



FORT MEADE OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB

2019 OSC MERIT, THE ETTA BAKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, OSC FAMILY MEMBER,
AND THE DEBBIE ALEXANDER STEM SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP: The Fort Meade Officers' Spouses' Club (OSC) will award financial scholarships for academic achievement to deserving military dependents currently enrolled in an accredited institution, college or university.

ELIGIBILITY:

- All applicants must possess a valid military dependent identification card or be a dependent of a Fort Meade OSC member.
- Applicant's sponsor must reside in one of the following Maryland counties: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carrol, Howard, Prince George
- Applicants for all scholarships must also meet at **LEAST ONE** of the following criteria:
 - Military Sponsor must be an Active Duty or Retired Service Member assigned to, attached to, or working on Fort Meade.
 - Applicant resides on Fort Meade.
 - Applicant is a member or has a parent who is a member of the Fort Meade Officers' Spouses' Club.
 - Applicant has another affiliation with Fort Meade - for example, sponsor deployed from Fort Meade or sponsor was assigned to Fort Meade, but was recently reassigned to another duty station. Please describe in Part 2 under Sponsor Information. Approval is at the discretion of the scholarship committee.
 - The applicant cannot receive a scholarship from another officers' spouses' club.
- Applicant must be enrolled at an accredited institution as a full-time student for the 2019-2020 academic school year prior to March 2019.
- Neither Active Duty nor Retired Service Members are eligible for Fort Meade OSC Scholarships.
- Additional requirements for specific scholarships are as follows:
 - **OSC Merit Scholarships:** Applicant must have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale, from an accredited institution.
 - **OSC Family Member Scholarship:** Awarded to an applicant who is an immediate family member of a member of the Officers' Spouses' Club in good standing as of January 1, 2019. Community service activities will be heavily weighted.
 - **Etta Baker Memorial Scholarship:** All applicants that qualify for the OSC Merit Scholarship will automatically be considered for the Etta Baker Memorial Scholarship, our highest merit scholarship.
 - **The Debbie Alexander STEM Scholarship:** Applicant must be accepted into or attending an accredited institution with a declared Major or study of emphasis in science, technology, engineering or mathematics for the 2019-2020 school year.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- The application form must be complete, accurate, and legible. Please type or use black ink. Do not send resumes or copies of awards. Incomplete applications will not be considered. **Applications must be post marked NO LATER THAN March 15, 2019.**
- Essay must be typed and double-spaced throughout, using Times New Roman 12-point font and one-inch margins. The essay should be no less than 350 words and no more than 600 words.
- Fill in all the information requested. **If more room is needed for any section, use a separate sheet of paper and label the information accordingly.**
- Sign the application form and ensure that your sponsor also signs it. (If your sponsor is unable to sign the application, please state why he/she is unable to sign and who is signing in your sponsor's place).

GUIDELINES:

- Scholarships are awarded based on scholastic achievement as well as school and community involvement.
- Financial need is **not** considered.
- Awardees can only receive one Fort Meade OSC scholarship while in high school and one in college.
- All scholarship funds awarded to recipients will be sent directly to the accredited institution after the Scholarship Chair receives enrollment verification from the institution. Awards will be paid in a single installment.
- In the event that the recipient does not attend the institution or withdraws prior to completion of the school year, any unused funds must be returned to the Fort Meade OSC.
- Awards can only be used towards tuition, academic fees, books, room and board. Awards may not be used for personal expenses.
- All identifying information will be removed from your letters of recommendation, transcripts, and essay prior to presentation of your application packet to the scholarship committee. **Ensure all information is complete and accurate prior to signing as providing falsified information will result in automatic disqualification and/or forfeiture.**

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POST MARKED BY MARCH 15, 2019

CHECKLIST FOR 2019 OSC MERIT, OSC FAMILY MEMBER, THE ETTA BAKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP & THE DEBBIE ALEXANDER STEM SCHOLARSHIP

COLLEGE STUDENT APPLICATION

Please verify your application is complete by utilizing the below checklist; you should also keep a copy for yourself.

- _____ Completed application
- _____ Copy of college transcripts, sealed
- _____ Copy of SAT and/or ACT scores (if less than 2 semesters of college grades)
- _____ Confirmation of Sponsor's Military Affiliation (preferred mechanism is a printout from the Defense Manpower Data Center's webpage - <https://mla.dmdc.osd.mil/mla/#/single-record> but you may also provide a copy of sponsor's leave and earning statement (LES) or DD Form 214)
- _____ Applicant's essay
- _____ Two letters of recommendation dated not earlier than September 1, 2018. One ***must*** be from an academic source, the second may be from a teacher or supervisor of a workplace, volunteer organization, school-sponsored or church activity
- _____ Signed affidavit form
- _____ Signed press release form

Please note:

- Transcripts **MUST** be provided to verify eligibility, failure to provide *official* transcripts will result in disqualification.
- Military Dependent ID card must be presented to verify eligibility prior to receipt of a Fort Meade OSC Scholarship; do NOT send a copy of the card – winners will show their card prior to receiving an award.

