

Hanscom Spouses Club Scholarship Program

Spouse Scholarship Guidelines 2010

The Hanscom Spouses Club (HSC) of Hanscom Air Force Base is a private organization developed as a welfare and social forum for the spouses of our military members. Members of this club volunteer countless hours supporting fundraising events and services that benefit the Hanscom Air Force Base Community. For the past 28 years, this Club has offered scholarships to military dependents in two categories: graduating high school seniors and spouses. The intent of these scholarships is to support graduating high school seniors and spouses of members of any branch of the armed forces (Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, including dependents of Reservists and National Guard whose sponsor must have been activated during the 2009-2010 school year for a minimum of 120 days and is able to provide a copy of their orders at time of application submission).

1. Applicants must meet the following criteria:
 - a. Planning to seek an undergraduate, associate, or similar degree/diploma (but not a Master's, Doctorate or other advanced degree) from an accredited 2 or 4-year college, university or vocational-technical school; **and**
 - b. A dependent of active duty, retired, or deceased military members of any branch of service; **and**
 - c. The applicant must be in possession, or eligible for possession, of a military ID card; **and**
 - d. May not be currently serving as a member of the Hanscom Spouses Club Scholarship committee; **and**
 - e. Applicants must reside within a 150 mile radius of Hanscom AFB, MA
2. This is a **merit-based** scholarship which rewards students who demonstrate scholarship, citizenship, leadership and a diversity of interests. A panel of impartial judges, who are in no way affiliated with the Hanscom Spouses Club, makes the selection.
3. Winners are only eligible for one HSC scholarship.
4. Each recipient is notified by mail of his or her selection.
5. The award money is sent directly to the school of choice and is solely for the purposes of tuition and fees.
6. The awards are presented to the recipients in May, at which time a valid military dependent ID card must be shown.
7. The award will be withdrawn if the recipient accepts a scholarship from another military Spouses' Club.
8. The award is withdrawn if the recipient fails to enroll in an institution of higher learning within six months of receiving said award. Written verification of enrollment will be requested from the school by the HSC.
9. The Hanscom Spouses Club reserves the right to increase, decrease, or withdraw any or all awards.
10. In addition to their application, all applicants must submit two typed letters of recommendation. Forms are provided, but evaluators may use their own forms as long as they follow the directions on the forms provided. Other required attachments with the application are: the applicant's essay, an official transcript with the **GPA of highest level of education completed** or a GED percentile and a photocopy of the applicant's current military ID card.
11. Mail completed applications with all attachments ***POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE 15 MARCH 2010*** to:

Cindy Canavan, Scholarship Committee
Hanscom Spouses Club
P. O. Box 557
Bedford, MA 01730

Incomplete or untimely applications will *NOT* be considered. Please mail application in one envelope.

Questions or concerns may be directed to:

Cindy Canavan
HSC Scholarship Committee
(781) 872-0042 or www.scholarship@hanscomsc.org

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Special Scholarship

THE CARMEN SCHIPPER SCHOLARSHIP:

This is presented to the top spouse applicant in memory of Carmen Schipper, a past president of the Spouse Club, and mother of three young children. She worked diligently for the club throughout her struggle with terminal cancer. Carmen and her husband Tom met when he was a Cadet at the Academy. Despite her battle with cancer, she was always very generous and continued to focus on helping others who were in need. Her husband, Tom, retired and took his family back to Colorado.

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Schools of higher learning attended (post-secondary):

School	City	State	Dates Attended	Courses Taken
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Special honors and awards (include scholastic, academic achievements for high school or college):

Extracurricular activities (include elected leadership roles for high school, college, professional or personal):

Community, religious, and volunteer activities (such as scout leadership, school activities, sports, etc):

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Other significant information that you wish the committee to consider
(please remember that this is a merit based award and not a need based award):

Work Experience:
Employer Address Dates of Employment Hours/Week Type of Work

The information supplied in this application is accurate and is submitted for review by the judges in their evaluation process as established by the Hanscom Spouses Club's Scholarship Committee.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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Essay

DIRECTIONS:

1. Essays should be carefully thought out, as they **play heavily in the selection process**.
2. Essays should be typed, double spaced, and no more than two pages in length.
3. Suggested topics include:
 - a. Your educational goals.
 - b. How your educational experience will help prepare you to pursue future goals.
 - c. How you intend to apply your education to better your community.
4. **Or** you may submit your Common College Essay

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Recommendation Letter

1. Recommendations must be *typed* and limited to the space on this form.
2. Please place the recommendation in a sealed envelope and enclose it with the rest of the application.
3. Scholarship applications must be *postmarked on or before 15 March 2010*.

Evaluator's Name _____

Evaluator's Occupation _____

Evaluator's Signature _____ Date _____

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Photo Copy of Current Military ID Card

Please use this sheet to copy the front and back of your Military ID Card.