

KEESLER SPOUSES' CLUB APPLICATION FOR MERIT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2023 SPOUSE

The Keesler Spouses' Club (KSC) is offering scholarships to *non-military* spouses of military personnel and non-military DoD civilian spouses who meet the following requirements. These scholarships will be presented at the KSC reception tentatively scheduled for May 13, 2023.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Applicant must be a high school graduate or a G.E.D. recipient, reside in Hancock, Harrison, or Jackson Counties of Mississippi, and the non-military spouse or the non-military DoD civilian spouse of one of the following on or before **March 13, 2023**.
 - a. Active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed at Keesler AFB.
 - b. Active reservist/guard of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed at Keesler.
 - c. Retired or deceased Air Force member
 - d. Active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces on a remote assignment from Keesler AFB.
 - e. Spouse of a current DOD employee based at Keesler AFB.
2. Applicant must have a valid military dependent ID card or proof of DoD civilian employment at Keesler AFB.
3. Applicant must plan to attend an accredited college, university or vocational school during the 2023-2024 academic year in pursuit of an undergraduate or graduate degree or certificate and must be enrolled at a minimum of part-time.
4. Applicant may not have previously won a KSC scholarship.

AWARDS:

Scholarship Awards from the Keesler Spouses' Club will be applied to tuition, textbooks, supplies, equipment and fees and will be paid directly to the attending institution. The availability of spousal scholarships and their dollar amounts are determined annually, based upon monies donated to and raised by the KSC. The KSC Scholarship Committee determines appropriate qualification of applicant and distribution of money based on available funds along with the analysis of scores by a separate panel of judges.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Academic Achievement
2. Work Experience
3. Community/Volunteer Activities (i.e. school, church, civic, military, etc.). Emphasis is provided toward military contributions (youth programs, chapel, etc.)
4. Special Interests/Hobbies
5. Essay
6. Resumé

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SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants will not be evaluated based on race, creed, ethnic origin, religion, or gender. *Please do not include any additional information other than requested. Failure to follow directions will be a deduction of points.*

1. Complete, original application.
2. All applicants must submit an unofficial transcript of grades 9 through 12 or the most current unofficial copy of college/university transcript (if currently enrolled).
3. One letter of recommendation. Letter must be from a person outside of family who can provide a character-based reference (e.g., coach, pastor, employer, teacher), and must have an **original** signature and **sealed** in an envelope.
4. An attached one-page essay (typed, 200-300 words, double spaced) detailing the applicant's educational aims and life goals.
5. A one to two-page resumé of accomplishments. Resume should contain past education, including GPA, awards/honors, paid work experience, volunteer and community activities (church, sports, children, etc.), special interests, and military contributions. Do not include photos.
6. Proof of eligibility —must include all documentation under applicable category:
 - Active Duty:
 - a. Sponsor's orders —applicant must be listed as a dependent
 - b. Copy of the applicant's *Application for Uniformed Services Identification Card Deers Enrollment* (DD1172)
 - Guard/Reserve:
 - a. Sponsor's orders —applicant must be listed as a dependent
 - b. Copy of the applicant's *Application for Uniformed Services Identification Card Deers Enrollment* (DD1172)
 - c. Two proofs of residency (i.e., DL, lease or utility bill)
 - Retired:
 - a. A copy of the applicant's *Application for Uniformed Services Identification Card Deers Enrollment* (DD1172)
 - b. *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty* (DD Form 214)
 - c. Two proofs of residency (i.e., DL, lease or utility bill)
 - Civilian:
 - a. Sponsor's proof of civilian employment at Keesler AFB

****Please note, Do Not Copy Government-issued military Id card***

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7. All attachments and supporting documents must accompany the application and be submitted as a single package.
8. All paperwork and supporting documents must be postmarked on or before **March 13, 2023**.
Submit to:

**KSC Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 5218
Keesler AFB, MS 39534**

If you have any questions, please visit keeslerspousesclub.org or contact the KSC Scholarship Chairperson, Kristin Untisz, at keesler.scholarship@gmail.com.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Instructions:

- A. Please type or print.
- B. Refer to **Scholarship Requirements** for proper submission of the following documents: Transcripts, letter of recommendation, essay, resumé, and proof of eligibility.
- C. Complete application and signed scholarship agreement.
- D. Return all paperwork and supporting documents on or before **March 13, 2023**. Submit to:

**KSC Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 5218
Keesler AFB, MS 39534**

For planning purposes, please note: The KSC will host a reception, honoring scholarship winners, tentatively scheduled for May 12, 2023.

