

The Fort Myer Thrift Shop High School Senior 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

High School Senior 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.

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.**

SAT or ACT scores. The applicant's SAT or ACT scores must be included if those scores are not reported on the applicant's official transcript. The applicant may submit a printed copy of their scores from the College Board or ACT website, as long as the printed web page clearly shows the applicant's full name alongside the scores. Hand written or typed in names added to the printed SAT or ACT webs score page will not be accepted.

Names of colleges you have been accepted to and where you have applied. A one page summary of the names of the colleges to which the applicant has been accepted, if any, and the names of any other colleges to which the applicant has applied.

List all high schools attended on one page. Include a list of the names and locations of high schools attended by the applicant.

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 high school 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 decision to pursue a college education?

Letter of recommendation. One (1) letter of recommendation from a school official, counselor, teacher, present or former employer or community leader. 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 or you may call The Fort Myer Thrift Shop at 703-527-0664 during normal business hours.