



LITTLE ROCK SPOUSES' CLUB SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION GRANT FUND – POLICY

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Scholarships are awarded to first, second, and third place applicants in three main categories: graduating high school seniors, dependent children continuing education, and dependent spouses. Please review the information below for complete policies and requirements.

I. **Eligibility Requirements:**

For High School Seniors:

- A. The applicant must be a graduating high school senior/homeschool senior in the state of Arkansas.
- B. The applicant must be:
 - a. A dependent of an active duty member, guard member, reserve member, or retiree, currently stationed or residing at Little Rock Air Force Base or within a 30-mile radius
 - b. Enrolling or enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited college or university seeking a degree (associates, bachelors, masters, or doctorate) in the 2020-2021 academic year
- C. It is understood that each applicant must provide a signed letter from the active duty member verifying the applicant is a dependent or produce form DD-214 for retiree dependents.

For Dependent Continuing Education Students:

- A. The applicant must be:
 - a. The child of an active duty member, guard member, reserve member, or retiree, currently stationed or residing at Little Rock Air Force Base or within a 30-mile radius who is 23 years old or younger
 - b. Enrolling or enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited college or university seeking a degree (associates, bachelors, masters, or doctorate) in the 2020-2021 academic year
 - c. A high school graduate or have a GED equivalent
 - d. Not currently an active duty member, guard member, reserve member, or retiree
- B. It is understood that each applicant must provide a signed letter from the active duty member verifying the applicant is a dependent or produce form DD-214 for retiree dependents.

For Dependent Spouses:

- C. The applicant must be:
 - a. The spouse of an active duty member, guard member, reserve member, or retiree, currently stationed or residing at Little Rock Air Force Base or within a 30-mile radius
 - b. Enrolling or enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited college or university seeking a degree (associates, bachelors, masters, or doctorate) in the 2020-2021 academic year
 - c. A high school graduate or have a GED equivalent

d. Not currently an active duty member, guard member, reserve member, or retiree

D. It is understood that each applicant must provide a signed letter from the active duty member verifying the applicant is a dependent or produce form DD-214 for retiree dependents.

II. Limitations:

- A. Any applicant shall be disqualified from receiving a LRSC Scholarship if the applicant receives one or more “scholarships” that fully fund tuition, room and board, and academic supplies, to include books.
- B. Any applicant shall be disqualified from receiving a LRSC Scholarship if the applicant gains acceptance of an appointment to any of the service academies.
- C. Scholarship monies from other sources are not subject to LRSC Scholarship Policies.
- D. Scholarship applicants will be required to sign a letter agreeing to abide by the limitations stated in this Scholarship Policy.
- E. The maximum number of times an applicant can receive a scholarship from the LRSC is limited to one (1).
- F. The LRSC Scholarship Committee will be the final authority regarding eligibility.

III. Scholarship Use:

Scholarships may be used at any accredited college or university to defray any or all expenses directly related to tuition and fees and course-related expenses such as books, supplies, and equipment.

IV. Commitment:

Each prospective recipient shall sign his/her name in the space provided on the application. The scholarship recipient will remain in school for the full one semester/quarter or forfeit the full amount of the scholarship. The scholarship is given directly to the school where the recipient has been accepted. It is the recipient’s responsibility to get all pertinent information about the school to the LRSC for the scholarship to be forwarded on the recipient’s behalf.

V. Additional Funding Information:

In the event there are no qualified candidates to be designated as scholarship recipients in any given year, the scholarship shall not be awarded, and the money shall be returned to the LRSC Scholarship and Educational Grant Fund. Additionally, In the event there are no qualified candidates to be designated as scholarship recipients in any given category, the scholarship committee may decide to award an applicant in another category.

VI. Application Procedure:

- A. Completed applications must be postmarked by 15 March 2020 or emailed by 23:59 on 15 March 2020.
- B. Mailed applications must be submitted in a 9 x 11 Manila Envelope with no staples.
- C. Application forms must be accompanied by:
 - 1. Most recent official transcript.
 - 2. One (1) letter of recommendation (excluding relatives).
 - 3. Signed letter from your sponsor verifying you are a dependent.
 - 4. Essay written in response to one of the following prompts in less than 2 pages with double spacing, Times New Roman, 12-point font:
 - a. Tell us about a time where being a military dependent or spouse presented a unique challenge.
 - b. How has being a military dependent or spouse made you a better person?
 - c. In what way(s) do you plan to apply your unique perspective as a military dependent or spouse to your future goals?

5. Application and attachments can be emailed to: scholarshiplrsc@gmail.com
Or mailed to LRSC Scholarship Committee, PO Box 1264,
Jacksonville, AR 72078.

VII. Scholarship Judging Criteria:

Scholarship winners are chosen based on three core areas:

1. GPA – The official, unweighted GPA reported on the most recent transcript will be used to award applicants additional points. Points are awarded based on a pre-determined range.
2. Community Involvement – Our anonymous judges will review student involvement to assess a fair score that evaluates community & school involvement.
3. Essay – Our panel of anonymous judges will use a rubric approved by the committee (can be found at littlerockspouses.com) to fairly assess and score essays. Essays will be provided to the judges with personally identifying applicant information redacted.

VIII. Additional Judging Information:

- A. The selection shall be made without regard to one's race, color, gender, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, ethnic group, or sponsor's military rank or income.
- B. The judging of the applications is done by a group of three independent judges. Judges may not be affiliated with the LRSC or be on active duty and assigned to Little Rock Air Force Base. The decisions by the judging panel are final.

IX. Awarding of Scholarships:

The Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee will notify applicants of decisions made no later than 15 April 2020. Recipients will be invited to attend an award ceremony and reception in May (tentatively the 15th). Attendance is strongly encouraged but not required. Additionally, scholarship winners are encouraged to notify the committee of any high school scholarship ceremonies.

Any questions pertaining to your application may be emailed to the Scholarship Committee at scholarshiplrsc@gmail.com. Scholarship policies are subject to change. Additionally, scholarship funds are subject to availability. Please sign and return this document with your application.

Student Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian (if student is under 18)

Date

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Privacy Act of 1974 – Information is for official use only. All applications will be destroyed after Scholarships have been awarded.