



**The Military Spouses Club of
Yuma, Arizona
2022-2023 Scholarship Application**

Conditions of Eligibility:

- A. Scholarship(s) may be awarded to a dependent spouse or child of a qualified Military Sponsor attached to MCAS Yuma, or its tenant commands, and/or a dependent spouse, or dependent child of a **qualified military sponsor** whose residence at the time of application is within a 50-mile radius of Yuma, Arizona.
- B. Military Sponsors **MUST** fall into one of the following categories to qualify:
 - 1. Officer or enlisted military personnel on active duty or attached to a military installation located within a 50 mile radius of MCAS Yuma.
 - 2. Officer or enlisted military retired personnel with an honorable discharge from active military service.
 - 3. Officer or enlisted military personnel who have separated from military service due to disability.
 - 4. Officer or enlisted military personnel who died while on active duty.
 - 5. Officer or enlisted military personnel who died after retirement from the military as stated in '1' or '2' above.
 - 5. Officer or enlisted military personnel whose dependents reside in the area while the sponsor is on an unaccompanied tour or who remain to complete the school year after the transfer of the sponsor.
- C. Scholarships may be awarded to graduating high school seniors, GED recipients, and continuing education students (including higher education and/or trade school) attending an accredited college or university during the following academic year.
- D. Applicants may be considered on the basis of academia, extracurricular activity, work experience, community involvement/contribution, military community involvement/contribution, educational and professional goals, and essay composition.

Financial Data:

Awarded Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the school of the recipient's choice. The scholarship fund is non-deferrable and is to be used towards applicant's shared essay goals. The school shall be directed to use the funds solely to defray expenses only for the 2023-2024 school year.

Additional Information

The Military Spouses Club of Yuma, formerly known as the Officers' Spouses' Club of Yuma, AZ, is a philanthropic organization benefiting local military families and their dependents. Funds raised at our events go toward our yearly projects that include holiday baskets, scholarships, and various charitable donations to other organizations that support military families. Since 2004, The Military Spouses Club has given over \$72,000 in scholarships to local Yuma military dependents and spouses.

Program Administration

This program is independently administered by The Military Spouses Club of Yuma, a philanthropic organization solely responsible for the selection of scholarship recipients. This organization shall not discriminate based on race, color, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression, handicap, or national origin.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- It is your responsibility to ensure that your application is postmarked no later than **April 14, 2023**.
- All supporting documents listed within the Application Completion Checklist are included within the application package.
- The applicant must meet eligibility requirements as described in sections A and B of page 1.
- All applicants will be notified by letter/email from The Military Spouses Club of Yuma by May 19, 2023.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO NEXT PAGE OF APPLICATION.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____

STUDENT/SPONSOR CERTIFICATION:

We certify that, to the best of our knowledge, all responses are true and factual, and the sponsor, as well as the applicant, possesses a valid DD Form 2 or DD Form 1173 United States Uniformed Services Identification Card and is enrolled in DEERS. We also agree that, if the applicant is selected as a recipient, information submitted with this application (including photos taken at the scholarship banquet) may be used for purposes of news and publicity: upon approval of the selected recipient.

Signature of Applicant _____

Signature of

Sponsor _____

(the sponsor's spouse, or a guardian, may sign if the sponsor is unavailable)

Sponsor's Unit: _____

(if applicable)

Active Duty _____ Retired _____

(Service member's status at time of application submission)

GOLD STAR FAMILIES:

We certify that, to the best of our knowledge, all responses are true and factual, and the applicant possesses a valid DD Form 1300 or DD Form 214. We also agree that, if the applicant is selected as a recipient, information submitted with this application (including photos taken at the scholarship banquet) may be used for purposes of news and publicity: upon approval of the selected recipient.

