

Marine Gunner Association
The Marine Gunner Association Presents
Schertz Scholars

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The Marine Gunner Association (MGA) was established in 2021 as a professional representative to help the elite family of Marine Gunners and their families. The MGA's objective is to encourage and improve professionalism, comradery, and to support success, health, welfare of its members and their community.

Founding Father Benjamin Franklin once said, "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." Studies have shown that the higher a person's education level, the more successful they will be in life. The MGA Scholarship Program was founded to support high school students going to college. We firmly believe that it is our duty and responsibility to the community to sponsor students striving to reach this goal. The MGA Scholarship Program is open to all qualifying applicants, regardless of their major field of study.

The Scholarship Committee is comprised of members of the MGA. The MGA President shall appoint members to act as the Scholarship Committee. The Committee is responsible for enlisting applicants, awarding, and monitoring the scholarships. The scholarships will be issued semiannually and the number of the scholarships awarded will be based on available funds and number of applicants. Applications and scholarships will not be judged based on sex, age, creed, national origin or religious preference.

A scholarship program for High School Seniors and College Students in good standing and associated with the Marine Corps.

Applicants must meet all of the following requirements at the time of application unless specific exemptions apply.

- A) U.S. citizenship - permanent residence is not sufficient.
- B) Must be a Dependent of a Honorably Discharged, current Active Duty/ Retired Marine Infantryman (*Validation by DD214 or Statement of Service*)
- C) Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0
- D) Must plan on attending an accredited college or university full time for the Summer or Fall 2024 semester.
- E) Recipients of a Schertz Scholarship are eligible to apply for another Schertz Scholar Award the following year.

F) Recent college graduates with limited professional experience are ineligible for consideration under the Schertz Scholar Program.

G) Current Undergraduate Students are eligible to apply, so long as they are in good standing and have a current GPA of 3.0 or higher.

H) Awards shall not authorize engagement in pastoral, missionary, or other professional religious activities.

I) Awards shall not authorize engagement in activities for which a license to practice medicine or nursing is required.

J) Applicants are required to disclose any prior convictions of a felony or a misdemeanor, including Driving Under the Influence (DUI) or Driving While Intoxicated (DWI), but excluding minor traffic violations.

Applicants must submit the following:

1. Completed application (attached below)

2. Official sealed High School Transcripts

3. Copy of the acceptance letter from the College or University

4. A minimum 500-word essay on one of the following topics:

a. How will this Scholarship help you?

b. How have you contributed to your community?

c. A time you failed and what you learned from it.

d. What positive things has being a military dependent taught you?

e. What are your academic and/or career goals?

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 05/1/2026

Submit Application to: v.kyzer@marinegunnerassociation.org with the subject line of “Spring 2025 Scholarship Application (your last name)”

Criteria for the Scholarship:

1. Must be a graduating high school senior this year (2026)
2. Must be a Dependent of a current Active Duty/ Retired Marine Infantryman
(*Validation by DD214 or Statement of Service*)
3. Must have at least a 3.0 grade point average
4. Must plan on attending an accredited college or university full time for the Summer or Fall 2026 semester/quarter

Applicants must submit the following:

1. Completed application (attached)
2. Official High School Transcripts
3. Copy of the acceptance letter from the College or University
4. A minimum 500-word essay on one of the following topics:
 - a. How will this Scholarship help you?
 - b. How have you contributed to your community?
 - c. A time you failed and what you learned from it.
 - d. What positive things has being a military dependent taught you?
 - e. What are your academic and/or career goals?

All of the above must be completed or your application will be disqualified.

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Scholastic Activities and Community Involvement

Please list any high school clubs, organizations and activities, as well as any office or position held.

Club/Activity	Office/Position	Years of Participation

Please list any non-school related community activities or service organizations in you have participated.

Organization/Activity	Office/Position	Years of Participation

Employment History

Please list any employment you have had, starting with the most recent.

Employer	Dates Employed	Duties/Responsibilities

I certify that I meet the criteria to apply for the Marine Gunner Association Schertz Scholarship and further certify that all information contained in this application is complete and true. I understand that the decision of the committee in the selection of the scholarship recipients will be final. I also consent to the use of the applicant's questionnaire information for promotional purposes.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent (if applicant is under 18 years)

Date