

**I. INFORMATION:**

1. The WMA Scholarship committee administers a program of grants. The annual earnings from the investments for these scholarships determine the number of 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. One **Fallen Warrior Scholarship** in the amount of \$1,500.
10. One **Margaret Apel** scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 sponsored by the OR-1 Chapter.
11. 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. WMA members can and should self-sponsor.
  - 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 January 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 chair 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 01 June. Confirmation of receipt is required.
  - h. Non-selected applicants will be notified by official letter or email with attachment as to why they were not selected.
  - i. Upon selection of successful applicants, the check will be mailed in August directly to the selected schools, upon evidence that applicants have actually enrolled therein.
  - j. Applications will be accepted from students living outside the continental (OCONUS) and will be attending an OCONUS college. In order to compare GPA/Test Scores with U.S. schools, the transcripts from those high schools must include a grading key and any test scores the applicant has. Test scores must have information that can be interpreted as to what the results mean. An acceptance letter from the college is still required.
  - k. Recommend applicant not wait until the end of the application

period of 28 February to mail in applications. Weather could affect the postmark date of your application. It is recommended applicant use certified mail as proof of delivery.

**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. Be a spouse of a Marine.
5. Have completed two (2) years in the Marine Corps JROTC program.

**III. ESSAY:**

The following three statements must be completed by all applicants; minimum one page per statement; maximum two pages per statement. Each essay must be on a separate piece of paper.

1. The Women Marines Association member nominating me served "....." (Provide a short military synopsis of the woman Marine). Interview your sponsor do not copy her bio. Bullet style of synopsis does not show your writing abilities.
2. During my high school or college years or intervening years, I have accumulated over \_\_\_ hours of community service. Provide a description of what those hours involved and what you have learned. Must have verification of service, i.e. high school transcript or letter from service organization. Proof is required from high school graduates. College or graduate student in lieu of this paragraph, please discuss what extra community activities you have been involved in since high school or college. (Volunteer Service Medal is accepted as proof.)
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.  
READABLE copy of Sponsor's National Membership Card. Provide color copy if possible. In the event the membership card is not available, email the Membership Secretary at: msec@womenmarines.org and request a copy. WMA will provide a .pdf copy of the membership card for inclusion in the application package. Requests must be received no later than 15 February for action to be taken. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE**. Requests made after 15 February will not be accepted and the Scholarship Committee will not be able to verify membership.
2. A passport photo 2x2: (head/shoulder only and name written on lower back). ID cards or snapshots are not acceptable.
3. 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. Letters must be written within the past year. Non-high school and college students can submit letters from employers, military personnel or anyone who can attest to your ability to succeed.
4. Proof of relationship to a US Marine. (Copy of Discharge, DD214, marriage certificate, and all pertinent birth certificates or military dependent ID.) 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. If regulations prohibit copying of military ID, a letter on command letterhead from the Commanding Officer or Administrative Officer is acceptable. Recommend submit a family tree drawing.

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. (Not weighted)
2. Submit SAT or ACT Scores.
3. One copy of the official transcript with grading key mailed from the school directly to the Scholarship Chairperson, not to be included in the application package.
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 shall be sent from the high school directly to the Scholarship Chairperson.
  - b. One copy of the current official college transcripts shall be sent from the college directly to the Scholarship Chairperson and not included in the application package.
3. 2nd, 3rd and 4th year students will be evaluated on current official transcripts sent from the school directly to the Scholarship Chairperson.
4. Master/PhD applicants are required to submit official undergraduate transcripts sent from the school/college.
5. Current college and active duty personnel applicants must be full-time students (12 credit hours) in order to be eligible for a WMA Scholarship. Master/PhD applicants are required to take at least six (6) credit hours each semester.

**NOTE 1:** For those applicants that have completed their first enlistment or have been out of the education pipeline for over 10 years, are not required to submit an official high school transcript, or ACT/SAT scores.

**NOTE 2:** Transcripts sent from *Parchment* are accepted in lieu of official transcripts sent from the school.

**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 questions to [scholarship@womenmarines.org](mailto:scholarship@womenmarines.org)

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

**IF UNSURE OF WHERE ATTENDING COLLEGE, THIS INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED WHEN NOTIFIED OF SELECTION. STUDENT ID MUST BE PROVIDED AT THE SAME TIME.**

REFER TO THE WMA WEBSITE FOR UPDATES under WMA PROGRAMS at <https://www.womenmarines.org/scholarships>