



Marine Corps League
National Scholarship Committee Report
for the
2021 National Convention



The Committee is currently in the process of evaluating the applications and transcripts for the 2021 applicants. The deadline to receive these forms was July 16, 2021. The names of the applicants who have received preliminary approval will be posted on the National Website by August 20, 2021. Those who have been selected will still have **two additional steps to complete**:

1. Along with the list of approved applicants, a **Student Data Sheet** will be posted. It must be completed by the applicant and submitted to the committee. It will provide the current mailing address for the student, student ID number, and the specific mailing address of the school's department to which the award check will be sent.
2. After Drop / Add Day, (usually 1 – 2 weeks after the beginning of the term), the committee must receive a **confirmation of full-time enrollment** from the school. Without this confirmation, the student will not receive the award.

In each of the last two years, we received about 270 applications. Last year, 205 of those applicants received awards. As of the writing of this report, we're running at about the same rate of applications received. The preliminary list of accepted applications will be posted after the convention.

There were two significant changes in this year's program:

1. The qualifying GPA was raised from 3.0 to 3.3 (on a 4.0 scale).
2. It's no longer necessary for the sponsor who is a Life Member to include both the PLM number and the regular Member Number).

Unfortunately for several of the applicants, we continue to receive applications that are missing applicant signatures, missing the Member Number or PLM number of the sponsor, or are missing one or more of the required verifying officer's signatures. This lack of attention to detail in reviewing the application before submission leads to rejection of the application and deserving students miss out on the opportunity to receive this year's award.

The Marine Corps League Scholarship Program should serve as an excellent recruiting and retention tool for the League. For an annual investment of less than \$50, the member; member's spouse; children; grandchildren and other descendants can qualify for an award of \$500, or more, for up to four years for each recipient. It's also a program which would be able to offer higher award amounts if it received more contributions from League members, Detachments and Departments.

Respectfully submitted

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