

FORT GORDON SPOUSES AND CIVILIANS CLUB MERIT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Fort Gordon Spouses and Civilians Club of Fort Gordon will award merit scholarships for graduating seniors to assist them in their first year of education at an accredited university, college, or vocational/technical school.

Applicants will be evaluated on academic standing, trade aptitude, citizenship, character, participation in school and community activities, and the stated desire and sincerity for further education.

To be eligible for an award, the applicant must be a graduating senior in good standing at an accredited high school in the CSRA and either a military dependent with a valid ID card or the dependent of a current member of the Fort Gordon Spouses and Civilians Club.

Each applicant must provide the Scholarship Committee with the following:

1. A completed application form.
2. A clear legible copy of the front and back of their military ID card.
3. A completed General Information Form (4 pages). Attach an extra sheet to the form listing additional facts.
4. A typed essay of no more than 200 words about educational plans, ambitions, and goals submitted with the packet. Please remember your reason for applying for this scholarship. Include any information about your work and or scholastic records which you feel would be helpful to the Scholarship Selection Committee
5. Official high school transcripts.
6. Completed Verification Form from high school principle or counselor confirming that the applicant is a graduating senior in good standing
7. Two (2) letters of recommendation:
 - a. One (1) academic reference (teacher, club, sponsor, or guidance counselor).
 - b. One (1) character reference.

References will only be accepted from those listed on the General Information Form. Letters of reference should include complete sentences, not just excellent or superior. Additional guidance is provided on the reference sheets.

All items (1-7) must be submitted in the same package.

Items 5, 6, and 7 must be in a sealed envelope with a signature or stamp across the seal.

These forms can also be found at www.fgsc.com.

The committee must receive all materials no later than **March 01, 2012** deadline. It is the applicant's responsibility to insure all requirements of the application are fulfilled. Any items missing or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Recipients become ineligible to receive a scholarship from Fort Gordon Spouses and Civilians Club if the following occurs:

1. The recipient accepts a service academy appointment.
2. The recipient receives a full college scholarship from any other scholarship program that pays for all the tuition, room, board, and fees.
3. The recipient is unable to attend college in the fall of the year in which the scholarship was granted. In these cases, the recipient will notify the Committee Chairperson promptly, so the scholarship can be awarded to an alternate.

Scholarship grants will be paid to the university, college, or technical school in which the recipient is enrolled. All scholarship grants will be used for the payment of tuition, room, board, and fees only. The recipient must notify the Scholarship Chairperson of the correct mailing address of the school they will attend. The Fort Gordon Spouses and Civilians Club Treasurer will mail the recipient a copy of the letter sent with the check to the school. If the committee has not been notified where to mail the check within one (1) month of the award date, or if the student withdraws for any reason, the Fort Gordon Spouses and Civilians Club Scholarship will be awarded to the next eligible alternate. If there are extenuating circumstances, (i.e. illness, family move, etc.) the student may apply for a continuance from the Fort Gordon Spouses and Civilians Club Board of Governors. Additional information will be sent to the winning recipients.

If there is money remaining at the end of the student's first year of school, it can be used toward the second year. Acceptance of a Fort Gordon Scholarship does not preclude a student from receiving a loan or grant based upon need or compensation for work performed.

All information submitted to the Scholarship Selection Committee is treated as confidential and will be used only for the selection of awards.

The Scholarship Committee will notify scholarship winners. All grants will be presented at the Spring Fort Gordon Spouses and Civilians Club function. Additional details will be provided to the winners.

Mail completed package to: Debbie Windhorn
 Scholarship Chairperson
 Fort Gordon Spouses and Civilians Club
 P. O. Box 7372
 Fort Gordon, GA 30905

Any additional questions please call Debbie Windhorn at 706-364-8702.

Sincerely,

Debbie Windhorn
Scholarship Chairperson

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDANCE

1. Print or type your application so the judges can read all of the information given.
2. Avoid cramming your information into small spaces. Attach an extra sheet to the form, neatly listing additional facts.
3. Proofread your finished forms, checking for spelling and grammatical errors.

4. Essay:

State your goals and objectives. Do not worry about sounding “pushy” or “conceited” — tell the judges what is important to you and what you want to accomplish. Sell yourself—it is to your advantage! Stay within the word limit.

5. On the reference forms:

Ask references to type or print with a black pen, so each judge’s copy will be legible.

Use good judgment about who to ask for a good reference. Personal friends may not have direct knowledge of information useful in scholarship consideration. People who can write well should be considered. Clergy, teachers, and employers are usually the best references.