Applicant Information (questions 1-8):

1. Name _____
Last First Middle
2. Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
3. Phone (H) _____ (C) _____
4. E-mail address: _____
5. Date of Birth _____
6. High School Attended: _____ Graduation Date: _____
7. Field of study or career you are/plan to pursue in college: _____
8. High School Attended: _____ Graduation/Equivalent _____

Sponsor Information (questions 9-15):

9. Full name, including rank: _____

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10. Address (if different from applicant): _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

11. E-mail address: _____

12. Last four digits of Social Security#: _____

13. Branch of Service and Base affiliation (wing, squadron):

14. Sponsor Information: Check one:

Active Duty _____ Reserve _____ Retired _____ DoD Civilian _____ Is the sponsor deceased? _____

IMPORTANT- PLEASE FILL OUT IN ITS ENTIRETY:

1. College/university/vocational school currently enrolled or accepted:

2. Full address where scholarship funds are to be mailed:

3. Point of Contact at College/university/vocational school: _____

4. Point of contact phone number: _____

5. Point of contact email: _____

6. Student ID# (if known): _____

I AFFIRM THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION IS CORRECT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN WILL BE USED TO CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY AND MAY BE USED FOR PRESS RELEASES.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Sponsor _____ Date _____
/or DOD Civilian Sponsor

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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. If a selected individual cannot accept the scholarship, it will be given to an alternate. No scholarship will be awarded after September 30, 2023. Monies will be sent directly to the college/university or vocational school specified by the scholarship recipient and must be used by June 30, 2024, or the end of the typical college year. Monies not used must be returned to the Keesler Spouses' Club (KSC).
2. Any recipient accepting an appointment to a military academy is ineligible for a KSC scholarship.
3. All submitted material becomes the property of the KSC and will be maintained for a period of up to one year.
Applicant information provided is protected for the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552A).
4. A non-biased, independent panel evaluates applications. All names and identifying information is eliminated from material viewed by the panel. Applications are rank-ordered by the panel. The KSC Scholarship Committee will be the final determining body for the number of scholarships awarded and the monetary value of each scholarship, based on available funds along with analysis of rankings by the panel.

SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT

Scholarship funds must be used for a minimum of part-time enrollment and be applied to tuition, textbooks, required supplies, equipment and fees. Any recipient accepting an appointment to a military academy is ineligible for a KSC scholarship. If there are changes in a scholarship recipient's enrollment status, eligibility, or attending college, it is the student's responsibility to notify the KSC.

I have received, read, understand, and meet the KSC scholarship eligibility requirements and agree to abide by all requirements, limitations, and terms regarding eligibility for and acceptance of scholarship money. In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, I agree that my signature on this form will authorize the Scholarship chairperson to release copies of my transcript(s), scholarship application, and other auxiliary data to the Scholarship Committee and independent panel of judges as needed. Pertinent information may also be released to the media if I receive a scholarship.

Printed Name of Applicant

Date

Signature of Applicant

Date

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- _____ Pages 4-6 of application package
- _____ Unofficial transcript for grades 9-12 and/or the most current unofficial college/university transcript, if currently enrolled
- _____ Letter of Recommendation sealed in an envelope by the originator
- _____ One-page essay
- _____ One to two-page resumé
- _____ Proof of Eligibility documentation according to status (refer to page 2):
 - Sponsor's orders
 - Application for Uniformed Services Identification Card Deers Enrollment (DD Form 1172)*
 - Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214)*
 - Sponsor's proof of employment at Keesler AFB
 - Two proofs of residency

Only complete applications will be considered.

****Please do not include any additional information than the items requested. Package may be stapled or paperclipped; however, do not use report covers, folders or other presentation materials.**

The Keesler Spouses' Club congratulates you on continuing your education! We wish you every success as you continue your pursuits through higher education.