

Marine Corps League National Scholarship

Highlights of Changes for 2021

Increase in qualifying Grade Point Average

- The required GPA is now 3.3, or higher, on a 4.0 scale. This is an increase from the previous 3.0 requirement.

Paid Life Members may record only their PLM Number.

- Previously, PLM members were required to record both their PLM number and their regular member number. Now only the PLM # is required.
- All other members are still required to record their member number and their dues expiration date. Without this number and the expiration date, the application will not be accepted.

Reminders

- **High School students:** Do not submit your application until you have received your final high school transcript which indicates your graduation from high school and your final GPA.
- **All Applicants:** Original signatures are required of the applicant, sponsor, and officers who approve the application. Copies or electronic signatures are not acceptable.
- **Student Data Sheet:** The Student Data Sheet will be posted on the League website & Library *after* the preliminary selection of accepted applications is made. That form is used to provide detailed information so that we can send the scholarship award checks to the proper department at the school.
- **Don't forget the final requirement:** For those who are selected for the scholarship award, you must submit a **Confirmation of Enrollment** as a full-time student from the school. Reminders to submit this confirmation will not be sent. Without the confirmation, you will not receive the award. Details for submission of this confirmation will be provided to those successful applicants when the preliminary list is posted on the League website.
- **Email address:** All email communications should be sent to **scholarship@mcleague.org**



Marine Corps League National Scholarship 2021 Instructions and Application



The 2021 Scholarship Application dates and eligibility requirements have been revised. Please review the new Application and Requirements below carefully.

PURPOSE – To provide a MCL Scholarship to qualified applicants who are pursuing an undergraduate degree, and will be enrolled as a full-time student (12 semester hour minimum) in the upcoming academic year 2021 Fall Semester and is attending an accredited undergraduate institution. The MCL Scholarships will only be awarded for a maximum of four (4) years and must be reapplied for each year (These scholarships do not have to be in consecutive years).

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS -

1. Paid members of the Marine Corps League or paid members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary in good standing.
2. Spouses, Children, Step Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren of paid members of the Marine Corps League or paid members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary in good standing.
3. Children of U. S. Marines, FMF Navy Corpsmen and Navy Chaplains (serving with a Marine Unit) who were Killed in Action.
4. The above students must currently have a **Cumulative (Unweighted) GPA of at least 3.3** (on a 4.0 scale). [*Note: This is a change from previous GPA requirements*].

NON-ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS –

1. Students who already have their first undergraduate degree, or are pursuing their second bachelor's degree, or are attending graduate school of any kind, or are attending Federal Service Academies are not eligible.
2. Students who do not currently have a **Cumulative (Unweighted) GPA of at least 3.3** (on a 4.0 scale) are not eligible.

NON-ELIGIBLE COLLEGES / UNIVERSITIES –

The College or University that the student plans on attending in the upcoming academic year **2021 Fall Semester**, must be an Accredited Undergraduate Institution listed in College Navigator: (<http://nces.ed.gov/globallocator/>) in order to qualify for this Marine Corps League Scholarship.

REQUIREMENTS

APPLICANTS

1. Must have a **Minimum Cumulative GPA (Unweighted) of at least 3.3** (on a 4.0 scale).
2. Complete and sign the official 2021 application that is published on the National Marine Corps League Website (Outdated, modified or incomplete applications will not be approved).
3. If you are both the Applicant & the Membership Sponsor complete both sections as self.
4. Verify that the school you will be attending in the **2021 Fall Semester** is an accredited institution listed in [College Navigator](#).
5. **High School Seniors:** Attach your **Official Complete (Final) High School Transcripts** (all years) (no copies accepted). *The transcript must indicate graduation from high school and GPA.*
6. **Current College Students:** Attach your **Official Latest College Semester (completed) Transcripts**.
7. Photocopies of transcripts are not acceptable. Mail original application and transcripts to the address below. **Transcripts may also be emailed directly from the school, or its agent, to scholarship@mcleague.org**
8. Ensure that the sponsor information is complete, accurate and signed.
9. Ensure that the MCL Detachment or MCLA Unit Name & Location information is complete and signed by the required (2) Officers.
10. Mail the completed Application and all required Transcripts to the address shown below, **postmarked on or before July 16, 2021.**

MEMBERS AT LARGE (MAL) (Applicants or Sponsors)

1. MAL Members: If you are both the Applicant & the Membership Sponsor complete both sections as self.
2. MAL Sponsors: Complete Sponsor information section and insert the letters '**MAL**' in lines #19 and #20 on the application.

