The Committee is currently in the process of evaluating the applications and transcripts for the 2022 award year. The deadline to receive these forms was July 16, 2022. The names of the applicants who have received preliminary approval will be posted on the National Website by August 20, 2022. Those who have received preliminary approval will still have two additional steps to complete:

1. Along with the list of approved applicants, a Student Data Sheet will be posted. The student data sheet must be completed by the applicant and submitted to the committee. The student data sheet 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, and the student data sheet, the student will not receive the award.

For the 2022 award year, we received 172 applications. This amount represents a decrease of 98 applications from the 2021 award year. As of the writing of this report, we have tentatively approved 125 applications. This amount represents a decrease of 80 tentative approvals from the 2021 award year. For the award year 2021 of the total applications received, 205 of those applicants’ received awards.

With the exception of the two significant changes, as noted in the 2021 report, there was no additional changes for the award year 2022.

We continue to receive applications that are missing required information. Such as applicant signatures, missing the Member Number or PLM number of the sponsor, missing one or more of the required verifying officer’s signatures, and transcripts. For example, for the award year 2022 we received 25 applications without a transcript and seven transcripts without an accompanying application. This lack of attention to detail in reviewing the application requirements before submission leads to rejection of the application and deserving students missing out on the opportunity to receive an award.

The Marine Corps League Scholarship Program is 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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