



Shaw Spouses' Club

Spouse Scholarship Application 2019

General Information/Criteria:

1. The Shaw Spouses' Club (SSC) awards merit-based scholarships to eligible military spouses who are currently enrolled in an accredited college or university seeking an Associate's, Bachelor's, or vocational/technical during the 2019- 2020 academic school year.
2. Selection criteria may include all or some of the following: academic achievement; standardized test scores; extracurricular activities (e.g. school and/or community athletics, volunteering, work experience, clubs, etc.); work history, citizenship, leadership roles; awards/honors; and personal essay.
3. The applicant is responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information and official documents.
4. Awards are granted without regard to member's military rank or applicant's race, gender, ethnicity, religion, or disability.
5. Applications must be postmarked no later than **15 March 2019**. Incomplete packets will be deemed ineligible. Please retain a copy of all documents; application packets will not be returned.
6. Applicants will be notified via email upon receipt of packet.
7. The SSC Scholarship Committee invites individuals from the community with strong academic backgrounds to judge the application essays. Essay judges and their dependents are not eligible to apply for the scholarship. Essay judges may not be members of the SSC.
8. Please see the FAQ page at the end of the application and e-mail any further questions to scholarship.shawsc@gmail.com.

Eligibility: Each Applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Applicants must be currently enrolled in or accepted to an accredited college, university or vocational/technical school and will be attending and accredited college, university or vocational/technical school during the 2019-2020 academic school year.
2. Each applicant must be the military spouse (or widow/widower) of an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, MIA/POW, deceased officer or enlisted member of the United States military.
3. Open to all military (active and retired) dependents affiliated with Shaw AFB or who live in South Carolina.
4. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA based on a 4.0 scale.
5. The SSC Scholarship Committee members and their dependents are not eligible to apply for or receive this scholarship.

Limitations:

1. Scholarship funds are to be used within the 2019-2020 academic year for those seeking an Associate, or Bachelor's Degree.
2. All funds received shall be applied to tuition and/or associated university costs administered by an accredited college or university. These costs may include books, fees, room or board, but may not be used to cover fees from previous academic years, penalty fees or disenrollment fees.
3. Payment of scholarship awards will be made directly to the selected school. The recipient ***must*** provide the Scholarship Chair with the name and address of the school the recipient will attend. This information, along with the **Enrollment Verification Form** must be postmarked no later than **1 November 2019**, or the award will be considered unclaimed.
4. The scholarship award, when combined with other scholarships, must not exceed the cost of tuition, fees, books, room and board for the academic year. Any remaining funds must be returned to the SSC Scholarship Fund.

Please keep this sheet for your records

SSC SPOUSE 2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**Application Instructions:**

1. **Print completed application or type**, using only available spaces on this form. **Do not use back of form.** Do not print using double sided. Do not attach a resume.
2. It is important that applicants provide all qualifying information in the application categories (Educational, Community/Volunteer Service, Community/Club Activities, College Activities, Awards/Honors.) Scholarships are awarded based on total points. Please attach additional data sheets as necessary to gain maximum points.
3. **Mail the completed application and any supporting documents to:**

Shaw Spouses' Club
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 52337
SHAW AFB, SC 29152

4. **Your complete packet must be postmarked no later than 15 March 2019.**
5. **You might want to use a form of tracking on your packet, but it is not required.**
6. **If you live OCONUS, you must mail your application packet via USPS Priority Mail.**

Application Completion:

This application becomes complete and valid only when all of the pages listed below are delivered. All materials must be submitted at the same time. Each page of the application must include the last four digits of the applicant's SSN. Copy only the pages indicated and attach. Do not staple, but paper clip together in the following prescribed order:

- Personal Data Sheet**
- Proof of military dependency. One of the following must be provided:**
 - o **Dependent Verification Letter (can be obtained from MPF)**
 - o **Photocopy of current orders (Active Duty only) with SS# blacked out. Dependent's name must be listed and highlighted.**
 - o **Retirement orders and additional documentation with dependent's name (ex: copy of valid dependent ID card).**
 - o **Copy of current DoD ID and Privileges Card or Current DD form 1173 (DD Form 2 for retirees) MUST be recently signed by applicant and approving authority-Verified in DEERS.**
- The Educational, Employment and Community/Volunteer Data sheet(s)**
- The Community/School Activities and Honors/Awards Data Sheet(s)**
- Official most recent educational transcript (high school or college). GPA must be visible and last transcript must be included.**
- Signed Certification Letter (page 6 of the application)**
- Two (2) copies of the Essay written by the applicant on the following question:**

“How will you use your education to give back to the military community?”