SPONSORS (LEAGUE or AUXILIARY)

1. All Sponsors membership dues must be paid up to date in the Marine Corps League or the Marine Corps League Auxiliary.
2. **MCL** Sponsors provide all sponsorship data on the application as required, insert their Original League Membership Number in line #17 or their Paid Life Member (PLM) Number in line #18; Non-PLM's insert their membership **Expiration Date** in line #18.
3. **MCLA** Sponsors do not have membership numbers, therefore insert 'N/A' in line #17, and insert their Paid Life Member (**PLM#**) Number in line #18, for Non-PLM's insert their membership '**Expiration Date**' in line #18.

NOTE: See your Detachment Paymaster or Auxiliary Unit Treasurer for assistance with these member numbers or expiration date.

CERTIFICATION (By Two Officers) – (Signing Officers cannot be related to the Applicant or Sponsor)

(A) DETACHMENT or AUXILIARY

1. The Detachment Paymaster / Auxiliary Unit Treasurer will certify in lines #21 and #22 that the Sponsors membership dues are paid up to date within their respective organization.
2. The Detachment Commandant / Auxiliary Unit President will certify in lines #23 and #24 that the Sponsors membership dues are paid up to date within their respective organization.

NOTE: In the event the Applicant OR Sponsored is related to the Detachment Commandant / Detachment Paymaster OR the Auxiliary Unit President / Auxiliary Unit Treasurer, the Detachment “Senior Vice Commandant” or the Auxiliary Unit “Senior Vice President” will certify in their appropriate lines after verifying that the Sponsor is a paid member in good standing within their respective organization as their “DESIGNEE”. If there is still a conflict the Judge Advocate will sign.

(B) NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS – Will Certify all Members At Large (MAL) (If the application is approved).

National Marine Corps League or the Marine Corps League Auxiliary Headquarters will verify the membership status of all Members at Large (MAL) Applicants / Sponsors.

PRELIMINARY APPROVED APPLICATIONS – NAMES WILL BE POSTED ON THE MCL NATIONAL WEBSITE AUGUST 20, 2021

If your application is selected, your name will be posted on or about August 20, 2021 on the Marine Corps League National Website www.mclnational.org (Programs Menu), with instructions to obtain an “Official Proof of Enrollment Letter” from your school for the 2021 Fall Semester. This “Official Proof of Enrollment Letter” and your “Student Data Sheet” must include your student ID# and the College / University “OFFICE” mailing address which is designated to receive scholarship funds. [Note: The **Student Data Sheet** will be posted on the League website along with the names of those whose applications have been preliminarily accepted]. These must be sent to the National Scholarship Committee postmarked no later than September 24, 2021. If the required “Official Proof of Enrollment Letter” and the completed “Student Data Sheet” is received and the Institutions Accreditation is verified, your name will be submitted to the President of the Marine Corps League Foundation for issuance of the Scholarship check directly to your College or University during November, 2021.

