

Fort Polk Combined Scholarship Council 2004

Merit Scholarship Application

High School Student

Dear Applicant,

This is an application form for scholarships awarded by the Fort Polk Combined Scholarship Council (CSC) for 2004. The CSC is composed of the following organizations:

Officers' Spouses' Club (OSC)
Enlisted Spouses' Club (ESC)
Sergeants' Major Association (SMA)
Warrant Officer's Association (WOA)
Leonidas Polk Chapter of the AUSA
Fort Polk Thrift Shop (TS)

In addition, corporate organizations have made donations to be awarded in conjunction with these scholarships. Currently, our corporate sponsors include First Command of Leesville and GEICO of Leesville. ***Scholarships will be awarded at the 2004 Scholarship Awards Banquet to be held on 7 May 2004 at 6pm at the Fort Polk Warrior Club.***

Eligibility:

1. All applicants must possess a current family member ID card for active duty, retirees, active guard/reserve soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians (DAC), full-time Non Appropriated Funds (NAF) employees.
2. Family members of active duty, retirees, active guard/reserve (AGR), Department of the Army Civilians (DAC), and full-time NAF are eligible.
3. Applicants who have received a full scholarship to another institution, either civilian or military (United States Military Academy, Reserve Officer Training Corps, United States Naval Academy, etc.), are ineligible to compete for these scholarships.
4. Applicants who have received an award from the Fort Polk Combined Scholarship Council in the past are ineligible. (One-time award program)
5. Family members of scholarship judges are ineligible.

Requirements:

1. Completed application to include signed acknowledgment (see APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS).
2. Copy of military ID card (please provide a Xeroxed copy of both sides of the ID card).
3. DAC and full-time NAF family members must submit a copy of a picture ID / drivers license.

4. Official transcripts from high school (only originals or certified copies with a raised or embossed seal from a notary public will be accepted). *Students who have transferred in to the local school district during any of the four years of high school are encouraged to provide transcripts from previous schools attended to provide judges with validation of honors and or Advanced Placement (AP) courses taken.*
5. Two (2) letters of recommendation from persons outside your family. Acceptable sources for letters of recommendation: school faculty member, office supervisor, members of volunteer organizations, or members of the clergy. **NO** references to applicant's name, gender or rank of sponsor should be used in recommendation. (For example, the term "the applicant" should be used in place of all pronouns that would infer gender, such as "she" or "he").
6. A **300-500 word typed essay** based on **one (1)** of the following topics. (Essay will be judged on writing ability, content, grammar and punctuation.):
 - a. How have your military life experiences led you to seeking continuing education?
In
which field and why?
 - b. Describe a person who has played an important part in your life and explain the impact they have had on your values and beliefs.
 - c. What are your hopes and aspirations? What is your life plan for the next five years?
7. **Sign and date** the application, thereby acknowledging all statements to be true and factual and that you are fully aware of all the rules and requirements of said application.
8. All applicants must provide a planned course of study or program description along with name and phone number of prospective college or institution you plan to attend.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Applications must be typed (double spaced, 12pt font) either on the attached application or using the electronic format available on the Fort Polk homepage (www.jrtc-polk.army.mil - on the main page click general info) or the OSC website (www.ftpolkosc.com). Transcripts, copy of both sides of ID card, completed essay, and references must be attached.

2. All applications **must be submitted hardcopy** in a 10 x 13 or larger envelope. Electronic versions will NOT be accepted. Application and attachments must NOT be folded.

3. Applications are judged on ***academic achievement, community service/school sponsored extracurricular activities, personal achievement, essay and recommendations.*** **APPLICANTS WILL BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, RANK OF SPONSOR, SEX, AGE, OR FINANCIAL NEED.**

4. Upon completion, mail signed application with all required attachments to:

Fort Polk Combined Scholarship Council
PO Box 4056
Fort Polk, LA 71459-4056

5. Completed application and all attachments must be *postmarked* **NO LATER THAN 5 APRIL 2004. The committee will not consider incomplete applications. Hand-delivered applications will NOT be accepted.**

6. Point of contact for any questions: Sue Harper 537-4159, Chairperson, Fort Polk Combined Scholarship Council or Jessica Kolodetsky, 537-5713, CSC Secretary

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Please mark sponsor's affiliation: Active Duty _____ AGR _____ Retiree _____ DAC _____ NAF _____

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **SSN:** _____

SCHOOL PRESENTLY ATTENDING: _____

Privacy Act/Acknowledgment

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 Fort Polk Combined Scholarship Council is accurate to the best of my knowledge and I consent freely to allow the Scholarship Council to confirm all the information included therein. If selected, I agree to allow use of my name and picture for publication in local newspapers, media, and the Fort Polk Guardian.

*In addition, I understand the primary purpose of this information submitted is for the Fort Polk Combined Scholarship Council to judge my application for possible award of a 2004 scholarship. Disclosure of all information is **voluntary**; however, failure to provide this information may prevent the CSC and its designated judges from properly judging your 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 Fort Polk Combined Scholarship Council scholarship and will not be used for any other purpose.*

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____
(Or signature of parent or guardian if under 18 years of age)

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LIST SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATED, INCLUDING DURATION OR PARTICIPATION AND ANY OFFICES HELD OR AWARDS/HONORS RECEIVED:
[USE ADDITIONAL ATTACHED SHEETS IF NECESSARY]

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (INCLUDE COMMUNITY GROUPS/PROJECTS, ORGANIZATIONS, SOCIAL GROUPS, HOBBIES AND PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS. INCLUDE ANY OFFICES HELD OR AWARDS/HONORS RECEIVED. *[USE ADDITIONAL ATTACHED SHEETS IF NECESSARY]*

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WORK EXPERIENCE (PAID OR VOLUNTEER) *[USE ADDITIONAL ATTACHED SHEETS IF NECESSARY]:*

DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL PLANS FOR THE FUTURE *[USE ADDITIONAL ATTACHED SHEETS IF NECESSARY]:*

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