshop.com), or emailed to: noscoscholarship@gmail.com.

Application Deadline: emailed to noscoscholarship@gmail.com, or hand-delivered to Fleet Gift Shop no later than April 11, 2022.

*****Incomplete applications will not be considered. Ensuring delivery of materials (including letters of recommendation and transcripts) is the responsibility of the applicant.*****



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**** There are six (6) items required for application consideration****

	1	Completed NOSCO Scholarship Application Form
	2	School Transcript - Official, sealed, and current (or by secure email)
	3	Two (2) Letters of Recommendation - Signed, sealed, and current (or direct email to Scholarship Chair)
	4	Two (2) Personal Essays (Question A and Question B)
	5	Signed Privacy Statement
	6	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 (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 in early May 2022. 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 23, 2022.**
- C. Scholarship monies are **available to the recipient no later than June 30, 2022 for one academic year beginning the fall term 2022 through the summer term 2023.** 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:
 - 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 23, 2022.**
 - 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 2022, Spring 2023, or Summer 2023 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 the NOSCO Scholarship Chair: noscoscholarship@gmail.com



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Privacy Statement/Application Certification

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 emailed or hand-delivered no later than **April 11, 2022**. 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 my proof of SOFA status and dependent ID card 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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Publicity Statement

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	Year(s) Attended	Major/Minor	Degree(s) Earned	Graduation Date (Month and Year)

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, etc. Estimate total hours spent on extracurricular activities.

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

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

Activity Name	Date(s) of Participation (Month/Year)	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? (Y/N/Waitlist)



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IX. Any Additional Comments: