



Marine Corps Aviation Association The Great Santini Squadron 2015 Scholarship Program

The First Annual MCAA The Great Santini Squadron scholarship will be awarded during the Spring of 2015. Eligibility is limited to students in their senior year at any public or private high school in Beaufort County. Applicants must have demonstrated leadership, academic excellence and outstanding citizenship through volunteer efforts and participation in the community.

Available Scholarships:

Beaufort County South Carolina: Two \$1,500 scholarships for the academic year 2015-2016 are available for high school seniors attending any public or private high school in Beaufort County.

Program Guidelines & Priorities:

- * Seeking graduating seniors with a record of service to country or in the community, in non-school sponsored activities, and participation in extracurricular school activities.
- * Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 with intent to attend 4 year college.
- * It will be the student's responsibility to adhere to the IRS Publication 970 rules for possible tax implications of this award.
- * Applicants must provide two letters of recommendation. One letter should attest to the academic excellence and potential of the candidate, the second should focus on the candidates service to the community or country. Letters of recommendation should be from teachers, mentors, coaches, community or spiritual leaders etc. Applicants are encouraged to provide meaningful letters of recommendation, understanding that multiple letters without substance do not increase the quality of the application.
- * Applicants must have the endorsement of their Guidance Counselor on their application attesting they are a qualified fit for this scholarship program. ***MCAA The Great Santini Squadron strongly suggests that each high school present this opportunity to all qualified applicants that match this program's guidelines.*** Application deadline is ***March 31, 2015 by 11:59 p.m.*** to be received by email. Late applications will not be accepted.

Scholarship applications will be reviewed, and recipients selected, by a committee consisting of active members of MCAA The Great Santini Squadron. The scholarships will be awarded in May 2015.

Please submit any questions to: thegreatsantinisquadron@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/thegreatsantinisquadron

www.flymcaa.org

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2015

Please type your answers.	
1.	Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
2.	Mailing Address Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: () _____ Email Address: _____
4.	Date of Birth: Month Day Year
5.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent school transcript is required.
6.	Are you the first person in your family to go to college: Yes ___ No ___
7.	Name and location of High School attending:
8.	<p>(If your resume or activities sheet answers question 8, please attach and skip to Question 9.)</p> <p>A. List any academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school:</p> <p>B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and school related volunteer activities:</p> <p>C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community:</p>
9.	<p>A. If you have decided on what college you will attend, please list school name:</p> <p>B. List all colleges that you have been accepted to:</p> <p>C. List all colleges that you have applied to:</p>
10.	<p>List Family Gross Annual Income from your 2012 Income Tax Form 1040 Line #22: \$</p> <p><i>(If selected, recipients may be asked to verify annual household income by supplying pg. 1 of their 2014 IRS Income Tax Form)</i></p>

11.	Is your <u>parent or legal guardian</u> a veteran or active member of the US Armed Forces? Yes _____ No _____ If your answer is 'yes' please answer blocks A, B, C below. If your answer is 'No' skip to item 13.)		
12.	A.	His/her full name:	
	B.	Branch of service:	C. Dates of service:
13.	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): (Include address if different than your own listed in Question 2.) Name(s) : _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Home phone of parents or legal guardian: _____ Work phone: _____		
14.	On a separate attachment, please type an essay (minimum 500 words) answering the following questions: Describe how service to your community or country has shaped who you are today and what service has taught you. Also, discuss in your essay any challenges or obstacles you have dealt with and overcome in life and how this will help you succeed in college and beyond.		

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote MCAA The Great Santini Squadron scholarship program. (Winner may waive photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must be present at any potential awards ceremony or reception in May 2015 to receive my scholarship award.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by this scholarship program and that I support this application to MCAA The Great Santini Squadron.

Name of Guidance Counselor submitting the application: _____

High School: _____

Contact information (email and phone): _____

Signature of Guidance Counselor: _____ **Date:** _____

Checklist

- Application
- Essay
- Resume/Activity Sheet
- Guidance Counselor signature
- Letter of Recommendation (Academic)
- Letter of Recommendation (Community)
- School Transcript

SCAN AND EMAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO THE FOUNDATION AT:
thegreatsantinisquadron@gmail.com

REMINDER:

The deadline for this application to be received by the Foundation's Office is:
MARCH 31, 2015, 11:59 p.m.

1. If you fail to matriculate to a Department of Education accredited four year institution during the calendar year in which this scholarship is awarded, you must reimburse your scholarship award to the foundation.
2. It is recommended that you carefully review Chapter 1, "Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants, and Tuition Reductions", of Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Publication 970, "Tax Benefits for Education", concerning the tax implications for the scholarship you have received.
 - a. You can view Chapter 1 of Publication 970 at www.irs.gov/publications/p970/ch01.html or download a PDF copy of the entire publication at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p970.pdf
3. Your scholarship is generally considered to be tax-free income if you are a candidate for a degree at an eligible educational institution and if you are using your scholarship funds for qualified education expenses, such as tuition and fees to enroll at or attend an eligible educational institution, and course-related expenses, such as fees, books, supplies, and equipment that are required of all students attending the course.
4. If you use your scholarship funds for other expenses, the income is generally considered to be taxable.
5. If your only income is from a completely tax-free scholarship, you generally do not need to file a tax return and no reporting is necessary. Refer to the Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Publication 501, "Exemptions, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information", for information on whether you must file a return.
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