



# MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD

NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 48

Lauderdale, MS 39335

msncoa.org / 601-632-4535

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### 1. ELIGIBILITY:

#### a. Sponsor requirements:

(1) The sponsor must be an annual, enlisted, retired or life member of the Mississippi National Guard Association before January prior to the Annual Conference.

(2) If deceased, the sponsor must have been an annual, enlisted, retired or life member of the Mississippi National Guard NCO Association at the time of death.

#### b. Applicant requirements:

(1) The applicant must be an unmarried dependent child or the spouse of the sponsor. If the sponsor is deceased, the sponsor must not have remarried.

(2) The applicant must be a high school senior or equivalent, or must have at least one full semester remaining toward an undergraduate degree and must attend and accredited university, college, community college, vo-tech, business, or trade school.

(3) Previous scholarship winners are not eligible to re-apply.

### 2. FISCAL:

a. The board of directors will determine the number and amount of scholarship each year.

b. A draft payable to the institution concerned will be presented to each recipient before school entry. A certificate will be presented during the annual conference and at Awards Day at recipient's school.

c. The sponsor will be responsible for insuring the return of any unused funds, should the recipient fail to complete the term for which the scholarship is awarded, unless due to illness or a reason acceptable to the Board of Directors.

### 3. GENERAL:

#### a. The selection committee:

(1) Will be formed by an accredited college; or

(2) Will be a committee of professional educators, and

(3) Will not give and consideration to the sponsor's place of employment, friendships, positions, geographical residence, rank or grade.



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b. Grading criteria will be:

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| (1) GPA  | Max points: 25 |
| (2) ACT Score                                    | Max points: 25 |
| (3) Long Range Plan                              | Max points: 20 |
| (4) Honors                                       | Max points: 10 |
| (5) Letters of Recommendation                    | Max points: 10 |
| (6) School, Community, Church, Social Activities | Max points: 10 |

### 4. APPLICATION:

a. The attached application must be completed by the applicant and submitted to the committee chairperson POSTMARKED on or before 01 February prior to the annual conference.

b. All applicants must be accompanied by:

- (1) A copy of applicant's OFFICIAL SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.
- (2) A LETTER FROM APPLICANT with specific facts as to their desire to continue his/her education and why financial assistance is required.
- (3) THREE (3) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (with wet signatures – no photo copies) verifying this applicant and giving specific moral and personal traits (These may be from community leaders, ministers, educators, etc.).
- (4) LETTER OF ACADEMIC REFERENCE (Principal, Dean, or Counselor – wet signatures).

NOTE: The applicant may be required to appear in person in unusual circumstances.



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## APPLICATION

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_ SINGLE ( ) MARRIED ( )

Name, rank, address, telephone number, and email address of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date of enlistment of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Status of applicant: (Check one)

High School ( )                      College ( )                      Business or Trade School ( )

*If additional space is needed to answer questions, you may use separate sheets & attach:*

List activities in which you have participated (school, church, or community): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List offices to which you have been elected in any organization: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*If additional space is needed to answer questions, you may use separate sheets & attach:*

List Honors (School, Athletic or Citizenship, etc.) which you have been awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List names and addresses of university, college, business or trade school you plan to attend:

\_\_\_\_\_

I have answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Applicant)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of sponsor)



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If granted a scholarship, and I fail to complete the school term for any reason other than sickness or personal injury, I agree to return my scholarship money received by me to the Mississippi National Guard NCO Association.

I further state that I consent to providing the information requested in the application. I have provided this information freely, and voluntarily, and hereby waive and objections to providing this information which might be made pursuant to the privacy Act, 5 U.S.C., Section 552a. The Mississippi National Guard NCO Association has my permission to use the information given in considering and processing this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Applicant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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## COMPLETE AND MAIL TO:

SFC (RET) LEROY MATTHEWS

P.O. BOX 68

CROWDER, MS 38622

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