

2024
MILITARY DEPENDENT CHILD
HIGH SCHOOL MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

Sponsored by the
Maxwell-Gunter Spouses' Club

MAIL SCHOLARSHIP PACKET TO:

Maxwell-Gunter Spouses' Club (MGSC)
Attn: Scholarship Chairperson
P.O. Box 9935
Montgomery, AL 36108

The MGSC is dedicated to assisting various organizations with charitable donations and awarding college scholarships. Thanks to our hardworking volunteers at the Maxwell Thrift Shop, located in Building 851, 206 West Selfridge Street, Maxwell AFB, the MGSC can fund charitable endeavors such as these scholarships.

Each year, the Maxwell-Gunter Spouses' Club (MGSC) proudly awards scholarships to high school students who exhibit potential and desire to complete a program leading to a college degree. Financial support for these awards is provided by the Maxwell Thrift Shop. Scholarships are awarded to the selected students based on academic excellence and involvement in their school and community.

Scholarship amounts will be determined by funding availability. All awards may not be given if candidates do not meet eligibility and selection criteria.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: At the time the scholarship application is due, students must meet the following criteria:

- Planning to seek undergraduate, associate, or similar degree/diploma from and accredited 2 or 4 year college, university, or vocational-technical school; **AND**
- Be a dependent of an Active Duty, National Guard, or Reserve military member assigned to Maxwell-Gunter, **OR** be the dependent of a Retired or Deceased military member; **OR** be the dependent of a sponsor whose military personnel flight is the 42d Force Support Squadron **AND**
- Reside within a 30-mile radius of Maxwell-Gunter AFB.

The Scholarship Committee shall determine eligibility. A separate/independent review committee will be the final determining body for awarded scholarships. Each recipient is notified by mail of his or her selection. The award will be withdrawn if the recipient fails to enroll in an institution of higher learning within six months of receiving said award.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Academic record (Official sealed transcripts must reflect an unweighted 3.0 GPA minimum, based on a 4.0 system)
- Test scores (SAT and/or ACT)
- Extracurricular activities (community/volunteer service and club activities to include leadership roles, employment, and honors/awards)
- Letter of recommendation
- Student Essay

APPLICANT CHECKLIST

All applications must be postmarked **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024**. For more information contact: scholarshipsmgsc@gmail.com. Applicants will receive an email confirming receipt of their application by March 1, 2024. **Failure to complete these instructions correctly will result in disqualification. Use this checklist as you complete your application packet to include:**

___ 1. Completed Personal Data Sheet (Page 4).

___ 2. Counselor's Verification (Page 5). Transcripts must be included (officially sealed) from high school. SAT and/or ACT scores should be notated. ***Note: Homeschool students may mail their transcripts and test scores.**

___ 3. Completed Activity Data Sheet (pages 6-9). You may make additional copies of these forms, if needed, but the information must be submitted on this form. Do NOT submit a resume.

___ 4. Letter of Recommendation, no more than 100 words (page 10). This recommendation should be from an employer, teacher, or anyone you have contact with on a regular basis--someone who knows you and can attest to your character. It may NOT be from a family member. **Give a copy of the form to your reference and ask them to return it to you in a SEALED envelope with their signature over the seal.** A letter of recommendation **must** be included with your completed application.

___ 5. Student Essay: Attach a typed written essay of 350-500 words. Must be double spaced using 12 pt. font. Please include the essay question below at the top of your page before answering the question.

Resilience is an important quality for military members and their dependents to possess. Describe a time you showed resilience.

- Do **NOT** use your name, school, or position so that the essay may be evaluated objectively.
- **Include the last 4 digits of your SSN at the bottom of the page(s)** for identification purposes. Without the number, your essays are not identifiable.

___ 6. Certification page (page 11)

___ 7. A photocopy of the front and back of your dependent ID card, OR a notarized letter attesting to your possession of a dependent ID card, OR you may arrange to show your ID card to the Scholarship Chairperson.

___ 8. Mail completed application packet, post marked no later than **February 16, 2024**, (write in SSN Last 4 on bottom of each page) to:

Maxwell-Gunter Spouses' Club (MGSC)

Attn: Scholarship Chairperson

P.O. Box 9935

Montgomery, AL 36108

SSN Last 4: _____

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PERSONAL DATA SHEET

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION	
NAME (Last, First, Middle):	
Applicant's Last 4 (SSN):	
Address (Street, City, State, Zip):	Name of High School Currently Attending:
	Email Address:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
SPONSOR'S INFORMATION	
Sponsor's Eligibility Category: (Circle) Active-Duty National Guard Reserve Retired Deceased Deployed/Remote	
Sponsor's Name:	Sponsor's Rank:
Sponsor's Organization:	Sponsor's Last 4 (SSN):
Duty Phone:	Cell Phone:
Current Address if different than applicant:	Email address:
	Sponsor's ID Card Expiration Date:
EDUCATIONAL DATA	
High Schools attended in grades 9-12 (Name, City, State)	Dates Attended From Mo/Yr. - To Mo/Yr.

