



Program Description

The OSC Scholarship Program seeks to further the organization's mission of support for Veterans and their families through need-based financial assistance to aid in the pursuit of higher education. During each academic period OSC will award grants of up to \$2,500 to a select number of dependents and spouses of Qualifying Military Sponsors. Each award is in the name of an organization or individual whose selfless and heroic actions serve as exemplars, whether on the field of battle or in the protections of America's freedom. Similarly, OSC Scholarship award recipients reflect a character befitting the sacrifices made by their sponsoring service members.

Eligibility

OSC education support is available to dependent sons and daughters of disabled and honorably discharged Veterans, active duty, Title 10 Reservists on extended active duty, Title 32 Guard performing full-time active duty, retired, retired Reserve and deceased military members, as well as spouses of disabled and honorably discharged Veterans, active duty and Title 10 Reservists, and widows/widowers. While all prospective dependents and spouses who meet the qualifications above are encouraged to apply, a certain number of scholarships will be reserved for applicants whose qualifying service member holds a VA Disability Rating of 70% or greater.

Applicants must be enrolled, or planning to enroll, in the upcoming academic period (i.e. fall quarter or semester) in a full-time undergraduate program of studies at an accredited U.S. college, university, or vocational-technical institution (reference the U.S. Department of Education website for list of accredited schools).

Spouses and dependents of a sponsoring service member separated from the military for any reason less than honorable discharge are ineligible for the OSC Scholarship Program.

Timeline

March 1 st	Application window opens	June 1 st	Award decisions emailed to applicants
April 16 th	Application window closes	August 1 st	Payments sent to schools

Checklist

- Completed Application** All fields complete (except those not applicable) and signed by the Applicant and Qualifying Military Sponsor
- Proof of Service** Copy of Qualifying Military Sponsor's form DD-214 (if fallen, submit DD-1300 in place of DD-214)
- Proof of Disability** Copy of Qualifying Military Sponsor's current VA Benefits Summary Letter (if fallen, submit DD-1300 or state-issued death certificate in place of VA Benefits Summary Letter)
- Proof of Relationship** Copy of state-issued birth certificate or front/back copy of dependent military ID (Spouse: copy of state-issued marriage license or front/back copy of spouse military ID)
- Essays** Applicant must complete both essays
- Student Aid Report** (SAR) www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Transcripts** (unofficial transcripts acceptable)
- Additional Details** Additional pages detailing honors, distinctions, and extracurriculars

Send a signed copy of your application and copies of all other checklist items, no later than April 16, 2018, to:

scholarships@operationsecondchance.org



**2018
FALL ACADEMIC PERIOD**

Applicant's Info (Dependent or spouse of Qualifying Military Sponsor)

Last Name _____ First _____ M.I. _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Nationality:

- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Black/African American
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- Asian
- Hispanic/Latino
- White

Qualifying Military Sponsor's Info (Your parent or spouse)

Last Name _____ First _____ M.I. _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Rank _____ Grade _____ Branch _____

Status:

- Active Duty
- Reserve
- National Guard
- Retired
- Deceased
- Disabled

If Disabled, Current VA Disability Rating _____

Dates of Service _____ Relationship to Applicant _____

High School Info

School Name _____

City _____ State _____ Graduation Date _____

SAT Scores _____ / _____ ACT Score _____ High School GPA _____

College / Vocational School Info (For institution scholarship is to be applied)

School Name _____

City _____ State _____ Graduation Date _____

Academic Year Start _____ Academic Year End _____

Major _____ Degree / Certification Pursuing _____

College Grade Level for Upcoming Period _____ College GPA _____

Estimated Cost of Attendance (tuition, fees, room, board, books, etc.) _____

Expected Family Contribution (EFC, as shown on the SAR) _____



For the following sections, provide as much detail as necessary to ensure the extent of your honors and activities are completely clear to the application review committee (i.e. detailed descriptions, applicable dates, etc.).

Scholastic Honors/Distinctions (attach separate sheet of paper if needed):

Non-Scholastic Honors/Awards (attach separate sheet of paper if needed):

School Related Extracurricular Activities (sports, academic, etc. – attach separate sheet if needed)

External Extracurricular Activities (volunteer, work, service, etc. – attach separate sheet if needed)

Transcripts

All applicants must submit their most recent transcript or copy of their grades from the most recent completed semester or quarter (unofficial transcripts are acceptable). If the applicant has any previous college or equivalent credits, submit transcripts from all colleges or vocational-technical schools attended. If no previous college or vocational-technical school credits, submit high school transcripts.

Essays

Applicants must respond to two separate essay questions. Include the respective question as the essay's title, ensure the essays are typewritten in 12pt font, double spaced, with your name in the upper right hand corner of each page.

Essay #1 **What does military service mean to you? How has your Qualifying Military Sponsor impacted your life? (<350 words)**

Essay #2 **What do you aspire to achieve with your pursuit toward higher education? (<200 words)**



Signatures / Declarations

(The Qualifying Military Sponsor’s spouse, or the applicant’s legal guardian, may sign if the Qualifying Military Sponsor is deployed or deceased.)

We certify that, to the best of our knowledge, all responses are true and factual. We also agree that, if the applicant is selected as a recipient, any and all information submitted with this application (including documents and information submitted at a later date in support of an award determination) may be used for purposes of news and publicity by Operation Second Chance.

All scholarship award funds will be applied to the recipient’s tuition, fees, and other outstanding educational expenses directly through the educational institution’s finance department (never direct to the award recipient). If the OSC Scholarship award amount exceeds the recipient’s applicable outstanding educational expenses, the value of the award will be reduced commensurately. Funds will not be disbursed until proof of enrollment has been received, and all other application verification measures have been made to the satisfaction of the OSC Scholarship Program Administrators.

Operation Second Chance reserves the right to rescind an award decision for any material misrepresentation discovered in relation to the scholarship application. We further agree and understand each award is for a single academic year, and not automatically renewable for subsequent years.

Applicant’s Name

Qualifying Military Sponsor’s Name

Applicant’s Signature

Qualifying Military Sponsor’s Signature

Date

Date