

# Air Force Officers' Spouses' Club of Washington, D.C. High School Class of 2024 Scholarship Application

## **General Information/Criteria:**

1. The Air Force Officers' Spouses' Club of Washington, D.C. (AFOSC) offers merit-based scholarships to eligible United States Air Force (USAF) and United States Space Force (USSF) dependent children who are graduating high school seniors and will begin undergraduate studies at an accredited college or university during the 2024-2025 academic school year.
1. Scholarships are awarded in accordance with the AFOSC Scholarship Committee Policies and Procedures.
2. Selection criteria may include all or some of the following: academic achievement; extracurricular activities (e.g. school and/or community athletics, volunteering, work experience, clubs, etc.); work history, citizenship, leadership roles; awards/honors; short response question and personal essay.
3. The applicant is responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information and official documents.
1. Awards are granted without regard to USAF or USSF member's rank or applicant's race, gender, ethnicity, religion, or disability.
4. Applications must be submitted no later than **March 8, 2024**. You will receive a confirmation of your submitted application within 24 hours.
5. Applicants will be notified by e-mail of the results in April 2024.
6. The AFOSC Scholarship Committee invites individuals with strong academic backgrounds from the community to judge the application packets. Judges and their dependents are not eligible to apply for the scholarship. Judges may not be members of the AFOSC.
7. Please see our FAQ page at the end of the application packet. Please email additional questions to [AFOSCScholarships@gmail.com](mailto:AFOSCScholarships@gmail.com)

## **Eligibility: Each applicant must meet the following requirements:**

1. Applicants must be a candidate for graduation from high school or certified home school program for the current school year and plan to attend an accredited college or university during the 2024-2025 academic school year.
2. Each applicant must be a legal military dependent child of an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, POW/MIA, deceased officer or enlisted member of the USAF or USSF.
3. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative 3.25 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
4. Home-schooled applicants must supply credentials and documentation that are commensurate with the requirements listed in the application.
5. The AFOSC Scholarship Committee members and their dependents are not eligible to apply for or receive this scholarship.
6. Applicants must have an eligible sponsor currently living and/or stationed in the DMV area.
7. Email [AFOSCScholarships@gmail.com](mailto:AFOSCScholarships@gmail.com) with any eligibility questions

## **Limitations:**

1. Scholarship funds are to be used during the 2024-2025 academic year for undergraduate studies.
2. All funds received shall be applied to tuition and/or associated university fees/costs administered by an accredited college or university. These costs may include books, fees, room or board but may not be used to cover fees from previous academic years, penalty fees or disenrollment fees.
3. Payment of scholarship awards will be made directly to the selected school. The recipient ***must*** provide the Scholarship Committee with the name and address of the school the recipient will attend. This information, along with the **Enrollment Verification Form**, must be postmarked by **August 15, 2024**, or the award will be considered unclaimed.
4. The scholarship award, when combined with other scholarships, must not exceed the cost of tuition, fees, books, room and board for the academic year. Any remaining funds must be returned to the AFOSC Welfare Fund.
5. Students accepting an appointment to a military service academy, a 4-year full ROTC scholarship (most only pay for the academic portion) or a full scholarship (including the GI Bill) which pays 100% of the student's tuition, fees, books, room and board become ineligible for this award. Any applicant awarded an AFOSC Scholarship and intends to attend a military service academy or intends to use a full scholarship, must notify the AFOSC Scholarship Committee immediately and forfeit the AFOSC Scholarship. The AFOSC Scholarship will, in turn, be awarded to an alternate scholarship recipient.
6. Recipients who accept a scholarship from another military officers'/enlisted spouses' organization become ineligible for the AFOSC scholarship and must notify the AFOSC Scholarship committee immediately and forfeit the award. The AFOSC Scholarship will, in turn, be awarded to an alternate scholarship recipient.
7. Prior recipients of an AFOSC Scholarship are not eligible to apply for or receive the AFOSC Scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic school year.

**Please keep this sheet for your records.**

*The AFOSC is a private, nonprofit organization. It is not part of the DoD or any of its components and has no governmental status*

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### **Application Instructions:**

1. Review the application requirements (below) *before* starting the online application.
2. **Complete the online application form by clicking on this link: [Class of 2024 Scholarship Application](#). Application and supporting documents must be completed and submitted via the link by **March 8, 2024** for full consideration.**
3. It is important that applicants provide any and all qualifying information in the application categories (Educational, Employment, Community/Volunteer Service, Community/Club Activities, High School Activities, Awards/Honors). Scholarships are awarded based on total points.
4. You will receive a confirmation of the complete application to your email once you have submitted. Please allow 24 hours for confirmation email.