- Type essay, including a title, on 8½" x 11" white bond paper, 1- inch margins, 12pt Times New Roman, double-spaced, 500-750 words in length. Place your SSN (Last 4 ONLY) in the upper right corner of every page and your word count at the end of the essay. **DO NOT use your name, school, position, or other identifiers in the essay.**
- Judging criteria include: ideas, organization, voice and word choice, fluency, and conventions.

PLEASE KEEP THIS SHEET FOR YOUR RECORDS

Applicants last 4 digits of SSN _____

SSC SPOUSE 2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Personal Data Disclosure
<p>PRINCIPLE PURPOSES: To facilitate award of scholarship funds to education centers and determine eligibility.</p> <p>ROUTINE USES: Information may be disclosed to federal, state and local education institutions for the purpose of allocating awards to scholarship recipient accounts; the SSC Scholarship Committee for accounting purposes, and to verify military dependent eligibility.</p> <p>Applications are kept on file for one year then shredded.</p>

PERSONAL DATA SHEET

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION	
NAME (last, first, middle)	
Applicant's Last Four (SSN):	
Street Address:	Name and Address of College Attending:
City/State:	
ZIP:	Applicant's Military ID Card Expiration Date:
Home Phone Number:	Cell Phone:
E-Mail Address:	
SPONSOR'S INFORMATION	
Sponsor's Eligibility Category: (Circle One) Active Duty Retired Deceased Guard Reserve POW/MIA	
Sponsor's Name:	Military Rank/Grade:
Sponsor's Organization:	Sponsor's Last Four (SSN):
Organization Address:	Duty Phone Number:
Current Mailing Address (if different than applicant's):	E-mail Address:
Home Phone Number:	Sponsor's ID Card Expiration Date:

How did you hear about our scholarship? Google, Facebook, email, word of mouth, advisor, other _____:



SSC SPOUSE 2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

***It is important that applicants provide all qualifying information in the application categories (Educational, Employment, Community/Volunteer Service, Community/Club Activities, College Activities, Awards/Honors). Scholarships are awarded based on total points. Please attach additional data sheets if necessary.**

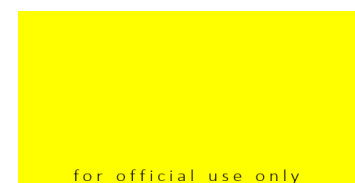
EDUCATIONAL DATA			
Last School Attended (Name, City, State)	GPA	Dates Attended From Mo/Yr -To Mo/Yr	

EMPLOYMENT DATA List last 5 years of employment (January 1, 2014-December 31, 2018 ONLY). List most recent employment first. Paid and Unpaid Internships/Practicums can be listed here.			
Job Description (Include Company, Job Title, Supervisor, City, State)	Estimated Total Hours	Dates employed Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr	
Ex: High Hills Elementary, Shaw AFB, SC 29152. Jim Brown, Educational Aide	190 days x 8hrs=1520	09/12	06/13

TOTAL HOURS: _____

VOLUNTEER SERVICE List past 5 years (January 1, 2014 to Dec 31, 2018) of volunteer work or participation in service, religious, and other community organizations or clubs. Verification of service may be required. List most recent service first.				
Organization (Name, City, State, Supervisor)	Position/Title	Estimated Total Hours	Dates volunteered From Mo/Yr–To Mo/Yr	
Red Cross, Blood Drive, Sumter, SC	Helped w/ blood drive	8	09/13	09/13
Relay for Life, Sumter, SC Sally Smith	Checked in participants	25	4/14	4/14

TOTAL HOURS: _____



SSC SPOUSE 2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

COMMUNITY OR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES List activity and place the descriptive symbol in the appropriate year column		
C-Captain	P-President	T-Treasurer
CC- Co-Captain	VP-Vice-President	S-Secretary
		M-Member
		L-Letter
		O- Please state position
Activity	Position	Description of Est Hours and Year(s) participated
ex., Baptist Student Union National Honor Society	V P	20 hours per month-100 hours total Fall 2013 10 hours per month-50 hours total Fall 2013

