

**SHEPPARD OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB
2016 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR
CONTINUING EDUCATION**

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Sheppard Air Force Base Officers' Spouses' Club (SOSC) will give monetary educational scholarships to eligible individuals to commend community involvement and self-improvement. Scholarships are provided to U.S. and NATO military dependents in three categories: spouses, continuing education, and high school graduates. Continuing Education Scholarships are awarded in varying amounts to university, college, junior college, or vocational school students who are attending full time during the 2016-2017 academic school year.

Applicants who meet all of the requirements will be eligible for the scholarship competition. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than **15 March 2016** to be considered. The SOSC Scholarship Committee will notify applicants that their application is complete, evaluate all eligible applications, and determine recipient awards. The SOSC will invite all scholarship recipients to a reception where monetary awards will be announced.

The SOSC will place checks in the amount of the scholarship directly into the trust of the school where the recipient is or will be enrolled. The scholarship is administered by the Dean or other school official, and distributed through the recipient's school account for tuition, books, academic fees, and room/board. Please note, scholarships may be used outside the US, but the SOSC is not responsible for any currency exchange. Scholarships are awarded with a check in US dollars.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants must meet the following two criteria:

1. Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:
 - a. a dependent child of US military personnel currently stationed at Sheppard AFB (active duty or reserve; officer or enlisted), or
 - b. a dependent child of NATO personnel currently stationed at Sheppard AFB, or
 - c. a dependent child of retired or deceased US military personnel previously stationed at Sheppard AFB (active duty or reserve; officer or enlisted), or
 - d. a dependent child of a Civil Service employee currently employed at Sheppard AFB.
2. Applicants must be currently enrolled as a student at a university, college, junior college, or vocational school, and intend to continue their education full-time for at least another school year.

The following conditions automatically disqualify an applicant for an SOSC scholarship:

1. Current members of the SOSC Scholarship Committee and their dependents are not eligible for SOSC scholarships. (If the SOSC member is not on the SOSC Scholarship Committee, his or her dependents are still eligible.)
2. Applicants who have received a scholarship in previous years from the SOSC are not eligible to receive another SOSC scholarship.
3. Acceptance to a military academy appointment or a full tuition scholarship award, including room and board, from another source.

FORFEITURE

Scholarships not claimed by **31 January 2017** are subject to forfeiture unless the recipient requests extension by informing the Scholarship Committee of extenuating circumstances preventing compliance prior to the deadline date. The decision to extend a deadline is discretionary.

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Complete the application and supporting documents and mail them to the address below. All application packages must be postmarked **no later than 15 March 2016**. **Applications that are incomplete or postmarked beyond the deadline will not be considered.** Please do not send forms other than those requested below; any other forms will not be considered. Please direct questions to SOSC.Scholarships@gmail.com.

A COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST CONTAIN:

1. A completed Scholarship Applicant Agreement Form.
2. A completed Scholarship Application Form.
3. **Official** transcript from current institution, or if not applicable, last institution attended.
4. Two letters of recommendation.
5. A correctly formatted essay addressing the topic:

Explain the importance of your field of study in today's society.

Essay format: The essay must be typed, double spaced, and contain a word count of 550-600 words. Include a word count on the top right corner of your essay, and do not exceed the 600-word limit.

MAIL YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTS TO:

Scholarship Chairperson
PO Box 6093
Sheppard AFB, TX 76311

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT AGREEMENT FORM

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT WITH BLUE OR BLACK PEN)

I hereby authorize the SOSC Scholarship Committee to examine my school transcript(s) and other school records. I understand that this application and supporting documents will be kept in strict confidence. I certify that the information contained in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. If awarded a SOSC grant, I agree to abide by and fulfill all requirements pertaining thereto. I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the instruction sheets. I further declare that my sponsor is a holder of a valid uniformed service military identification card.

Additionally, in consideration for receiving a financial grant for educational expenses from the SOSC, I give permission to the SOSC to use my name in advertising and/or promotional materials without further compensation or permission, except as prohibited by law.

Sponsor's Organization at Sheppard AFB _____

Sponsor is currently (please choose one):

- _____ Active Duty or Reserve..... Please give grade _____.
- _____ NATO (not U.S.)..... Please list nationality and grade _____.
- _____ Retired..... Please give date and grade _____.
- _____ Deceased..... Please give date and grade _____.
- _____ Civilian..... Please give grade _____.

Applicants Name (please print) Expiration date of applicant's I.D. card

(Applicant's Signature) Date

Sponsor's Name (please print) Expiration date of sponsor's I.D. card

(Sponsor's Signature) Date

PLEASE NOTE: The Scholarship Committee WILL NOT view this page when evaluating your scholarship application.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

**(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT WITH BLUE OR BLACK PEN.
ADDITIONAL PAGES IN SIMILAR FORMAT MAY BE ADDED AS NEEDED.)**

SECTION A: GENERAL INFORMATION

Name

Address

City/State

Zip _____ Telephone _____

E-mail Address

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SECTION B: GENERAL SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION

When did you graduate from high school? Please include school name and location.

Most recent academic institution attended:

School address

Do you plan to attend the same institution for the 2016-2017 academic year? If not, please indicate new institution.

Have you declared a major? If so, what is it?

SECTION C: WORK HISTORY

List any jobs held in conjunction with the transcripts submitted. Please use the following format:
(Employer/Role/Dates of Employment/Hours per week in Summer/Hours per week during school year)

SECTION D: EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List the post-secondary school organizations you have been involved with.
Please use the following format: (Organization/Role/Dates or seasons participated/Hours per week)
