



**Belvoir Spouses' Club (BSC)
Military Spouse
2021 Scholarship Application**

The Belvoir Spouses' Club (BSC) supports the fellowship of military spouses in the greater Washington D.C. area. We raise money to award merit-based scholarships to deserving students who are civic-minded and actively engaged in their community, aligning well with the mission of the group. These awards are made possible by proceeds generated from the BSC's various fundraising efforts. All applications are reviewed anonymously by an impartial selection committee and judged based on the following criteria (in order of importance): essay submission, community involvement, leadership, academic and other achievement and letters of recommendation.

Eligibility: Each applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. You must be a spouse of an active duty, reserve, guard, deceased or retired military member of all services and ranks.
2. Eligible applicants' sponsor must reside in the greater Washington D.C. area and have valid PCS orders or DD214 for the Greater Washington Metro Area.
3. Eligible applicants must be a current member of the Belvoir Spouses' Club (BSC).
4. Spouse applicants must be currently pursuing or planning to pursue their undergraduate education at an accredited/licensed vocational/technical program; or an accredited 2 or 4-year college or university for the 2021-2022 academic year.
5. Past award recipients are eligible to receive a maximum of 2 scholarships in their lifetime.

Disbursement of Awards:

1. Applicants will be notified of the decision in writing on or before May 1, 2021.
2. Scholarship funds will be distributed to award winners in one payment upon receipt of copy of registration or enrollment no later than August 1, 2021. Failure to do so may result in remittance of award to an alternate scholarship winner.
3. All funds received shall be applied to tuition and/or associated costs/fees. Payment of scholarship awards will be made directly to the related academic institution.
4. The scholarship award, when combined with other scholarships, should not exceed the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board for the academic year. Any remaining funds must be returned to the BSC as soon as possible.
5. Scholarship winners who accept a full scholarship (to include tuition, room and board) from another source, or receive an appointment to a military academy (except for Merchant Marines), must forfeit the BSC scholarship and notify the BSC scholarship committee in writing of that decision no later than August 1, 2021.

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Application Instructions:

1. Print legibly or type in black ink. If additional space is required please continue on 8.5"x 11" white bond paper, properly titled. Do **NOT** send resumes, copies of awards or diplomas. Provide only the information requested.
2. The complete application must be postmarked to the BSC Scholarship Chair, no later than March 15, 2021 to be considered. Applications will **NOT** be accepted by e-mail, fax or hand delivery. This application becomes complete and valid only when all of the pages listed below are delivered. Incomplete applications will **NOT** be considered. All materials must be collated and submitted at the same time.
3. Copy and attach the pages indicated below as instructed. Paper clip all items together in the following prescribed order (Do **NOT** staple):
 - Applicant and Sponsor Information (Page 3)
 - Certification Letter (Page 4)
 - Two (2) letters of recommendation (NOT from family members)
 - **Copy** of most recent high school, college or vocational/technical program transcript
 - **Copy** of Valid PCS orders or Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD214)
 - Educational, Employment and Community Service Information form (Page 5)
 - Extracurricular Activities and Awards/Honors Information form (Page 6)
 - Typewritten essay response by the applicant

Essay Question: All essays must be typed, double spaced in 12 pt. Times New Roman font on 8.5"x 11" white paper. Essays should NOT exceed 750 words, and should NOT include your name, school, position, sponsors' rank or other identifiers. Content and grammar will both be a consideration in determining award recipients. Essays must be personally written on the following topic:

Describe a time you faced an obstacle that blocked you from a commitment and how you dealt with the situation to fulfill your obligation.

Questions/Mailing Information:

- To be considered for an award your completed application must be **postmarked no later than March 15, 2021 and mailed to:**

**BSC Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 322
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060**

- For questions or additional clarification, please contact **BSC Scholarship Chair** at scholarshipsbcs1@gmail.com.

