*This scholarship seeks to reward students who are military dependent children, currently seeking a degree or certificate at an accredited college, university, or technical school. If you meet all of the eligibility criteria, the deadline for submission is* ***April 6, 2020.***

**I. General Information**

* Scholarships are awarded for excellence in academic performance, community service, extracurricular involvement, achievements, and leadership qualities throughout high school. Additionally, written essays, and reference letters are also considered.
* This scholarship is administered by the Scholarships Committee of the MSoN.
* The judges committee is comprised of a diverse group of MSoN members and base personnel.
* All applications remain anonymous to the judges. The MSoN Scholarship Chairperson(s) will remove all personally identifying information on the applications and assign each a number before submitting to Scholarship Committee for scoring.
* Applicants will be notified of results via email after May 15th.
* Amount of award and number of recipients varies based on available funds and is determined by the Scholarships Committee and MSoN General Board.
* Questions should be directed to the Scholarships Chair by emailing scholarships@milspousenewport.org .

**II. Eligibility**

You must meet all of the following eligibility criteria to be considered for an award:

1. Must be a high school graduation candidate or, completing a High School Equivalency Program (HEP) or General Education Development test (GED) for the current school year.
	1. GED or HEP scores will be correlated to GPA for comparison.
2. Minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, reflected by your most recent GPA
3. Must be a DEERS Dependent child possessing a current, valid military ID card of:
	1. An active duty military personnel, any branch, officer or enlisted, attached to a base in Rhode Island at the time of application submission.
	2. Retired military (with pay) member, any branch, officer or enlisted, previously attached to a base in Rhode Island.
	3. Deceased military (while on active duty or paid retired status) member, any branch, officer or enlisted, previously attached to a base in Rhode Island.
4. Must have applied/been accepted to an accredited post-secondary institution or certification program in the United States.
5. Not be a past recipient of any Military Spouses of Newport scholarship.
6. Not be a dependent of, or related to, any member of the Scholarships Committee.
7. Any student entering post-secondary education for the first time (Gap Year students) will be judged with the High School Senior applicants.

**NOTE**: An applicant who accepts an appointment to one of the service academies is ineligible to receive a scholarship. Applicants who receive a single full scholarship, covering tuition, room and board, and related fees are also ineligible to receive an award.

*Applicants will be considered without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, rank of sponsor, sex, age, or financial need.*

**III. Requirements**

For award consideration, your completed application package must fulfill all the following requirements:

1. You must meet all of the scholarship eligibility criteria.
2. You must submit a completed package. Including ALL of following:
	1. A completed *Military Spouses of Newport Freshman Scholarship Application 2020*
	2. A sealed, official copy of your most recent school transcripts. Transcripts should reflect all four years of high school. Provide multiple transcripts if necessary. **Only originals or certified copies are acceptable and must be sealed by issuing institution.** Home school students should submit the same documentation used for application to post-secondary ed.
	3. Two letters of recommendation, **no longer than 1 page,** from persons **outside** of your family. Examples of acceptable sources for letters of recommendation include school faculty members, work supervisors, members of volunteer organizations, members of clergy, or members of the community who can attest to your character.
3. You must submit the application package to the Military Spouses of Newport 2020 Scholarships Committee, by mail, **postmarked no later than April 6, 2020** to be considered for an award. It is recommended that you save the receipt of mail.

**IV. Instructions**

To be considered for an MSoN Scholarship award, all application packages must include the following components and comply with the stated instructions. ***Incomplete application packages will not be considered.*** Applicants must use a 2020 application. Earlier versions are null and void.