How did you hear about our scholarship? (Google, Facebook, email, word of mouth, guidance counselor, other) _____

Is a family member in the Maxwell-Gunter Spouses Club? _____

SSN Last 4: _____

COUNSELOR'S VERIFICATION

THIS PAGE IS ONLY TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE APPLICANT'S HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

APPLICANT GPA:

Unweighted _____ Weighted _____

TEST SCORES:

SAT Total score: _____ and/or ACT: _____ (highest composite score)

Counselor's Signature _____

Date _____

COUNSELOR INSTRUCTIONS – please attach an **OFFICIAL COPY** of complete High School transcripts and this form **IN A SEALED ENVELOPE**. Please return the envelope to the scholarship applicant so they may mail the completed application to the address requested.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

STUDENT SSN (last 4 digits) _____

ACTIVITY DATA SHEET (1)

Please detail your activities for each year of high school. *It is important that applicants provide all qualifying information in the application categories below. Please print out and attach additional sheets if necessary. Do NOT add a resume.

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE Grades 9-12 only. Please list any volunteer work including school, community, church, etc. that you have been involved in. Include estimated hours of service. List leadership roles and responsibilities associated with each activity. Verification of service may be required. List each activity on a separate line.		
Organization and Position/Title Role & Responsibilities	Estimated hours	Dates of Service (9 th -12 th) From Mo/Yr. - To Mo/Yr.
Example: Montgomery County Food Bank, Volunteer Helped fill food bags for distribution.	180	6-2021 to Present

Total hours of service _____

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ACTIVITY DATA SHEET (2)

COMMUNITY OR CLUB ACTIVITIES: List athletics, clubs, band, or activities for high school and your community. Verification of participation may be required. Use one line for each activity. Please place the descriptive symbol in the appropriate column: HS-High School COM-Community P-President VP-Vice President S-Secretary T-Treasurer M-Member V-Varsity Sport C-Captain					
Organization/Activity (Name)	12 th Grade	11 th Grade	10 th Grade	9 th Grade	Description
Example: Drama Club	HS-M	HS-M			Acted in 2 plays.
Ex: Regional Travel Soccer Club	COM-C	COM-M	COM-M	COM-M	Led team to championship

SSN Last 4: _____

ACTIVITY DATA SHEET (3)

AWARDS & HONORS Grades 9-12 only. Please include all academic, athletic, club, community and high school awards and honors earned. Also include dual enrollment if applicable. Use one line for each item listed.					
Awards/Honors and Organization	12 th Grade	11 th Grade	10 th Grade	9 th Grade	Description of Award or Honor
Example: National Honor Society	X	X	X	X	Awarded each semester. Performance/Participation Service Project
Example: Varsity athletic letter (football, basketball, track)	X	X			
Example: Eagle Scout		X			

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ACTIVITY DATA SHEET (4)

EMPLOYMENT DATA Grades 9-12 only. List most recent PAID employment first with estimated hours worked each year. List each job on a separate line.		
Company and Job Title Responsibilities	Total hours	Dates Employed From Mo/Yr. - To Mo/Yr.
Example: Chick-fil-A Team Member/Customer Service Greeting customers and completing transactions on cash register	10 per week 400 per year	6/2022 to Present

Total hours of employment _____

SSN Last 4: _____

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Writer: Please return this letter of recommendation in a sealed envelope (with your signature over the envelope flap) to the applicant so that they may mail it with their completed application. Thank you.

In 100 words or less, use the space below to give your assessment of this applicant's potential for success in college. Indicate how long and in what capacity you have known the applicant. You may use the space provided OR attach a separate piece of paper to this form. **Do not use applicant's name. Do use "this candidate," "this applicant," "this individual" as judging is impartial, and names are not to be included.**

Reference Name _____

Reference Position and Phone Number _____

Date _____

Applicant SSN Last 4: _____

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information in the application and activity data sheets is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and my essay is entirely my own effort. I further certify that I am a military dependent child, in possession of a valid military ID in my name, and I meet all other MGSC Scholarship Award eligibility requirements. Should I accept an MGSC Scholarship Award, I acknowledge that the following restrictions apply:

1. Enrollment verifications should be submitted to the MGSC no later than December 1, 2024 and awards used before January 1, 2025. If an extension is necessary, the recipient must contact the Scholarship Chair and provide an explanation no later than December 15, 2024. scholarshipsmgsc@gmail.com
2. The MGSC will send the scholarship award directly to the accredited institution where the recipient's account is maintained. Recipients are required to be a full-time student and must submit verification of their status prior to receiving their award. All funds shall be applied to tuition and/or associated costs administered by a regionally accredited college or university. Unique circumstances will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
3. Children, wards, or spouses of any MGSC Scholarship Committee member are ineligible for a scholarship in the year that person serves.

Should I accept an MGSC Scholarship Award and violate any of these restrictions, or if I failed to meet the eligibility requirements at the time the application was due, my sponsor and I agree to return all award money to the MGSC. Relinquished scholarship money will be dispersed at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, I agree that my signature on this form will authorize the Scholarship Chairperson to release copies of my transcripts, scholarship application, the last 4 of my social security number, and other auxiliary data to the Scholarship Committee and judges as needed.

APPLICANT'S NAME (Print) _____

SSN (Last 4): xxx-xx-_____ PHONE _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

(Waived if Sponsor is deployed, on remote or deceased – Please indicate on signature line)

Please review your application prior to mailing. Only fully completed applications will be accepted by the MGSC Scholarship committee. Failure to accurately follow directions will result in disqualification. Good Luck!

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