

Gaffney-Oglesby Marine Corps League Aguirre-Grijalva Scholarship

General Information:

1. Deadline for scholarship applications is May 26, 5:00 p.m. (No exceptions).
2. Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements.
3. Refer to application process below for a list of supporting documents needed. NOTE: Incomplete applications will not be considered.
4. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you.
5. You will be notified by mail in July regarding the status of your application.

Purpose:

The Gaffney-Oglesby Marine Corps League Scholarship has been established to preserve and promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League by effectively encouraging freedom and democracy. Gaffney-Oglesby agrees that a strong education is an integral component in this goal and therefore provides scholarship funds to assist our youth in pursuing their educational careers.

Award Components:

Each year, three (3) recipients will be selected to receive a scholarship in the amount of \$500 to be applied toward their post-secondary education.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must have an immediate family member (or guardian) who meets the following criteria:

- Is currently serving in the U.S. Marine Corps – Active Duty or Reserve – for at least 90 days.
- Is a Veteran U.S. Marine who has received an honorable discharge, medical discharge, was wounded, or was killed while serving in the U.S. Marine Corps.
- Is a U.S. Navy Corpsman currently serving (or has served) with a U.S. Marine unit.
- Is a Veteran U.S. Navy Corpsman who has served with a U.S. Marine unit and has received an honorable discharge, medical discharge, was wounded, or was killed in the U.S. Navy.
- Is a member in good-standing of the Marine Corps League or Auxiliary.

Additionally, applicants must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:

- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- Must be a resident of New Mexico.
- Planning to attend an accredited university or vocational/technical institution in New Mexico in the upcoming academic year.
- Must be a junior or senior level student as defined through credit hours at their institution.
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Application Process:

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly).
2. Two (2) character references in the form of a letter of recommendation
 - a. One reference must be a school official (i.e. principal, counselor)
 - b. One reference must be a family member, preferably the service member if still living
3. A copy of the most recent transcript with the cumulative grade point average.

4. A copy of either the acceptance letter or proof of current enrollment in the university of choice.
5. Proof of family member's service (preferably a DD-214).
6. Personal essay which addresses the following:
 - a. Explain how the U.S. Marine Corps has personally impacted your life.
 - b. See guidelines on attached essay form.
7. Applicant must agree to a personal interview with the selection committee upon completion of the application.
8. The Commandant of the Gaffney-Oglesby Marine Corps League must sign the completed application along with the applicant.

Deadline to submit the application is May 30. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered. No emailed or incomplete applications will be considered.

Announcement of scholarship recipients: July 30

Special Provision: Scholarship funds will be issued directly to the recipient's campus and may not be used to pay back college loans of any kind.

Please mail application to:

***Gaffney-Oglesby Detachment 1328
PO Box 2251
Silver City, NM 88062***

**Gaffney-Oglesby Marine Corps League
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*Personal Essay***

According to the listed guidelines, please respond to the following:

Explain how the U.S. Marine Corps, or a member of the Marine Corps, has personally impacted your life.

Guidelines:

- 2 pages
- Double-spaced
- 12-point font
- Arial or Calibri font type
- 1-inch margins on all sides
- Correct grammar usage and spelling are important

Gaffney-Oglesby Marine Corps League Scholarship Application

Please type or print your answers clearly. If application is illegible, it will be returned to you.							
1.	Last Name:				First Name:		
2.	Email address:						
3.	Mailing Address:						
	Street:						
	City:			State:		Zip:	
4.	Phone:				Cell:		
5.	Date of Birth:	Month:		Day:		Year:	
6.	Are you a permanent resident of New Mexico?			YES		NO	
7.	Current school I am enrolled in:			Current Year (circle one):			
				Junior		Senior	
8.	I will be attending the following school:			Please list the term you will be attending:			
NOTE: Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above school is required <i>prior to receipt of scholarship funds</i> .							
9.	Grade Point Average (GPA) on a scale of 4.0: _____						
	Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent unofficial or official transcript is also required.						
10.	Name and address of parent(s) or legal guardians(s):						

	Street:						
	City:			State:		Zip:	
	Parents' Phone:				Parents' Cell:		
11.	Please list your major/degree.						
12.	List other financial assistance you will receive per semester:						

	A. Personal:	Amount:	\$	
	B. Other Scholarship(s):	Amount:	\$	Describe below under comments
	C. Student Loan(s):	Amount:	\$	Describe below under comments
	D. Other Financial Resources:	Amount:	\$	Describe below under comments
Comments:				
13.	List your academic honors, awards and membership activities:			
14.	List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities:			
15.	Personal Essay Please answer the following question according to the attached guidelines: <i>Explain how the U.S. Marine Corps, or a member of the Marine Corps, has personally impacted your life.</i>			
16.	A. The following items MUST be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee. B. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application (NO exceptions). C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.			
	YES	NO	Completed, signed application (this form).	
	YES	NO	Two (2) character references. Include these letters in <u>sealed</u> envelopes.	
	YES	NO	Letter of application. This should state your intent to apply (one page maximum).	
	YES	NO	Proof of family member's service. Preferably a DD-214.	
	YES	NO	Copy of your most recent transcript with cumulative GPA.	
	YES	NO	Copy of your acceptance OR current enrollment from the university of choice.	
	YES	NO	Personal Essay. Follow attached guidelines.	

SIGNATURES

Applicant

Name

Signature

Date

I hereby certify that all information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Commandant

Name

Signature

Date

I hereby certify that the application meets necessary eligibility and approve submission for review.

Scholarship Coordinator

Name

Signature

Date

I hereby certify that all required documentation is attached and ready for review.