AWARDS/HONORS (Last 5 Years Jan 1, 2014-Dec 31, 2018)	Description of Award/Honor	Date(s)
ex., Dean’s List, PTA Volunteer of the Year FRG Spouse Volunteer of the Year	Min GPA 3.5 required Willow Drive Elementary G3, Shaw AFB, SC	Fall 2012 9-/11-6/12 May 2013



SSC SPOUSE 2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Certification Letter

I further certify that should I accept a Shaw Spouses' Club Scholarship Award (SSC), I will abide by the following conditions:

1. Scholarship funds are to be used within the 2019-2020 academic year for undergraduate studies.
2. All funds received shall be applied to tuition and/or associated university costs administered by an accredited college or university. These costs may include books, fees, room or board but may not be used for past or current penalties or disenrollment fees.
3. As a scholarship recipient, I must submit the name and address of the school I will attend for the 2019-2020 academic year on the **Enrollment Verification Form** to the Scholarship Chair **NLT 1 November 2019**.
4. After receiving the notice of acceptance of award letter, and the Enrollment Verification Form, the scholarship award will be mailed directly to the educational institution.
5. The scholarship award, when combined with other scholarships, must not exceed the cost of tuition, fees, books, room and board for the academic year. Any remaining funds must be returned to the SSC Scholarship Fund as soon as possible.
6. I have provided documentation I am a military (active or retired) spouse, please check affiliated box:
 - Affiliated with Shaw AFB
 - I live in South Carolina
7. I am a responsible citizen in good standing in the school and the community.
8. It is my responsibility to notify the SSC Scholarship Chair of any change of status (ex., change of schools, change in address, etc.) Failure to do so may result in the forfeiture of my scholarship award.
9. Unclaimed funds as of **1 December 2019** revert to the SSC Scholarship Fund.
10. If any of the above conditions are violated, scholarship funds must be returned to the SSC Scholarship Fund.

I agree that my signature on this form will authorize the SSC Scholarship Chair to release this application, including GPA, essay and transcript(s) to the Scholarship Committee, as needed.

I certify that all the information in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and the essay is entirely my own effort.

APPLICANT'S NAME:

Printed _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

SSC SPOUSE 2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. **Is this scholarship for both enlisted and officers' spouses?** Yes, it is open to dependents regardless of sponsor rank in the US military.
2. **I am in in the Army, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard. Am I eligible to apply?** No, this scholarship is only open to military dependent spouses.
3. **My spouse works as a civilian on an Air Force Base. Can I apply?** No, only military spouses are eligible.
4. **My spouse served in the military for seven years and separated from service. Am I eligible?** No. Your spouse is a proud veteran, but you are no longer considered a dependent.
5. **If I have previously won for another spouse club (ex., Scott OSC, McConnell OSC) can I apply and win for SSC?** Yes, you can.
6. **If I have previously won a scholarship from Shaw Officers' Spouses' Club (SOSC) or Shaw Enlisted Spouses' Club (SESC) can I apply again?** Yes.
7. **Can I apply for several different spouse club scholarships in the same year?** Yes.
8. **Can the check be written out to any other person/agency/landlord?** No, the check will only be written to the educational institution.
9. **Can I send in a print out of my college board ACT/SAT scores?** Yes, if your first and last name is clearly visible on your print out.
10. **Will you let me know if my application arrives?** Yes, you will receive a verification letter via email within three days of receipt.
11. **How do you notify the applicants?** Recipients will be notified by email. Winner notifications will also be notified by email. Winner notifications will occur in late April.
12. **I'm a spouse and a college student, which application do I use?** College-Age dependent applications are for military dependent children who are in college. Spouses will fill out the spouse application forms.
13. **Are references required?** No, reference letters are not required for this application.
14. **If I have been accepted/plan to attend a military academy am I eligible?** No.
15. **We are a dual active duty family. Can my spouse apply?** No, only non-active military spouses may apply.
16. **Do I have to be member of the SSC to apply for this scholarship?** No, this scholarship is open to any military spouse that meets the eligibility requirements.

- **Do not print double sided pages.**
- **Do not include a resume or photos.**
- **Do not forget to include all requested materials.**
- **Do not forget to sign your application.**