

## **The Fort Myer Thrift Shop College Scholarship Instructions 2020**

Fort Myer Thrift Shop Scholarship applications will be accepted beginning February 1, 2020.

All materials must be submitted in one envelope, which must be mailed to the Fort Myer Thrift Shop and postmarked NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2020. Incomplete applications and applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.

Applications that do not meet the eligibility requirements will not be considered for a scholarship award. Incomplete applications will not be considered for a scholarship award.

### **Eligibility**

Children (up to age 22) of active duty, retired or deceased U.S. Army all ranks personnel, who are currently high school seniors may be eligible for a Fort Myer Thrift Shop Scholarship. High school seniors must be planning to attend a post-secondary institution in a degree program as a full-time student for the 2020-2021 school year.

High school seniors and college students must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average to be eligible for a scholarship.

Scholarships are awarded based on merit and are available to children (up to age 22) and spouses of active duty, retired, or deceased U. S. Army all ranks personnel who maintain a current military ID card.

Scholarships are awarded in three categories: high school senior, college student, and spouse. Applicants can be awarded only one scholarship in each category. Applicants may receive a scholarship as a high school senior and later receive another scholarship as a college student. Applicants who are awarded a scholarship as a college student or spouse cannot reapply for a scholarship in that category. Unsuccessful college student or spouse applicants may reapply for a scholarship in that category as long as they continue to meet the eligibility requirements for the scholarship.

### **Residency requirements**

Both the applicant and the sponsor must reside in or be deployed from one of the following cities or counties in the Greater Washington Area:

- District of Columbia
- In Maryland, the counties of Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Montgomery or Prince George
- In Virginia, the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Stafford or Prince William or the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas or Manassas Park

## **Application requirements – forms to include**

**Fort Myer Thrift Shop College Scholarship Application form.** Complete, print and sign the form. Both the applicant and sponsor must sign the form. If the sponsor is deceased or deployed on an unaccompanied assignment, the applicant's other parent or guardian must sign the form in place of the sponsor. Printed names will not be accepted.

**Applicant's military dependent ID card.** A readable photocopy (front and back) of the applicant's military dependent ID card. Applicants should check the expiration date as expired ID cards will not be accepted.

**Official transcript.** Include an official transcript from the high school attended by the applicant. Official transcripts must be in a sealed envelope and signed by a school official. If the institution requires that the transcript be sent directly to the Fort Myer Thrift Shop, the transcript should be mailed to the address listed below. **All transcripts must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2020 or the application will be considered incomplete.**

**Awards and activities one page summary.** A list of awards or activities highlighting the applicant's academic achievement, community involvement and leadership potential. This information may include academic or non-academic awards or recognitions; membership in organizations and positions held in such organizations; participation in service or community projects and internship or employment experience during the applicant's college years.

**Essay.** An essay of no more than two (2) double-spaced pages in response to the following question: How has your experience as a military family member influenced your life as a college student?

**Letter of recommendation.** One (1) letter of recommendation from someone other than a relative who has been in contact with you since college. The letter of recommendation must be in a sealed envelope and must include an address and telephone number at which the person writing the letter can be reached. The writer should identify the applicant by name once in the introduction of the letter and then use "he" or "she" throughout the remainder of the letter. No additional letters of recommendation will be considered.

**Arrange the submitted materials in the order requested and mail in one envelope to:**

Fort Myer Thrift Shop  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 1112  
Fort Myer, VA 22211

Any questions may be sent to the Scholarship Committee at [FMTS224@gmail.com](mailto:FMTS224@gmail.com) or you may call The Fort Myer Thrift Shop at 703-527-0664 during normal business hours.