1. The application must be typed and held together with a clip, **NOT** stapled **NOR** folded. Downloadable versions found at [www.milspousenewport.org](http://www.milspousenewport.org). *If you are unable to type into the application, please send an email to:* *scholarships@milspousenewport.org* *for assistance.*
2. Sign and date the Military Spouses of Newport Scholarship 2020 Application in two places, the Privacy Act Acknowledgment and the Scholarship Application Certification, pages 4 and 9.
3. Include your most recent transcripts. All high school transcripts or records should be reflected.
4. Please list all of the information regarding extracurricular activities, club affiliations, memberships, awards, employment, etc., in the spaces provided only. **Do not attach any additional pages, personal statements, resumes, etc.** Clearly number and list your activities, awards, etc. in the charts provided.
5. Complete both the military influence statement and the essay section of the application, typed in the spaces provided, adhering to the instructions for each.
6. Include **two** (2) letters of recommendation.
7. **In addition** to a completed application package, **include 1** collated copy of your application, **sections 2-7.**
8. Scholarship Application packages must be submitted as hardcopies in a 10”x13” sized envelope, and **postmarked by April 6, 2020. Neither hand-delivered NOR** **Electronic versions are accepted**.

**Mail To: Military Spouses of Newport**

 **Attn: Scholarships Committee 2020**

 **PO Box 5115**

 **Newport, RI 02841**

**V. Scholarship Awards**

Judging is completely anonymous; all identifiable information will be removed from applications before judging begins. The number and amount of awards varies, is determined by the committee and board, and based off the amount of available funds.

After judging all applicants will be notified via email of their status. Scholarship recipients and their immediate families are invited to attend MSoN Scholarship Awards Reception in early June 2020. The winners and their immediate families will be formally invited to attend.

The scholarship recipients’ monetary awards are for payment of tuition, books, mandated college or university room and board, and associated school fees only. Checks will be paid directly to the school or institution, and are intended for the upcoming academic year (2020-2020).

Upon winning an award each scholarship recipient must:

1. Return the completed School Information Sheet by Email to the MSoN Scholarship Chair, No Later Than June 10, 2020. (*scholarships@milspousenewport.org*).
2. Submit a copy of your acceptance letter via email for disbursement verification.
3. Present a valid Military ID card to the Military Spouses of Newport, Scholarships Chair or Treasurer. This occurs at the reception or by other arrangement.

Scholarship monies are disbursed by June 30, 2020. The entire award must be utilized by March 31, 2021, or be returned to the Military Spouses of Newport Scholarship fund.

***If you have any questions about the application process or eligibility criteria, please contact the scholarship chairperson through the website*** [*www.milspousenewport.org*](http://www.milspousenewport.org) ***or by email at*** ***scholarships@milspousenewport.org***

Military Spouses of Newport

**Scholarship Application 2020**

**SECTION 1: APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION**

**Name of Applicant**

**Last:** **First:** **Middle:**

**Home Phone** **Cell Phone**

**Address**

**(Street, city, state, zip)**

**E-mail** **Sponsor’s Email**

**Sponsor’s Name** **Branch of Service**

**Please mark sponsor’s affiliation: Active Duty****☐ Retired****☐ Deceased** **☐**

**Date of Arrival in Rhode Island** **Base attached to**

**School presently attending (if applicable)**

***Privacy Act***

*I acknowledge reading all the instructions pertaining to this application and fully understand the requirements stated therein. By signing below, I am verifying that the information I have provided to the Military Spouses of Newport Sponsored Scholarship Committee is accurate to the best of my knowledge and I consent freely to allow the Scholarship Committee to confirm all the information included therein. If selected, I agree to allow use of my name and picture for publication in local and NAVSTA Newport newspapers and media.*

*In addition, I understand the primary purpose of this information submitted is for the Military Spouses of Newport Scholarship Committee to judge my Scholarship Application for possible awarding of a 2020 scholarship. Disclosure of all information is voluntary; however, failure to provide this information may prevent the MSoN Scholarship Committee and its designated judges from properly judging your Scholarship Application packet and thus determining your eligibility for the award of a scholarship. All submitted information is used solely for the purpose of the award of a Military Spouses of Newport Scholarship and will not be used for any other purpose.*

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Signature of Applicant Date

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Signature of Sponsor, Parent or Guardian Date

*(Signature required even if applicant is over 18 years of age acknowledging HS senior is applying with MSoN)*

**SECTION 2: ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

1. What college or university will you be attending in Fall 2020?

1. What will be your major field of study?

1. List all high/home schools attended, starting with the most recent:

# Name City, State Dates Attended

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**SECTION 3: EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

List any school or non-school sponsored sports, activities, and clubs in which you participated throughout high school; including duration of participation, any offices held, and any related honors or awards received.

