

Frequently asked questions (FAQ)

Do I have to have a sponsor to apply for a scholarship?

Yes. Sponsors must be a family member:

- 1) who is a “regular” USMC/Combat Helicopter & Tiltrotor Association member in “good standing.”

Or

- 2) an “Associate” member who is or has served with/supported a Marine Helicopter or Tiltrotor squadron and in good standing.

Or

- 3) Active duty Marine/sailors need only be a paid member for the current year.

“Good standing” is defined as paid membership for a minimum of previous (2018) and current (2019)

Are grandchildren of current Association members (as defined above) eligible for your scholarships?

Yes, children and grandchildren of Association members “in good standing ”are eligible.

Are spouses of Marines/sailors who are Association members eligible?

Yes, spouses of active duty Marines/sailors of current **paid** Association members are eligible.

What is the amount of a scholarship?

The amount and number of the scholarships the Association awards is determined by the amount of donations received to the endowments and number of applicants

What can scholarships be used for?

Scholarships are awarded to applicants with intent to defray under-graduate educational costs in the case of active duty spouses technical field certifications.

Is that per year for all four years, or is it a one-time award?

Current scholarships are awarded for one year only, but applicants are encouraged to apply for scholarships in subsequent years, for up to four years of under-graduate studies.

Is there a fee to apply for a scholarship? No

Is there a minimum SAT score required for a scholarship?

No. The Association does not require a minimum score on the SAT, ACT, or other similar test.

Is there a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) required for a scholarship?

Yes, the Association requires a minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4 point system.

Is there an income limit for applicants?

No. Applicant or family income is not a factor in award determination

Is there an age limit for scholarship applicants?

Yes. Applicants may not have reached their 24th birthday by the application deadline date in the year they apply. There is not an age limit for spouses of Marines/sailors.

Do I have to be a United States citizen in order to apply for a scholarship?

Yes. Applicants are required to be U.S. citizens.

Do I need to designate the name of the scholarship or scholarships for which I want to apply?

No. The Association considers all applicants for all available scholarships.

When is the deadline for submitting applications?

The deadline for submitting applications is listed on the application for the current award period

If I missed the deadline, can I still apply for a scholarship?

Due to the expected number of applications no applications can be accepted after the deadline. Eligible students are encouraged to submit their applications the next year.

When can I expect to hear about the status of my application?

Due to the expected number of applications, the Association will not normally acknowledge receipt of each application. We contact all students regarding the decision on their application approximately 60 days after the submission deadline.

If I am awarded a scholarship, what will happen?

Disbursement information and any additional information/document requirements will be sent to you upon award decision with request for acknowledgement

Where does the funding for scholarships awards come from?

Scholarships are funded through the generosity of various sources: members, foundations and those who support the goals of the Association.

I support the work you are doing and want to help Marine's families associated with USMC/Combat Helicopter & Tiltrotor Association. How can I make a donation to the Association?

-You can make a tax-deductible donation via check to USMC/Combat Helicopter & Tiltrotor Association, 2394 W Oak Bridge Way NE, Leland, NC 2845. Annotate check "scholarship."

-Alternatively, you can make an on-line donation via www.popasmoke.com.

Can a scholarship be established in the name of a family member or anyone else?

A scholarship can be established in anyone's name. Contact Admin@popasmoke.com for details

Questions concerning the USMC/Combat Helicopter & Tiltrotor Association Scholarship Program should be addressed to Admin@POPASMOKE.Com