Privacy Act Statement	
AUTHORITY: 31 U.S.C. 3721	ROUTINE USES:
PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: Application for educational scholarship	a) Information is used to provide a basis for the award and payment of scholarship money for collegiate education.
DISCLOSURE: Voluntary. However, incomplete applications will not be considered.	b) Social Security Numbers are used to assure correct identification of applicants and applicant's military sponsor, to verify information provided on the application, and to assure payment to proper awardees.



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APPLICANT'S INFORMATION					
Applicant Status (please check one)		Child/Dependent		Spouse	
Applicant's Name (Last, First, Middle)					
Date of Birth					
Current Mailing Address					
Home Phone/Cell Phone			Email address		
SPONSOR'S INFORMATION					
Sponsor Status (please check one)		Active Duty	Retired	Reserve/Guard	Deceased
Sponsor's Name (Last, First, Middle)					
Sponsor Home/Cell Phone:					
Following information required for Active Duty Sponsor Status only					
Assigned Unit			Work Phone		
Present Organization			Organization Address		

What other military-affiliated organizations or spouses' clubs have you applied for a scholarship with?

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CERTIFICATION LETTER

I hereby acknowledge and agree that all information in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and the essay is entirely my own effort. If I accept a Belvoir Spouses' Club scholarship, I further acknowledge I will abide by the following conditions:

1. Scholarship funds are to be used for costs directly associated with their degree program within the 2021-2022 academic year and applied to tuition, fees, books, housing or school meal plans only at an accredited college, university or licensed vocational/technical program. Payment of scholarship awards will be made directly to the related academic institution.
2. The BSC scholarship, when combined with other scholarships, must not exceed the cost of tuition, fees, housing or school meal plans for the applicable academic year. Any remaining funds must be returned to BSC.
3. After notification as a scholarship recipient, I will return the BSC Scholarship Acceptance Agreement no later than May 15, 2021; failure to do so may result in remittance of the award to an alternate winner. Scholarship funds will be distributed upon receipt of the scholarship agreement and a copy of the school's statement showing acceptance or registration in an accredited institution.
4. If I accept a full scholarship (to include tuition, room and board) from another source or accept an appointment to a military academy I must forfeit the BSC scholarship and notify the BSC Scholarship Chair in writing of that decision no later than August 1, 2021.
5. It is my responsibility to notify the BSC Scholarship Committee of any change of status (i.e. change of schools, change in address, etc.) Failure to do so may result in the forfeiture of my scholarship award.
6. I am a responsible citizen in good standing in my school and community.
7. I understand falsification of information or failure to provide documentation may result in the revocation of my scholarship award.

I agree that my signature on this form will authorize the BSC Scholarship Committee Chair to release this application, including transcripts and letters of recommendation to the Scholarship Committee and Scholarship Selection Panel as needed.

APPLICANT'S PRINTED NAME: _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

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EDUCATION (begin with most recent College attended)				
School Name	City	State	Dates Attended From Mo/Yr – To Mo/Yr	Degree Earned
EMPLOYMENT (list most recent first)				
Employer (Name, City, State)	Position/Title	Hours Worked	Dates Employed From Mo/Yr – To Mo/Yr	
COMMUNITY SERVICE (Volunteer work with service, religious and other community organizations. Begin with most recent)				
Organization (Name, City, State)	Position/Title	Total Hours	Dates Volunteered From Mo/Yr – To Mo/Yr	

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EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (include clubs, honor societies, musical talents, organized sports, hobbies, special interests etc. You may attach an additional sheet typed on 8 ½" x 11" white paper, if necessary.)

Activity	Position Held	From Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr

AWARDS/HONORS (Please list any additional awards or recognition not previously listed. You may attach an additional sheet typed on 8 ½" x 11" white paper. Begin with most recent.)

Award/Recognition	Organization	Date Received

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS (Describe any special circumstances or other information you would like considered, i.e. deployment of a parent or spouse, learning challenges, financial need, etc. You may attach an additional sheet typed on 8 ½" x 11" white paper, if necessary.)