



Marine Corps League National Scholarship Key Points for 2026



PLEASE REVIEW NEW APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIREMENTS CAREFULLY

Qualifying Grade Point Average

- A required Cumulative Unweighted GPA of 3.30 or higher, on a 4.00 scale.

Members must provide their membership information

- MCL must enter their Member Profile Number - See *Detachment Paymaster*
- Life Members must also signify "LIFE" where asked.

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 completed forms with signatures are not required. Copies of the original completed application with appropriate signatures are acceptable and must be scanned and emailed. Pictures of documents are not acceptable.
- **Zip+4:** Complete zip codes are required on all documents.
- **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 will be used by you to provide detailed information so that we can send the scholarship award checks to the proper department address at the school.
- **Do not 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. Without confirmation, you will not receive the award. Details for submission of this confirmation will be provided when the preliminary list is posted on the League website.

**IN ADDITION TO THE APPLICATION EACH STUDENT ON THE
PRELIMINARY LIST IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBMITTING A **STUDENT
DATA SHEET AND PROOF OF ENROLLMENT BY SEPTEMBER 21, 2026****

MCL National website: <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/youth-programs/>

- **SCHOLARSHIP Email address:** All email communications must be sent to:
Scholarship@MCLeague.org



Marine Corps League National Scholarship

2026 Instructions and Application



PLEASE REVIEW APPLICATION AND REQUIREMENTS BELOW CAREFULLY

PURPOSE

To provide an MCL Scholarship to qualified applicants who are pursuing an undergraduate degree and will be enrolled as a full-time student (12 semester hours minimum) in the upcoming 2026 academic year Fall Semester and will be 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. The scholarship does not have to be in consecutive years.

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

1. Paid members of the Marine Corps League or Marine Corps League Auxiliary in good standing (i.e., Dues must be current).
2. Spouses, Children, Stepchildren, 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 3.30** on a 4.00 scale.

NON-ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

1. Students who already have their first undergraduate degree; are pursuing their second bachelor's degree; 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 3.30** on a 4.00 scale are not eligible.

NON-ELIGIBLE COLLEGES / UNIVERSITIES

The College or University the student plans to attend in the upcoming academic year **2026 Fall Semester**, must be an Accredited Undergraduate Institution listed in College Navigator: (<http://nces.ed.gov/globallocator/>) to qualify for this MCL Scholarship.

REQUIREMENTS

APPLICANTS

1. Must have a **Minimum Cumulative GPA (unweighted) of at least 3.30** (on a 4.00 scale).
2. Complete and sign the official 2026 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 and the Membership Sponsor, complete both sections as self.
4. Verify the school you will be attending in the **2026 Fall Semester** is an accredited institution listed in [College Navigator](#).
5. **High School Seniors:** Attach a copy of your Official Complete Final High School Transcript for all years. *The transcript must indicate graduation from high school and GPA.*
6. **Current or former College Students:** Attach a copy of your Official College Semester Transcripts for the latest semester completed.
7. Photocopies of official transcripts are acceptable. **Screenshots of school schedules, grades, etc. are not acceptable.** Applications and transcripts must be emailed to Scholarship@MCLeague.org. **Documents are not to be mailed.** The transcripts requested must be sent directly to you from the school to avoid confusion or being lost.
8. Ensure that the sponsor's 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. Email the completed Application and all required Transcripts to Scholarship@MCLeague.org on or before **July 21, 2026**.

MEMBERS AT LARGE (MAL) (Applicants or Sponsors)

1. MAL Members: If you are both the Applicant and 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 must provide all sponsorship data on the application as required and insert their **League Profile Number** on line 17. Sponsors must also provide their membership **Expiration Date** on line 18 (or signify Life Member).
3. **MCLA** Sponsors do not have membership numbers, insert 'N/A' on line 17 and insert their Paid Life Member (**PLM**) Number on line 18, for non-PLM's insert their membership '**Expiration Date**' on 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**)

DETACHMENT or AUXILIARY

1. The Detachment Paymaster/Auxiliary Unit Treasurer will certify on line 21 that the Sponsor's membership dues are paid up to date within their respective organization.
2. The Detachment Commandant/Auxiliary Unit President will certify on line 22 that the Sponsors membership dues are paid up to date within their respective organization.

