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.
- 2. Scholarships are awarded in accordance with the AFOSC Scholarship Committee Policies and Procedures.
- 3. 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.
- 4. The applicant is responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information and official documents.
- 5. Awards are granted without regard to USAF and USSF member's military rank, or applicant's race, gender, ethnicity, religion, or disability.
- 6. Applications must be submitted no later than **March 8, 2024**. You will receive a confirmation of your submitted application within 24 hours.
- 7. Applicants will be notified by e-mail of the results in April 2024.
- 8. 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.
- 9. Please see our FAQ page at the end of the application packet. Please email additional questions to 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 with any eligibility questions

Limitations:

- 1. Scholarship funds are to be used during the 2024-2025 academic year for undergraduate studies.
- 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 <u>must</u> 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.

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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.