



Special Operations Fund Exeter Summer Program Scholarship

INTRODUCTION

The Special Operations Fund (SOFund) in partnership with Phillips Exeter Academy (Exeter) is proud to announce the 2024 Exeter Summer Program Scholarship (Exeter Summer) in Exeter, New Hampshire, for children of service members of Special Mission Units. 2024 Exeter Summer dates are from July 6 to August 8, 2024.

The Exeter Summer scholarship (\$10,400) includes tuition, room and board, books, along with a transportation stipend. The transportation stipend is for up to \$1,000, and includes travel for the student and one parent, and lodging one night before and one night after Exeter Summer. Exeter provides students with an optional SAT Prep Course, plus a Lion Card stipend (in-house expenses).

Exeter Academy was founded in 1781 by Dr. John and Elizabeth Phillips and has attained the reputation as one of the nation's finest college preparatory schools. Every summer for five weeks (from early July to early August), Exeter welcomes students from around the United States and over 40 nations worldwide. Students include those entering their junior or senior year following summer school.

Students reside and attend all classes at Exeter. Dorm mates from around the world share in many activities such as social gatherings, off-campus outings, and college visits.

Students select three classes from the over 100 offered. Choices include dance/visual arts, computer science, English and writing skills, health and human development, history, humanities, psychology, social science, languages and culture, math and science. Athletics are a requirement and sports classes meet four times a week.

Inside the classroom, students will be taught in the Harkness method, which was established and developed at Exeter in 1930 with a gift from Edward Harkness. Harkness is a teaching and learning method involving students seated at a large, oval table, which places students at the center of the learning process and encourages them to learn from one another. Minimal teacher intervention, along with a low student-to-teacher ratio, are keys to the method. It requires preparation, careful listening, thoughtful engagement and gives students the capacity to find their voice, build relationships, communicate effectively, manage time, and know their true self.

Academic credit will be given for completed course work, students will be evaluated for each course and awarded the following grades: With Honors, Satisfactory, or Unsatisfactory.



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The quotations below are typical of what students report upon completion of Exeter Summer School:

“Exeter opened up a different world for me, and I would love to go to an Ivy League School now.”

“My life has changed so much because of this opportunity.”

“It’s so rewarding to be able to meet so many people from other countries and cultures and the learning process was fantastic.”

“The Harkness system is truly the best teaching method. Also, I met so many new people from different corners of the planet like France, Turkey, Japan, Brazil, and China. This experience is life changing!”

“The Exeter summer program was a wonderful gift from the SOFund and I am forever grateful. A chance to meet new people, both from the SOF families and from around the world. The culture appreciation that I gained and the shared love of learning that I found will help guide me as I continue high school and college.”



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INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APPLICANT

The Applicant Information Section (Section 1 of the application) must be completed to determine your eligibility to apply for the Exeter Summer Program Scholarship. **The deadline for receiving completed applications with all required information and documentation is January 12, 2024.** Applications will only be accepted in PDF format and emailed to nsf.scholarship160@gmail.com no later than **January 12, 2024.**

ELIGIBILITY:

- Child of a fallen (killed in action, killed in training, line of duty), or current and veteran Special Mission Unit warriors supported by the following benevolent local scholarship organizations: Navel Special Warfare Development Group Scholarship Committee (NSWDGSC), Night Stalker Foundation (NSF), Rangers Scholarship Fund (RSF), Vigilant Torch Foundation (VTF), Unit Scholarship Fund (USF), and The Association (USAF).
- Applicant must be entering their junior or senior year of high school in the fall 2024.
- A minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA as of December 2023 is required.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Eligibility Verification: Both applicant and parent/guardian are required to read and sign the Statement of Certification in the application.
- Grade Point Average-Transcripts: Submit your high school transcript(s) to include **December 31, 2023**, that clearly states your cumulative GPA, all courses completed, and grades earned.
- Complete a one-page personal essay on the following topics:
 - Share a significant event, person, or experience that has influenced your outlook on life and your goals.
 - Explain your reasons for wanting to attend Exeter Summer.

HOW YOUR APPLICATION IS EVALUATED AND GRADED: The application contains four categories (Academic, Volunteer/Employment, Leadership, and Optional) that will be evaluated.

The Optional Category provides an opportunity to tell the SOFund anything you think they need to know about you in order to better evaluate your application, i.e., why you might not be involved in school activities, clubs, sports, work, or are unable to volunteer,

COMPLETED APPLICATION: All scholarship applications and related documentation and information must be converted to a PDF and emailed to nsf.scholarship160@gmail.com no later than **January 12, 2024.** The local scholarship organizations will review, redact, and email the applications to the SOFund's Programs Director. The SOFund is not privy to personal identification or information.

IF SELECTED: Students are required to complete the Exeter Summer online registration and remit the nominal non-refundable registration fee and complete the remaining Exeter requirements.

Please contact Gayle Gonzalez at nsf.scholarship160@gmail.com with any questions.