NOTE: In the event the Applicant OR Sponsor 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.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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 TO MCL LIBRARY (WWW.MCLEAGUELIBRARY.ORG)

If your application is selected, your name will be posted on or about **August 31, 2026**, on the Marine Corps League National Website www.mclibrary.org (**Programs Menu**), with instructions to obtain an "*Official Proof of Enrollment Letter*" from your school for the 2026 Fall Semester. This "*Official Proof of Enrollment Letter*" and your "*Student Data Sheet*" must include your student ID number and the College/University 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]. This must be scanned and emailed to the National Scholarship Committee Chairman no later than **September 21, 2026**. If the required "*Official Proof of Enrollment Letter*" and the completed "*Student Data Sheet*" are 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 prior to **November 1, 2026**.

AMOUNT OF THE 2026 SCHOLARSHIP

The Marine Corps League Foundation cannot establish the amount of the individual Scholarship until October 2026. 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 21, 2026**. 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 2026 Scholarship 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 notification. **The list will be posted to the MCL National Website by August 31, 2026.**
5. If you have a change of mailing address or email, notify the National Scholarship Committee at Scholarship@MCLeague.org. Photocopies of official transcripts are acceptable. Applications and transcripts must be emailed to Scholarship@MCLeague.org. Documents are not to be mailed. The transcripts requested must be sent directly to you to avoid confusion or being lost.
6. Documents downloaded from a school website(s) will be accepted if authenticated by that Institution's Registrar's Office.
7. Official Transcripts and Proof of Enrollment should be sent directly to you. Some Institutions may charge a processing fee for 'Official Documents' and/or require that the requested documents be emailed by that Institution directly to the MCL National Scholarship Committee. **WE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSCRIPTS DELAYED BY THE INSTITUTION.**
8. Should you have any questions send email directly to the Scholarship Committee Chairman at Scholarship@MCLeague.org.

Send All Applications And Transcripts By Email Only To:

MCL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
JOE HUGHES, CHAIRPERSON
Scholarship@MCLeague.org

DEADLINE IS JULY 21, 2026
FORMS MUST BE PDF or SCANNED
– NO PICTURES WILL BE ACCEPTED

IF YOUR NAME APPEARS ON THE PRELIMINARY LIST

Send Student Data Sheet And Proof Of Enrollment By Email Only To:

MCL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
JOE HUGHES, CHAIRMAN
Scholarship@MCLeague.org

DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 21, 2026
FORMS MUST BE PPDF or SCANNED
– NO PICTURES WILL BE ACCEPTED



Marine Corps League

2026 National Scholarship Application

(MUST BE TYPED OR PRINTED LEGIBLY)



**NAMES OF PRELIMINARY APPROVED APPLICANTS WILL BE POSTED WITH
ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS AT MCL NATIONAL WEBSITE ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 31, 2026**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. APPLICATION TYPE: NEW RENEWAL 2. DATE:

3. LAST NAME: _____ FIRST _____ MI _____

4. STREET ADDRESS: _____ APT NO. _____

5. CITY: _____ 6. STATE: _____ 7. ZIP +4: _____

8. PHONE: _____ 9. CONTACT EMAIL: _____

10. COLLEGE YEAR YOU WILL BE STARTING IN **FALL SEMESTER 2026** 1ST 2ND 3RD 4TH

11. CUMULATIVE GPA (UNWEIGHTED) _____ (**3.30 MINIMUM ON 4.00 SCALE**)

12. **APPLICANT SIGNATURE**

SPONSOR INFORMATION

13. SPONSOR IS MCL DETACHMENT MEMBER MCLA UNIT MEMBER MEMBER AT LARGE (MAL)

14. SPONSOR RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT (CHECK ONE)
PARENT GRANDPARENT SPOUSE SPONSOR IS APPLICANT

15. SPONSOR COMPLETE NAME: _____ SPONSOR PHONE: _____

16. **SPONSOR SIGNATURE** SPONSOR EMAIL: _____

17. MCL PROFILE NUMBER (IF AUXILIARY UNIT MEMBER, PUT "N/A") _____

18. MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION DATE (OR) SIGNIFY PAID LIFE MEMBER: _____

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

19. MCL DETACHMENT NAME: _____ DETACHMENT No.: _____
OR MCLA UNIT NAME: _____

20. DETACHMENT / AUXILIARY LOCATION: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____

MEMBERS AT LARGE (MAL) WILL BE CERTIFIED BY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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DETACHMENT 2026-2027 OFFICERS

21. **PAYMASTER OR
MCLA TREASURER** _____ NAME: _____ TITLE: _____ **SIGNATURE**

22. **COMMANDANT OR
MCLA PRESIDENT** _____ NAME: _____ TITLE: _____ **SIGNATURE**