



2026 High School Scholarship Program

Purpose

The purpose of the Atsugi Officers' Spouses' Association (AOSA) Scholarship Program is to acknowledge outstanding military dependents of any rank within the Atsugi/Zama community by offering financial assistance towards education in any field of their choice.

Eligibility

Scholarship applicants will meet the following criteria:

1. Be a GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR
2. Be seeking an undergraduate degree at an accredited vocational, technical, two or four-year college or university **based in the United States.**
3. Have current Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) status
4. Be a dependent of a sponsor who is one of the following:
 - a. Active duty, Retired, or Deceased U.S. Military of any rank associated with NAF Atsugi or Camp Zama
 - b. Civil Service (DoD), or DoDDS personnel assigned to NAF Atsugi or Camp Zama
5. Have a minimum high school GPA of 2.8

Factors considered in scholarship selection include scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities, community service, job or volunteer work experience, evidence of leadership ability, and essay composition skills. This scholarship will be awarded without regard to gender, race or creed of applicant, school attending, rate or rank of sponsor, or financial status.

Scholarship Conditions

1. Scholarships worth \$2,000.00 each will be awarded to successful high school applicants in 2026.
2. Successful applicants will be awarded scholarship funds not to exceed the cost of one-years' tuition and fees. If total cost of one-years' tuition and fees is less than \$2,000.00, then excess funds will be reappropriated by AOSA for other high school scholarship funds.
3. Scholarships will be paid to the winners' designated academic institution and mailed directly to the school. Scholarship winners must provide proof of enrollment and the institution's address to which the check should be mailed by September 15, 2026. . Winners will receive a copy of the correspondence to their mailing address listed on the application. Scholarship checks will not be sent to students under any circumstances.
4. Scholarship monies may be used to pay for tuition, room and board (dormitories only), academic fees, and books.
5. Military academy appointment, full ROTC scholarship, full scholarship award (covering 100% tuition, books, and fees), non-acceptance by college, or failure to attend will make applicant ineligible.
6. Awarded scholarships not activated by September 15, 2026 will automatically be CANCELED. The AOSA Executive Board may

consider exceptions to this rule if notified by email prior to September 15, 2026.

Policies

1. The AOSA Scholarship Committee determines the number of scholarships and the monetary value of each scholarship annually based on available funds. Submission of an application does NOT guarantee a scholarship. The total amount awarded varies from year to year depending upon the amount of funds the AOSA has raised.
2. The AOSA Scholarship Committee will score all applications. Complete anonymity of applicants will be preserved during the selection process.
3. The AOSA Scholarship Committee members and their dependents are ineligible for scholarships.
4. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Failure to follow all directions may result in disqualification.

Application Packet Requirements

1. A complete application packet must include the following:
 - a. Statement of Understanding signed and dated by the applicant and sponsor
 - b. Completion of all five sections of the application (including one of the two essay questions and a letter of recommendation). Parts IV-V must be TYPED and submitted in either a Word Document or PDF format. Handwritten essays and letters of recommendation will NOT be accepted.
 - c. A copy of the school transcript from the last school attended
 - d. Copies of SAT and/or ACT Student Reports
2. DO NOT include your name on Part II, Part III, or Part IV (the essay questions). The Statement of Understanding, the Personal Information page (Part I) and the letter of recommendation (Part V) are the only places you may disclose your name.
3. Ensure all questions are completely filled out. Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted.
4. **Scholarship application and all materials must be emailed to aosavp2@gmail.com by May 25, 2026**
5. Once your complete application packet is received, you will receive an email confirmation from the AOSA Scholarship Chairperson. If you do NOT receive an email confirmation within 7 business days, please send a follow-up email.

Please direct all questions to the AOSA Scholarship Chairperson: aosavp2@gmail.com

Application Deadline: May 25, 2026

Statement of Understanding

Please read carefully, sign and return with the completed application packet. Your signature confirms acceptance of the policies stated below.

1. If I am awarded a four-year Military Academy scholarship, full ROTC scholarship, or a full scholarship award (covering 100% tuition, books, and fees), I will be ineligible to receive this scholarship. If an appointment is received after a portion of the Atsugi Officers' Spouses' Association (AOSA) scholarship has been used, all remaining funds will be returned to the AOSA.
2. If selected, I understand I will not receive the actual scholarship until I have been enrolled at an accredited school and have mailed the AOSA Scholarship Chairperson proof of my enrollment. In addition, I must supply the Scholarship Chairperson with the institution's correct address where the payment is to be mailed, as well as my student ID number no later than September 15, 2026. Please contact the Scholarship Chairperson in writing by the September 15, 2026 deadline if more time is needed.
3. Should I transfer to another accredited school before using all my funds, any remaining funds shall be transferred to the new school. The AOSA Scholarship Chairperson must be notified immediately. The scholarship must be used in the 2026-2027 school year.
4. Should I cease to attend the school and fail to transfer immediately to another accredited school, I must notify the AOSA Scholarship Chairperson immediately, and any monies remaining shall be returned to the AOSA.
5. I agree to the use of my name and picture, concerning this award, in local publications.
6. I certify the information contained in this application is accurate and truthful to the best of my knowledge and the essays are entirely my own effort.
7. AOSA reserves the right to withdraw the funds at any time, for any reason.
8. My signature on this form authorizes the AOSA Scholarship Chairperson to release any and all information in the application packet to the scholarship committee/judges as needed.
9. I understand that any form of plagiarism will result in an automatic disqualification.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Sponsor _____ Date _____

Part I – Personal Information

This information is required for record keeping purposes only. This page and all personal or revealing information will be redacted prior to judging by the scholarship committee.