***Activity Leadership Positions/ title Awards/Honors Dates***

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**SECTION 4: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

List all volunteer activities, memberships, and/or affiliations, including community groups/projects, organizations, and social groups (not previously listed), for which you were involved throughout high school.

#  Activity Position Dates Hours

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**WORK EXPERIENCE (if applicable)**

List any employment and/or work experience (paid or unpaid) along with any position/offices held, throughout high school.

***Employer Position Dates Hours/Week***

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**SECTION 5: AWARDS, ACHIEVEMENTS, RECOGNITIONS AND HONORS**

Please list accomplishments for which you have been recognized throughout high school (not previously listed).

# Organization Award/Honor/Achievement Date

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**SECTION 6: MILITARY INFLUENCE PERSONAL STATEMENT**

*Use the space provided to write a personal statement that is a maximum of 250 words using 12pt Times New Roman font. Statements are judged on, content of the message, writing ability, grammar, and punctuation. After completing your statement, please provide a word count. Begin typing below the question.*

***Word Count:***

**How has being part of a military family impacted your life?**

**SECTION 7: ESSAY**

*Write an original essay answering the question below. Essays should be no more than 500 words and in 12 pt. Times New Roman font. Essays are judged on creativity, style, content, grammar, and punctuation. Complete the word count box below.*

***Essay Word Count:***

**Question: Write about an event, person, fictional or not, book, movie, etc., who has influenced your life, future goals, etc.**

**SECTION 8: SCHOLARSHIP CERTIFICATION LETTER**

**I verify that all information in this application package is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that the essay and military influence statement are entirely my own work. I understand any false information will render this application invalid and make me ineligible for a scholarship award.**

**Furthermore, should I accept a scholarship award from the Military Spouses of Newport, I certify that I will abide by, and agree to, the following conditions:**

1. Scholarship funds are to be used for post-secondary studies at a college, university, technical school, or certification program.
2. Scholarship funds are to be used for tuition, fees, college or university mandated room and board, and books.
3. I will provide the Military Spouses of Newport my post-secondary school information, No Later Than, June 10, 2020.
4. Payment of funds will be made directly to my school and not to individual students. Any unaccepted funds will revert back to the Military Spouses of Newport.
5. If I accept appointment to a military academy with full benefits, a full ROTC scholarship, or another form of full scholarship covering tuition, fees, books, and institution room and board, I become ineligible for reception of the 2020 MSoN scholarship.
6. Award monies must be utilized by March 31, 2021.
7. It is my responsibility to notify the MSoN of any changes in status (address, school, etc.). Failure to do so may result in delays or forfeiture of award.
8. I am a responsible citizen and in good standing with the community.
9. If I violate the above conditions, award monies are returned to the Military Spouses of Newport.

APPLICANT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Appendix A**

Military Spouses of Newport

**Freshman Scholarship Application 2020**

**STUDENT ACADEMIC DATA SUMMARY SHEET**

*Present this form to your school guidance office and ask that it be filled out and returned to you or the scholarship chairperson with a copy of your official school transcript in a sealed envelope. Homeschool applicants please have completed all that apply.*

**I. APPLICANT GPA**

Cumulative high school GPA through mid­term this school year (Graduating 2020 Seniors)

GPA MUST BE ON A 4.0 OR EQUIVALENT IF 5.0 SCALE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**II. STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES:**

SAT Scores: Critical Reading \_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date Taken: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 Signature of person completing form

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**Instructions for the Guidance Counselor:**

*Return this form and an official transcript to the student. All documents must be sealed in an envelope with the school’s stamp or guidance counselor’s signature over the sealed envelope flap. The same applies for homeschool applicants submitting these forms.* ***Completed Scholarship Application packets, including all student paperwork, are to be postmarked no later than April 6, 2020.***