

KEESLER SPOUSES' CLUB APPLICATION FOR MERIT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2018 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS/COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Keesler Spouses' Club (KSC) is offering scholarships to dependent children of active duty, guard/reserve, retired/deceased or DoD civilian employees assigned, stationed, or home-based at Keesler AFB. These scholarships will be presented at the KSC banquet tentatively scheduled for April 17, 2018.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Applicant must be graduating high school, a G.E.D. recipient, or a home-schooled senior and/or college student attending school in Hancock, Harrison, or Jackson Counties of Mississippi, and who is a dependent of:
 - a. A service member of any Armed Forces on active status, including Active Guard and Reserves associated with Keesler AFB.
 - b. Any civil service personnel working at Keesler AFB.
 - c. A retired service member, deceased or missing service member of any Armed Forces, or deceased civil service or key civilian personnel.
2. Applicant must have a valid dependent ID card or, if applicable, proof of sponsor's DoD civilian employment at Keesler AFB.
3. Applicant must plan to attend an accredited college, university or vocational school during the 2018-2019 academic year in pursuit of an undergraduate or graduate degree or certificate, and must be enrolled as a full-time student.
4. Applicant may not have previously won a KSC scholarship.
5. Applicant accepting a full scholarship to a military academy may not accept a KSC scholarship.

AWARDS:

Scholarship awards from the Keesler Spouses' Club will be applied toward full-time enrollment, for tuition, textbooks, on-campus housing, meal plan, required supplies or equipment, and fees and will be paid directly to the attending institution. The availability of 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. Essay

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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 application.
2. All applicants must submit an official transcript of grades 9 through 12. Your official transcript must include: a) signature by your counselor, b) a cumulative **unweighted** GPA, and c) embossed school seal. It must be sealed in an official school envelope. Applicants must also submit G.E.D. and/or S.A.T. or A.C.T. scores.
3. One letter of recommendation. Letter must be from a person outside your family who can provide a character-based reference (e.g., coach, pastor, employer, teacher), and it must have an **original** signature and be **sealed** in an envelope.
4. An attached one-page essay (typed 300 words or less, double spaced) detailing the applicant's educational aims and life goals.
5. A copy of the applicant's *Application for Uniformed Services Identification Card Deers Enrollment* (DD1172) and *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty* (DD Form 214) paperwork (if applicable), sponsor's orders or the sponsor's proof of civilian employment at Keesler AFB; whichever applies. Retirees also need to provide 2 proofs of residency (i.e., DL, lease or utility bill).
6. All attachments and supporting documents must accompany the application and be submitted as a single package that includes one original application and letter of recommendation, and one original and two copies of the following: transcripts, ACT/SAT scores, essay, and activities record.
7. All paperwork and supporting documents must be postmarked by **February 28, 2018**. Submit to:

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

If you have any questions, please contact the KSC Scholarship Chairperson,

Holly Fisher at 228-424-2453 or kscscholarship@gmail.com.

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8. Sponsor's address, if different: _____
City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

9. Sponsor's place of employment: _____ Phone _____

10. Applicant High School Attended: _____ Graduation Date: _____

11. **IMPORTANT:** College/university/vocational school currently enrolled or accepted and
address where scholarship funds are to be mailed: (if plans are not yet final, please
indicate below)

12. Field of study or career you are/plan to pursue in college: _____

13. Have you accepted an appointment to a military academy? _____

**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 Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

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ACTIVITIES RECORD

(ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS IF NEEDED)

Please list all activities and community involvement below and provide the number of hours spent on each activity during each year of high school career.

	9	10	11	12
Student Government				
Organizations				
Community/Military-related Activities				
Awards/Honors				
Employment				
Athletics				
Hobbies				
Home Responsibilities				

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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, 2018. Monies will be sent directly to the college/university or vocational school specified by the scholarship recipient and must be used by June 30, 2019, 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 full-time enrollment and be applied to tuition, textbooks, on-campus housing, meal plan, required supplies or 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 3-6 of application package (original)
- _____ *Official* transcript which MUST be **sealed in an official school envelope** and should contain your GPA on 4.0 scale. ***(Please ensure the counselor is aware of this detail when completing the transcript. If the school uses a 100% GPA system or a 5.0 GPA System, please provide unweighted GPA comparisons.)***
- _____ Letter of Recommendation, **sealed in an envelope by the originator**
- _____ One-page student essay (original and two copies)
- _____ One copy 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), or sponsor's proof of employment at Keesler AFB.

Only **complete applications** will be considered.

****Please do not include any additional information other 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.

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First Command Educational Foundational Scholarship

First Command Financial Services is offering an *additional* \$1000 scholarship for High School Seniors in conjunction with the Keesler Spouses' Club Scholarship. Consideration of the First Command Scholarship requires completion of the First Command Scholarship Application and Basic\$4ALL, financial literacy curriculum. Upon completion, please print the certification of Basic\$4ALL certificate and submit the required documentation along with the KSC application package.

First Command Educational Foundation Application:

<https://www.fcef.com/wp-content/uploads/2017-CHP-Scholarship-Application-JE.pdf>

Basic\$4ALL financial literacy training:

www.fcef.com/basic-finances-4-all/