

**SHEPPARD OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB
2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR
SPOUSES**

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. Spouse scholarships are awarded in varying amounts to junior college, vocational, university or graduate school students for the 2017-2018 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 2017** 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 enrolled. The scholarship is administered by the Dean or other school official, and distributed through the recipient's school account for tuition, books, and academic fees. 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 three criteria:

1. The applicants must meet one of the following criteria:
 - a) a spouse of US military personnel currently stationed at Sheppard AFB (active duty or reserve; officer or enlisted), or
 - b) a spouse of NATO personnel currently stationed at Sheppard AFB, or
 - c) a spouse of retired or deceased US military personnel previously stationed at Sheppard AFB (active duty or reserve; officer or enlisted), or
 - d) a spouse of a Civil Service employee currently employed at Sheppard AFB.
2. The applicant must be a spouse with a current military dependent identification card.
3. The applicant must reside in the local area.

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

1. Current members of the SOSC Scholarship Committee are not eligible for SOSC scholarships. *(If the SOSC member is not on the SOSC Scholarship Committee, she or he is still eligible.)*
2. Applicants who have received a scholarship in previous years from the SOSC are not eligible to receive another SOSC scholarship.
3. Active duty military members are not eligible for SOSC scholarships.
4. The applicant may not also receive a full tuition scholarship award from another source.

FORFEITURE

Scholarships not claimed by **31 January 2018** 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 2017**. **Applications that are incomplete or postmarked beyond the deadline will not be considered.** Please ensure all materials submitted are single-sided, and attached using paper clips (no staples). Any forms submitted in addition to those requested below 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** transcripts from the most recent academic institution attended, and any institutions where a degree has been earned.
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 SOSOC 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 SOSOC 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 SOSOC, I give permission to the SOSOC 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 _____.

How did you find out about this scholarship?

How did you obtain a copy of this scholarship application?

Applicants Name (please print) Date of Birth 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

Please check the type of school you are planning to attend:

Junior College/Vocational _____

College/University _____

Graduate/Professional _____

To which schools have you applied or do you plan to apply?

What will be your field of study?

Previous Junior College, University or Vocational school(s) attended, degrees earned and dates awarded:

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: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

List the community activities that you have been involved with in the last four years (i.e. clubs, organizations, and office held, special awards, and volunteer work, etc.). Please use the following format:
(Activity/role/dates or seasons of participation/hours per week).
