



Fort Bliss Spouses' Association (FBSA)

Spring 2018 Merit Scholarship Application and Directions

1. FBSA Merit Scholarships are awarded to eligible **FBSA members** planning to enroll, or enrolled in: a two-year college (resident or online), a four-year college or university (resident or online), or vocational school in accordance with the rules and regulations established herein. FBSA scholarships are for spouses and children of active-duty, retired, and Gold Star service members of ALL RANKS as well as the spouses and children of GS civilian employees **who are members of FBSA**. To be eligible, applicant must meet one of the following conditions:
 1. Sponsor is assigned to the Ft. Bliss/EI Paso area
 2. High School senior (sponsor has PCS'd but the family has remained at Ft. Bliss/EI Paso to allow the student to complete high school.)

The applicant must be a member and reside in the local EI Paso area until 15 March 2018 to be eligible.

Applications will be reviewed anonymously by a Selection Committee based on the student's academic record, job record, volunteer work, participation in community-based activities, 2 letters of recommendation, and a brief essay. **Financial need is not considered.**

Membership Requirements: Available for spouses of valid ID cardholder of the Fort Bliss and greater EI Paso communities to include:

1. Active duty, National Guard, and Reserve military stationed at Fort Bliss and the greater EI Paso area (to include MSMR)
2. Retired military residing within the greater EI Paso area
3. DoD Civilians and contractors residing in the EI Paso and MSMR area (active or retired)
4. Member of allied nations assigned to Fort Bliss
5. Surviving spouses from any of the above listed items

2. Scholarships will be awarded in each of four categories. Minimum award is \$1,000.

- (1) High School Senior
- (2) College Student
- (3) Graduate Student
- (4) Spouse

3. Rules:

- a. ***Active duty and retired service members are NOT eligible to apply for FBSA scholarships. ****
- b. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Students who are homeschooled must submit their SAT/ACT scores in lieu of a GPA. GED scores can be submitted in lieu of GPA. Score must be at least 501.
- c. Applicants who receive "full-ride" scholarships (tuition, room and board) or appointments to attend a service academy must withdraw their application and forfeit any FBSA Scholarship award.
- d. An applicant may apply in **only one** scholarship category per application year.
- e. No applicant may receive a total of more than two FBSA scholarships from the FBSA Scholarship Fund.
The scholarships may be in any combination of categories.
- f. Eligible child dependents must not turn 23 before 1 Jan 2018.
- g. Sponsor must not have PCS'd before 15 March 2018 unless high school senior remained in local area to finish high school.

4. Recipients of merit scholarships will be notified by April 6th, 2018 and invited to FBSA Luncheon on April 18th to receive scholarship award presentation hosted by the FBSA in April of 2018.

5. Funding procedures

- a. Scholarship awards will be mailed directly for deposit in the student's tuition account in accordance with the educational institution's scholarship process.
- b. Final disbursement of merit scholarship monies will be made by August 1, 2018 and must be used by May 31, 2018 or the money will be returned to FBSA.

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6. Deadline: The completed application and all supporting documents must be submitted together with the exception of the transcript which may be mailed directly from the school. All material must be **received** by 15 March 2018 to be considered. . Applications can be completed using word-processing programs. Handwritten applications will not be accepted. ***Failure to provide all required documentation will result in disqualification.***

7. Questions concerning the FBSA scholarship program or application process may be directed to the Scholarship Committee by e-mailing (scholarships@thefbsa.org). The application is available on the FBSA website at www.thefbsa.org.

8. Mailing address for completed applications: FBSA Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 6365
Fort Bliss, TX 79906

