

**SHEPPARD OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB  
2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR  
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

**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. High School Graduate Scholarships are awarded in varying amounts to university, college, junior college, or vocational school-bound students who will be full-time students during 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 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 three 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 graduating in the spring of 2017 from a high school or home school in the local area of Sheppard AFB, and enroll full-time at a post-secondary institution.
3. Applicants must reside in the local area of Sheppard AFB with or without their sponsor.

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 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](mailto: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 of high school grades.
  - a. NOTE: High school grades should cover freshman through midterm of senior year for graduating seniors. If the applicant does not attend a school certified by either the Department of Defense Education Activity or the State of Texas, the applicant's parent or guardian must provide a statement verifying the applicant's academic competence and satisfactory performance.
4. A letter (on school stationery) signed by the school counselor attesting to the applicant's:
  - a. Total high school GPA (GPA should be the same as what is on the applicant's transcripts at mid-term senior year).
  - b. SAT and/or ACT scores.
5. Two letters of recommendation:
  - a. One letter from a member of your school's faculty.
  - b. One letter from a member of your community who is not related to you (friend, neighbor, church leader, etc.).
6. A correctly formatted essay addressing the topic:

**What have you done outside the classroom that demonstrates qualities sought after by universities? Of these, which means most to you?**

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 PACKAGE 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

How did find out about this scholarship?

How did you obtain a copy of this application?

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

(Applicant's Signature)      Date

Sponsor's Name      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

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Address

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City/State

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address

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High School

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School Address

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Name of Principal or Guidance Counselor

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**SECTION B: GENERAL SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION**

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

College/University \_\_\_\_\_

Junior College/Vocational \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Which field(s) are you most interested in studying? List an intended major, if known.

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High schools attended (name of school, city/state, and dates of attendance)

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**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).

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**SECTION D: EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

List the high school organizations you have been involved with in the past four years.  
Please use the following format: (Organization/Role/Dates or seasons participated/Hours per week).

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**SECTION E: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

List the community activities you have been involved with in the past four years.  
Please use the following format: (Activity/role/dates or seasons of participation/hours per week).

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**SECTION F: SELF-IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES**

List any self-improvement activities you have undertaken in the last four years (i.e. pre-college classes, private music lessons, private art classes, bible studies, etc.).

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**SECTION G: FUTURE GOALS**

Please describe your goals for the future \_\_\_\_\_

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