Complete sentences are required, not just a single word (i.e. excellent, superior).

Ask references to refer to you as “the applicant” and not to use your name.

Make sure the reference names on the general information sheet are exactly the same as those who have written references for you. The committee will accept no other references.

Give your references a clean, new envelope. Once the reference form is complete, the person writing the reference should put the reference in the envelope and sign or stamp over the seal to ensure the form was not tampered with.

6. SAT/ACT scores need to be on your verification form even though they are on your transcripts — remind the counselors. Also, class rank and GPA must be for the end of the first semester, senior year.

7. Make sure your complete application is in the Scholarship Chairman’s hands before the deadline date of March 01, 2012. The committee does not consider late applications.

FORT GORDON SPOUSES AND CIVILIANS CLUB APPLICATION FORM MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Name of Applicant (Last) (First) (Middle)

Telephone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Home Address (Street) (City, State) (Zip)

Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____

Sponsor's Name _____ Rank _____ Branch of Service _____

Circle One: Active Duty Retired Reserve/NG Deceased

Sponsor's Duty Assignment (if Active Duty, Reserves, NG) _____

This application is for which type of scholarship award:

Academic (4 years) Vocational/Technical (2 years) (circle one)

Is your parent a member of the Fort Gordon Spouses and Civilians Club? Yes No (circle one)

TRUTH STATEMENT:

I hereby affirm that the information submitted by me on the application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if any portion is found to be inaccurate, I may be disqualified. I also understand that the decision of the Selection Committee is final.

(Applicant's Signature in ink)

TO PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

As a parent/guardian please verify the eligibility of your dependent for this scholarship award.

Signature of Sponsor (or spouse of Sponsor if the Sponsor is deployed)

GENERAL INFORMATION FORM – MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PAGE 1

Academic and Extracurricular Honors Received

Year

Participation in school activities: Sports, Drama, Band, School paper, Yearbook, Student Government, etc. (exclude any for which you received academic credit, i.e. Band, Wind Ensemble, some school plays) Include 4 years of high school, and what you participated in each activity

Activity or Organization

Position Held/Member

Year

List of High Schools you have Attended (include dates)

List the colleges, universities, or vocational schools to which you have applied. Include whether you have been accepted:

Name of School

Address

Accepted

(If more room is needed, attach a separate typed sheet)

GENERAL INFORMATION FORM – MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PAGE 2

Participation in Community Activities: volunteer services, church organizations, scouts, social clubs, etc.

<u>Activity or Organization</u>	<u>Position Held/Member</u>	<u>Year</u>

Work Experience: (if none, state "NONE") include babysitting, yard work, etc.

<u>Name and Address of Employer</u>	<u>Position and Hours</u>	<u>Dates</u>

Outside interests or hobbies:

Are there circumstances which prevented you from participating in extracurricular activities? If so, Explain.

GENERAL INFORMATION FORM – MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PAGE 3

References: List the names, addresses, telephone number, and occupation of two (2) persons to whom you will give the reference form. There should be one academic and one character reference.

Academic Reference

1. Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Occupation: _____

Character Reference

2. Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Occupation: _____

VERIFICATION FORM

To be completed by the Principle or Guidance Counselor of the applicant's high school.

Name of Student: _____

Name and address of High School: _____

Cumulative high school grade point average: _____

Rank in class: _____ out of _____ seniors

SAT scores: Math _____ Critical Reading _____ writing _____

And/or ACT composite score: _____

Please provide only the highest score the student obtained in each section

Special aptitude for trade desired (if applicable): _____

Signature

Title/Position

Note to Principal/Guidance Counselor: Please attach legible Student Transcripts and statements explaining grading system and a transcript of extracurricular activities, if one is available. Place them along with this form in a sealed school envelope with a signature or stamp across the seal for the student to include with their application.

APPLICANT'S NAME:

Academic Reference

Comments must be printed or typed in black ink. Please include comments on initiative, attitude, integrity, leadership, intellectual curiosity, and any other information you feel is pertinent based on your knowledge and observations of the applicant. To ensure fairness, each applicant will be given a number and the name above will be removed. Please use the word "applicant" in your narrative and do not use the candidate's name. Place the letter along with this form in a sealed envelope with a signature or stamp across the seal.

Evaluation:

How long have you known this student?

What is your relationship with this student?

Name: _____

Address:

Telephone:

Signature _____

APPLICANT'S NAME:

Character Reference

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