



## Coastal Carolina Chapter MOAA Scholarship Guidelines

1. Five \$1,000 Scholarships will be awarded to an immediate family member of a Retired U.S. Uniformed Services personnel living in Carteret, Craven, Jones, Beaufort or Pamlico Counties, or an immediate family member of an Active Duty U.S. Uniformed Services personnel permanently assigned to a command within the ABOVE FIVE (5) county areas. (Deployed Uniformed Service personnel must be permanently assigned to the above five-county area as well.)

2. The applicant must complete the 12<sup>th</sup> grade and receive a diploma; or, be currently enrolled in a full-time, four-year college/university; or will attend his/her first or second year full-time at a community college enrolled in a course of study leading to an Associates degree or the declared intent to transfer to a four-year college/university to complete degree requirements. Graduate degree students are not eligible for this program. Applicants may be accepted to any accredited college, university, or community college. Applicants are not required to attend a college or university in North Carolina. The scholarship may be in part based on financial need; however, all-around excellence in academics, civic and social activities, will be instrumental in the selection process.

3. **High School Students** must submit required documents (A-G). **College Students** do not need to submit SAT/ACT scores or letters of acceptance.

4. Applicants must provide:

- A. A sealed, certified copy of high school, \*community college, or college/university transcripts. (\*Both if dual enrolled.)
- B. SAT / ACT score results.
- C. Certified copy of community college or college/university letter of acceptance.
- D. Statement of commitment including intent to attend their selected community college or college/university. This statement should include the student's major or primary subjects of interest to be studied.
- E. Provide a list of current and past organizational affiliations, activities and responsibilities, emphasizing leadership roles and awards earned.
- F. Provide two current, dated personal letters of reference/recommendation. Persons writing letters **must not** be related to the applicant. Letters **must** include writer's name, occupation, home address and telephone number, and should be sealed and unopened.
- G. Provide an essay of 500 words or less which includes:
  1. Why have you chosen your selected course of study?
  2. What are your goals for the future?
  3. How have you contributed to your community?
  4. Why should you be awarded this scholarship?

4. Scholarship winners may reapply each year while pursuing undergraduate studies.

5. Applications and supporting information, once submitted, become the property of CC/MOA Scholarship Committee. Applicants should rest assured that their scholarship applications will be treated as privileged information and will not be released without applicants' consent.

6. The Coastal Carolina Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America maintains a policy of non-discrimination; therefore, scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, handicap or national origin.

7. Applications and supporting documents must be postmarked no later than **15 April 2026 and forwarded to:**

Chairman, Scholarship Committee  
Coastal Carolina Chapter MOAA  
P. O. Box 373  
Havelock, NC 28532

## Helpful Hints for Completion of Scholarship Application

1. High school, community college or college/university transcripts must be received in sealed envelopes, and they must be certified.
2. SAT/ACT score results must be the official score results in the official SAT/ACT format.
3. Clearly designate each item comprising the application package that is not an official form. For example, label the page containing the Statement of Commitment with a heading identifying what the content is intended to be. (The Statement of Commitment is simply a statement in which you describe your educational intentions. It does not have to be more than a sentence or two.) Also use a header for the essay portion of the application, the list of organizational affiliations, activities, etc.
4. Grammar matters. Carefully read over your essay to ensure your content is organized and your points are clearly explained. Highlight experiences that have helped your personal development.
5. We must be able to easily identify your parent or guardian's military status in order to be able to consider you for the scholarship award. Please make sure the initial application form provided for the scholarship package is completely and accurately filled in.
6. Letters of recommendation need to be signed and in a sealed envelope. Occasionally we do accept emailed recommendation letters, if the sender is clearly identifiable as to their identity and professional affiliation and if the email is sent directly to the Scholarship Chairman.
7. Questions should be directed to [gail.bateman@comcast.net](mailto:gail.bateman@comcast.net).