Applicant's information

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Applicant's last four of their Social Security #: _____

Applicant's Email Address: _____

Sponsor's Information

Full Name: _____

Eligibility Category: (Indicate one)

U.S. Military: Active Duty Retired Deceased Reserve

Civilian: Civil Service (DoD) DoDDS

Rank: _____

Duty Phone Number: _____

Sponsor's Command: _____

Sponsor's Email Address: _____

Part II – Academic Information

Please answer the following questions. If additional space is needed, please attach an additional typed page to the application.

1. List all high schools attended, beginning with the most recently attended. Include the name of school, location, dates attended, and date of expected graduation.

2. Grades – Please include a copy of your high school transcript in the application package. Please list accurate cumulative GPA from grades 9-12.
 - a. Cumulative GPA: _____

3. Test Scores – Please include copies of SAT and/or ACT Student Reports in the application package. You may submit your highest and best score for each category.
 - a. SAT: Date_____

Verbal Score_____

Math Score_____

Writing_____

Total_____

 - b. ACT: Date_____

Score_____

4. List all vocational, technical, two or four-year college or universities to which the applicant has applied or plans to apply (indicate acceptance and choice of enrollment, if applicable):

5. Describe your planned course of study and career goals:

Part III – Extracurricular Activities

Please list a brief description of your involvement in each of the categories listed below. Include only activities you participated in while in high school (grades 9-12). If additional space is needed, please attach an additional typed page to the application.

1. **Organizations/Activities/Cultural Programs:** Fill in the chart below, listing any organizations, activities and cultural/enrichment programs in which you have participated within your school(s). Include clubs, sport teams, school publications, choir, dance, drama, band, student council, etc. Also list any leadership position(s) held or awards/honors received for the organization or activity in which you participated.

ORGANIZATION	LEADERSHIP POSITION	AWARDS/HONORS	DATES

2. **Work Experience:** List any work experience you have had during high school.

EMPLOYER	POSITION	DUTIES	DATES

3. **Volunteer Work, Church, Civic, and Other Non-School Activities:** List any volunteer services performed during high school (e.g. work for the elderly, local orphanages, etc.) and include a breakdown of community service hours. List any non-school related activities/organizations in which you participated.

ORGANIZATION	VOLUNTEER POSITION	DUTIES	TOTAL HOURS

4. **Additional Honors and Awards:** List and explain any other honors and awards received during high school that are NOT listed in the chart above.

Part IV – Essay

Please answer ONE of the following essay prompts/questions and indicate to which you are responding. Essays MUST be typed on a separate document in 12 point Times New Roman font with double spacing and submitted in either a Word doc or PDF format. Please use spell check and proofread before submitting, as essay composition will be considered. Handwritten essays will NOT be accepted.

Essay #1: (Maximum of 500 words)

Describe a significant experience or change in your life. How did you respond and what have you learned about yourself from that experience?

Essay #2: (Maximum of 500 words)

Who is your role model? Describe how that person has inspired you and what you have learned from them.

Part V – Letter of Recommendation

Please include one letter of recommendation from an adult in your life other than a relative that knows you well (teacher, coach, employer, etc.). Letters must be typed, signed, and dated by the recommender, and emailed **by the recommender** directly to aosavp2@gmail.com by May 25, 2026.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Once the application is complete, please review your application and initial next to each completed component on the checklist. Before emailing the application, sign at the bottom of the checklist confirming that you have followed ALL directions and that your application is ready for submission, and include this page in the application package.

- ☐ I have read the policies and conditions and I am eligible to apply for an AOSA High School Scholarship
- ☐ Statement of Understanding signed and dated by applicant and sponsor
- ☐ Part I – Personal Information
- ☐ Part II – Academic Information
- ☐ Part III – Extracurricular Activities
- ☐ Part IV – Essay (one typed essay, maximum 500 words)
- ☐ Part V – Confirm with recommender that Recommendation Letter has been emailed to aosavp2@gmail.com by May 25th
- ☐ Copy of school transcript
- ☐ Copies of SAT and/or ACT Scores

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

We will not accept incomplete or handwritten essays!

Please email your completed application to aosavp2@gmail.com.

Please direct all questions to the AOSA Scholarship Chairperson: aosavp2@gmail.com.

Application Deadline: May 25, 2026

AOSA USE ONLY

Date Packet Received: _____

Confirmation Email Date: _____

Scholarship Chairperson's Initials: _____