

## COMMUNITY SPOUSES' CLUB OF FORT BENNING

### MERIT SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The Community Spouses' Club of Fort Benning (CSC) annually awards two types of merit scholarship:

1. MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
Scholarship recipients must be high school seniors about to enter college for the first time.
2. MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION STUDENTS  
Those who have already graduated from high school and are either currently enrolled in school or are in the process of enrolling in school.

Both types of scholarships can be awarded for:

- a) Graduate or Undergraduate studies
- b) Vocational/Technical studies (one or two year programs)

Each are judged separately with the exception of the submission of standardized test scores, both scholarships apply the same criteria.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE TO:

**Eligible individuals** are spouses and children of active duty, reserve, or retired active duty military that will be enrolled in a full or part-time accredited degree program during the upcoming 2018-2019 academic year. Applicants or their military sponsors **must reside in the Fort Benning area or associated communities**. Individuals who will be attending a service academy or who accept any other full scholarship are not eligible to apply for this scholarship. Scholarships are based on scholastic merit and community involvement. Race, color, sex, national origin, or financial need will not influence the selection.

#### SELECTION:

The CSC Scholarship Selection Committee will consist of a cross section of CSC members. The CSC Scholarship Chairperson is not a voting member. The CSC Scholarship Chairperson will remove the applicant's name and other identifying information from the application packet before review by the selection committee. In the event that there are not enough qualified applicants for the scholarships, the CSC Scholarship Selection Committee reserves the right to redistribute scholarship monies.

The CSC Scholarship Selection Committee will award scholarships based on merit. The following will be considered:

1. Grades, courses taken, school performance and for traditional students, standardized test scores (SAT or ACT).
2. Community and school involvement, volunteer activities and employment. (Volunteer activities include community, school, social, church and military or civilian organizations on and off post.)
3. Leadership positions held
4. Awards and honors received
5. Written essay
6. Written recommendations

#### DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOLARSHIP MONIES:

Candidate must be accepted by an accredited institution of higher learning (college, junior college, university, trade or technical school) prior to the distribution of scholarship money. Scholarship money will be forwarded directly to the recipient's chosen institution of higher learning upon receipt of proof of enrollment. **The scholarship money must be sent to the accredited institution no later than November 1, 2018.**

Scholarship money can be used toward tuition, books and/or room and board. In the event that a scholarship recipient receives an appointment to a military academy or a full scholarship that includes tuition, books and room and board, the recipient will return the scholarship monies awarded by the CSC within 90 days so that other students may benefit from a CSC scholarship.

#### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Completed scholarship application (we encourage copies be front and back).
2. Typewritten Essay
3. School Records:
  - a. Traditional student applications must include an official copy of their high school transcript and a copy of their standardized scores.
  - b. Continuing Education student applications must include an official copy of their college transcripts. (Envelope must be sealed).
4. Two completed Recommendation Forms: Can be;
  - a. Academic recommendation from a school faculty member (teacher, counselor, club advisor, coach, etc.) and/or
  - b. Character reference from community activity or employment (scouts, church, clubs, etc.) **Relatives may not be used.**
5. Proof of Military Sponsorship/ Copy of DD FORM 1172-2 (DEERS form; Military IDs will not be accepted).

All application information will be treated in a confidential manner.

MAIL ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

**CSC of Fort Benning  
P. O. Box 51978  
Ft. Benning, GA 31995-1978  
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP**

**For the application to be considered, the Scholarship Chairperson must receive all materials as outlined herein postmarked no later than March 15, 2018.**

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all parts of the application, including references, are received by the due date.

All applicants will be notified in writing of selection or non-selection.

Questions pertaining to the scholarship application can be directed to CSC Scholarship Chairperson, at **[scholarship@fortbenningcsc.org](mailto:scholarship@fortbenningcsc.org)**, or our general website; [www.fortbenningcsc.org](http://www.fortbenningcsc.org).