Signature of Applicant _____

Signature of Surviving Parent/Guardian _____

(if applicable)

Active Duty _____ Retired _____

(In reference to Conditions of Eligibility Section B.4 or B.5)

EDUCATION INFORMATION

List the high school, college, university or trade school you have attended, or are currently attending, beginning with the most recent first (please list additional schools on a separate page):

Name Location (City, State) Dates of Attendance

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Cumulative GPA (indicate whether a 4.0 or 5.0 scale) _____ **scale** _____

High School _____ College or University _____ Trade School _____

EXTRACURRICULAR INFORMATION (Please attach a supplementary list if additional space is needed)

High School or College Extracurricular (if applicable) during the last 4 years only

Activity/Awards/Offices Held	From mo./yr. to mo./yr. Hours per week

Community Activities during the last 4 years only

Activity/Awards/Offices Held	From mo./yr. to mo./yr. Hours per week

Work Experience, Full or Part-time (if applicable) during the last 4 years only

Position	From mo./yr. to mo./yr. Hours per week

TRANSCRIPTS

All applicants must submit a copy of their most recent transcripts or achieved grades (unofficial are acceptable). The transcripts may be in a sealed or separate envelope, but it must be submitted with the application.

PERSONAL REFERENCE SURVEY

All applicants must attach one reference survey with their completed application. Surveys should be completed by a non-relative to highlight the applicant's strengths, character, and integrity. **Surveys can be found at the end of this application.**

Note to Applicants – Please request that your personal reference refrain from using any personal identifying information within the survey content including first and last name and unit affiliation.

ESSAY

The essay must be no more than 500 words, typewritten, double-spaced, no longer than 2 pages and stapled to this application. **Applicants must attach two (2) copies of their essay with their completed application.** Please place your name in the upper right hand header on only one (1) of your application essay copies. The second essay copy should have no identifying names within its headers.

Note to Applicants – Please do not put any personal identifying information within your essay content.

Essay question to all Applicants:

Please discuss your specific academic goals for the 2022-2023 school year. Also, explain how your positive and/or challenging experience as a military dependent prepared you to pursue these academic goals.

APPLICATION COMPLETION CHECKLIST

This application becomes complete and valid only when all of the required documents below are received at one time and postmarked no later than April 15, 2022.

- Copy of completed 2022-2023 MSCY Scholarship Application Form ○ Personal Information, Student/Sponsor Certification or Gold Star Families, Education Information, and Extracurricular Information sections and any supplementary addition information
- Proof of *Conditions of Eligibility*. One of the following must be provided: ○ Photocopy (both sides) of applicants United States Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card
 - Dependent Verification Letter. Must have authorized signature.
 - Photocopy of current orders (Active Duty only) with SSN blacked out. Dependent's name must be listed and highlighted.
 - Photocopy of retirement orders. Dependent's name must be listed and highlighted.
 - Copy of DD Form 1300 or DD Form 214 signed by authorized signature. Supporting material listing sponsor and dependent's name if not listed on forms.
- **One (1) copy** of most recent education transcripts.
- **Two (2) copies** of one *personal reference survey*: one (1) copy with applicant's name listed in top-right hand corner, one (1) copy without applicant's name.

- **Two (2) copies** of completed essay: one (1) copy with applicant's name in top right hand corner, one (1) copy without applicant's name.

Once all materials are gathered, submit scholarship application to:

The Military Spouses Club of Yuma

Attn: Scholarship Advisor

PO Box 12735

Yuma, AZ 85365

For assistance or questions, please contact yuma.msc.scholarship@gmail.com

**The Military Spouses Club of Yuma
2022-2023 Scholarship Reference Survey**

The Military Spouses Club of Yuma is a philanthropic organization benefiting local military families and their dependents. References should be completed by a **non relative** and **refrain from using personal identifying information about the applicant including applicant's name and unit affiliation.**

Section 1

What is your relationship with this applicant? _____

How long have you known this applicant? _____

Section 2

For each of the questions below, circle the response that best characterizes how you feel about the statement, where 1= Strongly Disagree, 2 = Disagree, 3 = neither Agree nor Disagree, 4 = Agree, and 5 = Strongly Agree.

In your experience with this applicant, how would you rate the following characteristics the applicant exemplifies:

Reliability 1 2 3 4 5

Reason for ranking:

Resilience 1 2 3 4 5

Reason for ranking:

Generosity 1 2 3 4 5

Reason for ranking:

Initiative 1 2 3 4 5

Reason for ranking:

Overall Positive Character 1 2 3 4 5

Reason for ranking:

Reference's comments of applicant's areas of strength: _____

Reference's comments of applicant's areas for improvements: _____

Any additional comments to add: _____
