



**FORT MEADE OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB**

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2019 OSC MILITARY SPOUSE SCHOLARSHIP

**SCHOLARSHIP:** The Fort Meade Officers' Spouses' Club (OSC) will award financial scholarships for academic advancement to highly motivated military spouses completing post-secondary education to include undergraduate degree, graduate degree, or technical certification.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- All applicants must possess a valid military dependent identification card or be a dependent of a Fort Meade OSC member.
- Applicant must reside in one of the following Maryland counties: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carrol, Howard, Prince George
- Scholarship applicants 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 of the Fort Meade Officers' Spouses' Club.
  - Applicant has another affiliation with Fort Meade - for example, spouse deployed from or 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 a High School Graduate with a cumulative, unweighted grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale, have earned a General Education Diploma (GED), or have completed a High School Equivalency Program (HEP).
- Applicant must be enrolled at an accredited institution as a 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:
  - **OSC Military Spouse Scholarship:** Applicant must be currently married to an Active Duty or Retired Service Member with affiliation to Fort Meade at the time of application submission, and award date.

**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 OSC scholarship for post-secondary education.
- 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 MILITARY SPOUSE APPLICATION

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed application
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of official high school transcripts, sealed
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of official college transcripts, sealed (if applicable)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation of Spouse'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
- \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of recommendation dated not earlier than September 1, 2018, from an academic source, 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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_  
**OR** Date High School Equivalent Diploma Granted: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 2: SPONSOR/SPOUSE 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**PART 3: EDUCATIONAL HISTORY**

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

	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>
_____	_____	_____
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**PART 4: ACADEMIC AWARDS & HONORS:** Mark the corresponding activity type and list any academic distinctions or honors you have received since high school, or the last 5 years whichever is applicable, including school, church, and community.

*Activity type*

*Award or Academic Distinction*

School    Church    Community

School	Church	Community	
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**PART 5: VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE** List all your volunteer (unpaid work) experience since high school (or the last 5 years whichever is appropriate) up to present.

*Dates*

*Organization*

*Your Duties*

*Cumulative Hours*

<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 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 a military spouse, and part of the 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 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, or institution 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/Spouse

\_\_\_\_\_  
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