AMOUNT OF THE 2021 SCHOLARSHIP -

The Marine Corps League Foundation cannot establish the amount of the individual Scholarship until October, 2021. The amount of the Scholarship can vary from year to year, based on the total number of selected applicants who submit their required “**Proof of Enrollment**” in an accredited institution and “Student Data Sheet” to the National Scholarship Committee by the deadline of September 24, 2021. The final list of scholarship recipients will be posted on the MCL National Website soon after the September deadline. The President of the Marine Corps League Foundation will then determine the amount of the 2021 Scholarship’s based on funds available. All recipients will receive the same amount.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. All decisions by the Scholarship Committee are final and will not be subject to review.
2. The Scholarship Committee will strictly observe all eligibility criteria and requirements, to ensure compliance throughout.
3. Incomplete applications will not be considered by the committee, nor will they be returned for corrections.
4. **Preliminary Approved Applicants will not receive a notification letter. The list will be posted to the MCL National Website on; August 20, 2021.**
5. If you have a change of mailing address or email, notify the National Scholarship Committee at (scholarship@mcleague.org)
6. **Do not send** your application or transcript by registered or certified mail. If you need a delivery receipt it is recommended you send scholarship correspondence via USPS ‘Priority Mail’, which provides free electronic tracking.
7. Documents downloaded / copied from a school website(s) will not be accepted, unless they are authenticated and signed by that Institution’s Registrar’s Office.
8. Some Institutions may charge a processing fee for ‘Official Documents’ and/or require that the requested Documents be mailed by that Institution directly to the Marine Corps League National Scholarship Committee (see mailing address below).
9. Should you have any questions send email directly to the Scholarship Committee Chairman at (scholarship@mcleague.org).

[Mail All Applications / Transcripts / Letters to:](#)

**MCL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
c/o Jerry Holt
3207 Kendall Trace
Indian Land, SC 29707-5839**



Marine Corps League

2021 National Scholarship Application

(MUST BE TYPED OR PRINTED LEGIBLY)



NAMES OF PRELIMINARY APPROVED APPLICANTS WILL BE POSTED ON MCL NATIONAL WEBSITE AUGUST 20, 2021

APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. APPLICATION TYPE: NEW RENEWAL 2. DATE _____
3. NAME LAST _____ FIRST _____ MI _____
4. ADDRESS (STREET) _____ APT # _____
5. CITY _____ 6. STATE _____ 7. ZIP CODE _____
(Plus + 4) ie: 12345-1234
8. TELEPHONE # _____ 9. E-MAIL _____
10. COLLEGE YEAR YOU WILL BE STARTING IN UPCOMING FALL SEMESTER 2021: 1ST 2ND 3RD 4TH
11. CUMULATIVE GPA (UNWEIGHTED) _____ < (3.30 MINIMUM ON THE 4.00 SCALE)
12. APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ (MUST BE ORIGINAL SIGNATURE)

SPONSOR INFORMATION

13. SPONSOR IS: MCL DETACHMENT MEMBER MCLA UNIT MEMBER MEMBER AT LARGE (MAL)
14. SPONSOR'S RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT (CHECK ONE)
- FATHER MOTHER GRANDPARENT SPOUSE SPONSOR IS ALSO THE APPLICANT
15. SPONSOR'S NAME: FIRST _____ MI _____ LAST _____
16. SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE _____ (MUST be **ORIGINAL** Signature)
17. MCL MEMBERSHIP NUMBER #(IF AUXILIARY UNIT MEMBER PRINT "N/A") _____
18. MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION DATE (OR) PAID LIFE MEMBER NUMBER PLM# _____
19. MCL DETACHMENT NAME: _____ DET. # _____
- OR MCLA UNIT NAME: _____
20. DETACHMENT / AUXILIARY LOCATION: _____
- CITY STATE

DETACHMENT OR AUXILIARY UNIT CERTIFICATION (MUST BE ORIGINAL SIGNATURES)
MEMBERS AT LARGE (MAL) WILL BE CERTIFIED BY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

NOTE: In the event the Applicant or Sponsor is related to the Detachment Commandant / Detachment Paymaster OR the Auxiliary Unit President / Auxiliary Unit Treasurer, then the Detachment "Senior Vice Commandant" or the Auxiliary Unit "Senior Vice President" will certify in the lines below after verifying that the Sponsor is a paid member in good standing within their respective organization as their "DESIGNEE". If there is still a conflict the Judge Advocate will sign as Designee.

21. Signature of Paymaster / Treasurer / Designee _____
(MUST BE ORIGINAL SIGNATURE)
22. Printed Title & Name of Above _____
23. Signature of Commandant / President / Designee _____
(MUST BE ORIGINAL SIGNATURE)
24. Printed Title & Name of Above _____

NOTE: MEMBERS AT LARGE WHO ARE SPONSORS SHALL INSERT "MAL" IN LINES #19 & #20 ABOVE.