### **Application Completion:**

**This application becomes complete and valid only when all of the areas listed below are completed on the scholarship application and the supporting materials are submitted via the application link. All materials must be submitted by March 8, 2024 to be considered.**

### **Online Application**

- Personal Information
- Community Club Activities, High School Activities
- Educational, Employment, and Community Service
- Awards/Honors

### **Supporting Materials**

- Proof of Air Force Dependency.
  - o A photo of one of the following must be loaded into the online application:
    - Dependent Verification Letter (can be obtained from MPF). Must have an authorizing signature.
    - Photocopy of current orders (Active Duty only) with SS# blacked out. Dependent's name must be listed and highlighted.
    - Retirement orders and additional documentation with dependents name (eg: copy of valid dependent ID card)
    - DD1172 form MUST be recently signed by applicant and approving authority-Verified in DEERS.
- Copy of the essay written by the applicant on the following prompt:

**“Describe how you want to make a difference in our world.”**

- Essay must be 250-300 words in length, typed in Times New Roman 12pt font, double-spaced, one-inch margins, and include a title. **DO NOT use your name, school, position, or other identifiers in or on the essay.**
  - Judging criteria includes: ideas, originality, mechanics, technical (following the given directions), vocabulary, organization, and overall impression of the essay.
- Copy of your **Unofficial High School Transcript** signed by your counselor supporting ALL educational data and documenting your cumulative GPA. **(Please include an unofficial copy that shows your classes for the first semester of your senior year).**
  - Reference Letter (reference letter can be from a teacher, coach, employer, close friend of the family, etc.; anyone who can speak to your qualities, achievements, character, etc.)
  - Completed and signed Certification Letter page (next page in this packet)

**YOUR COMPLETE APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MARCH 8, 2024**

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**CERTIFICATION LETTER**

I further certify that should I accept an Air Force Officers' Spouses' Club (AFOSC) Scholarship Award, I will abide by the following conditions:

1. Scholarship funds are to be used within the 2024-2025 academic year for undergraduate studies.
2. All funds received shall be applied to tuition and/or associated university costs administered by an accredited college or university. These costs may include books, fees, room or board but may not be used for past or current penalties or disenrollment fees.
3. I will have until **May 6, 2024** to complete, sign, and email a **notice/acceptance of award**. In failing to do so, I will forfeit the award and it will, in turn, be awarded to an alternate applicant.
4. As a scholarship recipient, I must submit (postmarked) the name and address of the school I will attend for the 2024-2025 academic year along with the **Enrollment Verification Form** to the scholarship committee **NLT August 15, 2024**.
5. After receiving the **notice of acceptance of the award** letter, and the **Enrollment Verification Form**, the scholarship award, along with a cover letter with the terms of the scholarship, will be mailed directly to the college or university.
6. The scholarship award, when combined with other scholarships, must not exceed the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board for the academic year. Any remaining funds must be returned to the AFOSC Welfare Fund as soon as possible.
7. If I accept an appointment to a military service academy, receive a full four-year ROTC scholarship (most only pay for the academic portion), or a scholarship (including the GI Bill) which pays 100% of the student's tuition, books, room and board and academic fees, I will be ineligible for this AFOSC scholarship award.
8. If I accept a scholarship from another military officers' /enlisted spouses' organization, I will be ineligible for this AFOSC scholarship.
9. I am a responsible citizen in good standing in the school and the community.
10. It is my responsibility to notify the AFOSC Scholarship Committee of any change of status (e.g., change of schools, change in address, etc). Failure to do so may result in the forfeiture of my scholarship award.
11. Unclaimed funds as of **August 15, 2024** revert to the AFOSC Welfare Fund.
12. If any of the above conditions are violated, scholarship funds must be returned to the AFOSC Welfare Fund.

I agree that my signature on this form will authorize the AFOSC Scholarship Chair to release this application, including GPA, essays and transcript(s) to the Scholarship Committee, as needed.

I certify that all information in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and the essay is entirely my own effort.

**APPLICANT'S NAME:**

Printed \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSOR'S NAME:**

Printed \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

- 1. Is this scholarship only for officers?** No, it is open to all ranks in the USAF and USSF.
- 2. Do you have to live in the DC area to apply?** You must live in the National Capital Region or in the following surrounding counties listed on application form.
- 3. My parent is in the Army, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard. Am I eligible to apply?** No, this scholarship is only open to US Air Force and US Space Force dependents.
- 4. My stepparent is in the Air Force and I've lived with him/her for 7 years. Can I apply?** No. You must be categorized as an Air Force or Space Force dependent.
- 5. My parent works as a civilian on an Air Force Base. Can I apply?** No, you are not a USAF dependent.
- 6. My parent served in the USAF for 7 years and got out. Am I eligible?** No. Your parent is a proud USAF veteran, but you are no longer considered a dependent.
- 7. If I've previously won for another spouse club (eg: Scott OSC, McConnell OSC) can I apply and win for AFOSC?** Yes, you can.
- 8. If I've previously won a scholarship from AFOSC or AFOWC can I apply again in a different category?** No. Once you've won one of our scholarships, you cannot win again.
- 9. Can I apply for several different spouse club scholarships in the same year?** Absolutely. Although our rules state that you may only win one spouse club scholarship. If you win for two clubs in the same year, you'll have to accept one and decline the other.
- 10. Can the check be written out to any other person/agency/landlord?** No, the check will only be written to the University.
- 11. Will you let me know if my application arrives?** You will receive an email confirmation for the submission of your application. Please allow 24 hours for confirmation.
- 12. How do you notify the applicants?** Recipients will be notified by email. Notifications will occur in April.
- 13. I'm a spouse and a college student. Can I fill out this application?** College applications are for USAF and USSF dependents who are in college. Eligible spouses are welcome to apply.