

2014-2015 Graduating Senior Scholarship Form Parris Island Officers' Spouses' Club

The Parris Island Officers' Spouses' Club (PIOSC) is pleased to offer scholarships to qualified seniors graduating high school spring 2015. Scholarships will be awarded for academic excellence, community involvement, and outstanding merit.

Eligibility Requirements:

Candidates must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Candidate must be a senior currently enrolled in a public, private, or parochial school, or a home school program.
2. Candidate must have a military sponsor (of any military rank or service) who meets one of the following criteria:
 - A. Active duty military personnel currently assigned to MCRD Parris Island, MCAS Beaufort, or Naval Hospital Beaufort.
 - B. Retired or deceased military personnel whose last active duty station was MCRD Parris Island, MCAS Beaufort, or Naval Hospital Beaufort.
3. Candidate is applying for full-time admission to an accredited four-year college/university.
4. Candidates must have obtained a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

All qualified applicants will be considered, provided they properly complete the application procedures. **Please note that all information must be completed and all supporting documents must be attached. Incomplete applications will not be considered.** The Scholarship Committee of the PIOSC will select the recipients. The Committee's judgment will be final.

Criteria for Selection:

The following will be given consideration as the basis for selecting scholarship recipients:

- Scholastic achievement including GPA, SAT/ACT scores, academic honors or awards
- School and Community activities including leadership positions and volunteer service
- Work experience
- Letters of recommendation
- Application essay

There is no discrimination regarding race, religion, sex, national origin, or disability.

Financial need is not a criteria considered for this scholarship.

Membership in PIOSC is not a prerequisite for parents/guardians of applicants, nor is the applicant whose parents/guardians are members of PIOSC given preferential consideration.

An applicant may receive a PIOSC scholarship only once.

A "blind selection" process is used. Each application is assigned a number as it is received. The names of applicants are covered before applications are given to the Selection Committee. No one knows who the applicants are until after the judges submit final scores and the names are then applied to the numbers.

Award and Disbursement of Funds:

The number of scholarships awarded each year as well as the amount awarded for scholarships each year will depend on funds raised by PIOSC and determined by the members of PIOSC. There is the possibility that no scholarship will be given due to lack of funds raised; however, this is not foreseen to be an issue this year. The Scholarship Committee will make recommendations based on applications received.

All applications and supporting documents become property of PIOSC and will not be returned.

All applicants will be notified by US mail of the results, and winners will also be contacted by phone.

Scholarships must be used for tuition, academic fees and books within the initial academic year.

Students will be ineligible for the scholarship if they have been awarded a full scholarship, have been appointed to any Military Service Academy, or have been awarded a full ROTC program scholarship.

The scholarship awards will be sent directly to the applicants' university/college once the PIOSC Scholarship Committee has received proof of enrollment. *Verification must be received no later than May 15, 2015; otherwise the scholarship award will be forfeited.* Proof of enrollment letters should be written by the university/college Admissions or Finance Office. The exact amounts of the awards are unknown at this time.

All applications must be post-marked by March 1, 2015. Applications post-marked after this date will not be considered.

Return completed forms to:

**PIOSC
Attn: Scholarship Committee
PO Box 5134
Parris Island, SC 29905**

Application Procedure

(checklist)

Only completed applications will be considered. There will be no allowances for late applications.

- Graduating High School seniors must submit an official transcript with a raised seal showing the latest seven (7) semesters of schoolwork including the first semester of the senior year. GPA of must be included on the transcript. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required.
- Transcript of your ACT or SAT scores.
- List all academic honors, awards, and/or special recognitions you have received.
- List all school activities in which you have been involved. Include honors received and positions of leadership held.
- List of all community activities, volunteer service, church activities, etc. in which you have been involved. Include honors received and positions of leadership held.
- List all work experience – paid positions
- Submit two (2) letters of recommendation from a teacher, employer, coach, counselor or other adult who knows you well. (To ensure anonymity, applicant's name will be blacked throughout the letters before being presented to the judges).
- Submit an essay of no more than one page on the topic: How has your association with the military impacted your life?
- Submit proof of military affiliation: sponsor's name, duty station, supervisor's name, and contact phone number

**Parris Island Officers' Spouses' Club
Graduating Senior Scholarship
Applicant Information**

(This page will not be seen by the judges. Please staple it to the front of your application. Please do not write your name on any other pages.)

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Date: _____

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Home Address: _____
Street City State/Zip

Telephone: (_____) _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Branch of Service: Marine Corps Navy Air Force Army Coast Guard

Sponsor's Status: (check one) Active Duty Retired Deceased

Sponsor's Unit/Job Location: _____ Duty Phone: (_____) _____

Sponsor's Supervisor: _____

I attest that the information contained in this application is true and accurate. I attest that the essay contained in this application is written in my own words and on my own merit.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

I understand that my son/daughter, _____, is applying for a Parris Island OSC Scholarship. I have read the conditions concerning this award. The information contained in the application is true.

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date: _____

** Application DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2015**
Envelopes must be postmarked by that date.

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Athletics:

Please indicate which grades you participated in the sport and any honors you received.

Sport/Team Name	Honors Received, if any	Grades Participated
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Are you a member of the National Honor Society? Yes _____ No _____

Are you a member of Beta Club? Yes _____ No _____

Summer Academic Enrichment:

Please indicate any summer academic enrichment activities in which you have participated. Please describe any "other" activities – type of program, location, etc.

Summer Activity	Dates Attended
Governor's School	
Summer Ventures in Science/Math	
Boys/Girls State	
Other:	
Other:	
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Other:	

Significant County/Region/State Individual Awards:

Include math competitions, science competitions, musical competitions, community honors etc.

Honor	Grade Earned
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Community Service/Employment Information**

Community Service:

Please indicate the organization with which you worked and type of service you performed. List total hours accumulated during grades 9-12.

Organization	Service Performed	Number of Hours

**Parris Island Officers' Spouses' Club
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Recommendation Form**

Direction for Applicants:

Please give this sheet to an adult of your choice (NOT a family member). This sheet and an attached statement/letter of recommendation must be returned to you in time for the deadline of March 15, 2015.

Each candidate must submit two letters of recommendation in **sealed** envelopes:

Directions for Reference:

Please use this sheet as a cover sheet. It is the only place the applicant's name should be written.

Please write a brief statement (one page or less) regarding this applicant's character, ability, and why he/she warrants a merit based college scholarship from Parris Island Officers' Spouses' Club. Please do not sure the applicant's name or any reference to the applicant's current school. Please use "student" or "applicant" or a personal pronoun.

Name of Reference: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Information

Applicant's Name: _____

Your relationship to the applicant: _____

Years you have known the applicant: _____

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**Parris Island Officers' Spouses' Club
Graduating Senior Scholarship
Essay Cover**

Directions for Applicant:

Please answer the following question on a separate sheet of paper.

How has your association with the military impacted your life?

The essay should be hand written in black ink or typed – Times Roman, 12pt font, with 1-inch margins.

The essay should be no more than 1 page, single-spaced.

Please attach this to the front of your essay.

Please DO NOT write your name anywhere on your essay.

Applicant's Name: _____