

I. INFORMATION:

1. The WMA Scholarship committee administers a program of grants. The number of these scholarships is determined by the annual earnings from the investments for these scholarships.
2. **WMA Memorial Scholarships** in the amount of \$1,500 or \$3,000 based on the number of qualified applicants.
3. **The Lily H. Gridley Memorial Scholarship** in the amount of \$1,500.
4. **The LaRue A. Ditmore Music Scholarship** in the amount of \$1,500 or \$3,000 based on the number of qualified applicants.
5. One **Ethyl and Armin Wiebke Memorial Scholarship** in the amount of \$1,500.
6. One **Major Megan McClung Memorial Scholarship** in the amount of \$1,500.
7. The **Agnes Sopcak Memorial Scholarship** in the amount of \$1,500 or \$3,000 based on the number of qualified applicants.
8. One **Virginia Guveyan Memorial Scholarship** in the amount of \$1,500.
9. A number of additional scholarships in various amounts may also be given. The purpose is to award grants to qualified applicants sponsored by WMA MEMBERS. These grants may be used at any accredited college, university or college level trade school.
 - a. WMA members may sponsor an unlimited number of applicants per year.
 - b. No individual is eligible to receive more than one (1) scholarship per academic year (with a maximum of two (2) lifetime awards). An applicant who receives a \$3,000 scholarship will have met the maximum two lifetime awards.
 - c. Application period extends exclusively from 1 November through 28 February. **Applications and all supporting documents postmarked after deadline will not be considered.**
 - d. A complete new package must be submitted each time applicant applies. Previous submissions will not be considered.
 - e. A selection board consisting of at least five (5) WMA members as defined in the WMA SOP will review all qualified applications.
 - f. For application status (qualified/disqualified only), the Scholarship chairman will respond to one email per applicant, at scholarship@WOMENMARINES.org. No telephone calls, postcards, letters or multiple inquires. No exceptions.
 - g. Winners will be notified by official letter or email with attachment before 15 May. Confirmation of receipt is required.
 - h. Disqualified applicants will be notified by official letter or email with attachment as to why they were disqualified.
 - i. Upon selection of successful applicants, the check will be mailed directly to the selected schools, upon evidence that applicants have actually enrolled therein.

II. TO QUALIFY FOR REVIEW APPLICANT MUST SATISFY WITH PROOF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Have served, or be serving in the United States Marine Corps or Reserve;
2. Be a direct descendant by blood, legal adoption or stepchild of a Marine on active duty, or who has served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, Regular or Reserve;
3. Be a sibling or a descendant of a sibling by blood, legal adoption, or step-child of a Marine on active duty, or who has served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, Regular or Reserve, OR;
4. Have completed two (2) years in the Marine Corps JROTC program.

III. ESSAY:

The following statement must be completed by all applicants; minimum: 1 page per statement; maximum 2 pages per statement.

1. The Women Marines Association member nominating me served "....." (Provide a short military synopsis of the woman Marine).
2. During my high school or college years or intervening years, I have accumulated over ___ hours of community service. Provide a de-

- scription of what those hours involved and what you have learned. You must have verification of service, i.e. high school transcript or letter from service organization.
3. What are your goals after college?

IV. EACH APPLICANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

1. Completed, typewritten form and all inclusions. Handwritten applications will not be accepted.
2. Readable copy of Sponsor's National Membership Card. Provide color copy if possible.
3. A passport photo 2x2; (name written on lower back).
4. Two (2) letters from school personnel on official letterhead, signed and in sealed envelopes, attesting to applicant's character, attitude, leadership, ability, scholastic participation, etc. DO NOT SEND copies of personal accolades.
5. Proof of relationship to a US Marine. (Copy of Discharge, DD214 and all pertinent birth certificates.) If applicant is an active duty or active reservist, a copy of current military photo ID or a copy of your WMA membership card, is required.
6. EXCEPTION to relationship Section II Para 4 only: When the applicant is a member of a USMC JROTC unit; Senior Military Instructor must submit a letter attesting to applicant's status.
7. Male applicants must submit proof of draft registration when applying on or after their eighteenth birthday.
8. Every applicant must have a WMA member sponsor. NO EXCEPTIONS.

NOTE: All applications must be complete as stated in these procedures to be considered qualified. Incomplete packages will not be considered. Pay attention to detail. You will be responsible for notifying your WMA sponsor as to whether you were selected or not.

V. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY:

1. Must have maintained a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
2. Submit SAT or ACT Scores.
3. Official transcript with grading key, mailed from school directly to the Scholarship Chairperson (one copy).
4. Letter of acceptance for the following year from the applicant's school of choice. (If acceptance has not been received by the deadline for submission of this application, decision of grant will be delayed until received. We acknowledge some schools do not send out their acceptance letters until later in the school year.)

VI. COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY:

1. A minimum college GPA = 3.0.
2. All first year students (freshmen) must submit:
 - a. Official final high school transcript including SAT/ACT scores;
 - b. Current college transcripts (one copy).
3. 2nd, 3rd and 4th year students will be evaluated on current transcripts.

DEADLINE/CUTOFF DATE: Completed applications and all supporting documents (i.e. official transcripts, letters, copy of sponsor's card, etc.) **MUST be postmarked on or before 28 February**.

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Email your question to: scholarship@womenmarines.org

A downloadable type able form can be found at <http://www.womenmarines.org/scholarships.aspx>