Please contact the FMOSC Scholarship Chair with any questions at:
scholarships.ftmosc@gmail.com

Mail completed application no later than March 15, 2019 to:
FM OSC Scholarship Chairperson
Post Office Box 280
Fort Meade, MD 20755

PART 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Address: _____ Suite/Apt#: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email-address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Name of Current Collegiate Institution Enrolled In: _____
Dates Enrolled in Above Institution: _____
University/College Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
High School Graduation Date: _____
Name of High School: _____
Address of High School: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

PART 2: SPONSOR INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Home Address of Sponsor: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Current or Last Rank Held: _____
Current Duty Station (if applicable): _____
Address of Duty Station (if applicable): _____
Home Phone: (_____) _____ Work Phone: (_____) _____
Cell Phone: (_____) _____
Email Address: _____

Relationship of sponsor to applicant: _____

Branch of Service:

Air Force _____ Army _____ Coast Guard _____ Marine Corps _____ Navy _____ DOD Civilian _____

If you do not live on Fort Meade or if your Military sponsor is not assigned to Fort Meade, briefly describe your affiliation with Fort Meade or the Fort Meade OSC.

PART 3: EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Accredited college(s) to which you have attended and/or applied

City

State

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PART 4: ACADEMIC AWARDS & HONORS: Mark the corresponding activity type and list any academic distinctions or honors you have received since high school, or in the last five years, whichever is applicable, including school, church, and community.

Activity type

Award or Academic Distinction

School Church Community

School	Church	Community	Award or Academic Distinction
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____

Extracurricular Activities: Mark the corresponding activity and list your extra-curricular activities (sports, band, performing arts, church, civic, etc). Include specific events and/or major accomplishments such as commendations, positions held, etc.

Activity type

Activity - Honors achieved, Positions Held

School Church Community

School	Church	Community	Activity - Honors achieved, Positions Held
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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PART 5: VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE List all your volunteer (unpaid work) experiences since high school (or the last five years, whichever is appropriate) up to the present.

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Your Duties</i>	<i>Cumulative Hours</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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PART 6: WORK EXPERIENCE: List all your paid work experiences since high school (or the last 5 years, whichever is appropriate) up to the present.

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Employer</i>	<i>Your Duties</i>	<i>Hours / Week</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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PART 7- Applicant Essay

On a separate sheet of paper, submit a typed essay, double-spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font. The essay should be **no less than 350 words and no more than 600 words** and should address ***BOTH*** the following points:

**** Describe your personal goals and explain how furthering your education will help you to accomplish these goals**

and

**** Explain how being part of a military community has impacted your goals and objectives**

Affidavit for the Fort Meade Officers' Spouses' Club Scholarship

If I am the recipient of a Fort Meade Officers' Spouses' Club (OSC) Scholarship, I understand and agree to the following:

1. If I accept an appointment to a military service academy or receive full coverage of my educational expenses (tuition, academic fees, books, room and board) through any means, I will be ineligible for a Fort Meade OSC Scholarship award. These include, but are not limited to: a full scholarship from a post-secondary institution, benefits from the Yellow Ribbon Program, Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts Program (MyCAA) aid, or financial aid from any other scholarship program(s).
2. I understand that the scholarship funds awarded by the Fort Meade OSC are restricted to the payment of tuition, academic fees, books, room and board.
3. I understand that the full scholarship applies to any accredited post-secondary institution for the 2019-2020 academic year. If I fail to enroll at, or withdraw from an accredited post-secondary institution, I must return all of the scholarship money awarded by the Fort Meade OSC.
4. I understand the award check will be made out in the name of the accredited post-secondary institution that I will be attending in the fall of 2019.
5. I understand, agree and hereby grant permission for the Fort Meade OSC to use my name in announcing and promoting their scholarship program.
6. I understand and agree that the Selection Committee is solely responsible for the selection of the scholarship winners and its decision is final.
7. I grant permission to the school of higher education I attend to release information concerning my enrollment status and academic standing to the Fort Meade OSC for use in administering my scholarship award.
8. In submitting this application, I certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree that falsification of information will result in disqualification and/or forfeiture of a Fort Meade OSC Scholarship.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Sponsor

Date

Signature of Parent/ Legal Guardian (if under 18)

Date

Fort Meade Officers' Spouses' Club Scholarship Recipient Press Release

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Date: _____

I do [] do not [] give Fort Meade OSC permission to use any image of me for purpose of publication in media outlets, including print, newspapers (to include the *Soundoff*), magazines, radio, television, the Fort Meade OSC scrapbooks, and the Fort Meade OSC web page.

I do [] do not [] give Fort Meade OSC permission to use any image of me on the Fort Meade OSC Facebook page.

I authorize the following exception(s):

Signature of Scholarship Recipient:

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 18)

Date