



Coastal Valley Detachment

Marine Corps League 1340

Richard Lee Horner Scholarship Application

\$750.00 (U.S) Richard Lee Horner Scholarship Award

two awards

As once belonging to our nation's premier fighting force protecting American's freedom, one of the many goals of the Marine Corps League is to promote and support an individual's personal freedom to achieve higher education. Our detachment seeks to award (two) scholarships to assist a graduating high school senior in achieving their dream of higher learning.

In 1967, at the age of 26 Richard Lee Horner took a leave of absence from his job to volunteer to become an Officer in the United States Marine Corps. He was one of the many newly commissioned Second Lieutenants from "The Class of '67" sent to Vietnam as infantry officers, and they suffered the highest percentage of wounded and killed than any other class of the war. In February 1968, Richard served in Hue City with 2nd Battalion 5th Marines – he was awarded the Silver Star for his actions in combat leading his Marines and Sailors and received a Purple Heart for injuries during that time. Those experiences didn't define who he was, but instead sharpened his sense of love, commitment, and personal sacrifice to his family, friends, and all others.

The Silver Star Medal is the United States Armed Forces' third-highest military decoration for valor in combat.

Application Dates: 2024-2025 school years

Application Deadline: May 1st 2025

Scholarship Award Date: To Be Announced, May 15, 2025

Eligibility: Eligible graduation Senior applicants must be direct descendants of a person honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces. Student must be enrolled at a Santa Maria School District, Lompoc Unified School District, Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District, San Luis Coastal Unified School District, or Lucia Mar School District. See Scholarship Criteria page for descendant status, grade level, GPA, letter of recommendation, essay, and resume application requirements. Students who served in the Marines and attend Cuesta College or Allan Hancock College are eligible to apply. One student from San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County will be selected.

Disqualification: Incomplete Application/inability to show proof of family veteran status.

Email your completed application and documents postmarked before the deadline to:

Marine Corps League 1340

cvmcl1340@gmail.com

The Scholarship selection committee will consider individual applications based on their essay, academic promise, scholastic records, community service, career and life goals, and honors and awards received. Recipient will be notified via phone and/or email. Scholarship(s) are not limited to any specific field of study and may be used by a full-time student at an accredited vocational, technical school, college, or university. Payment of scholarship monies will be issued directly to the education institution and must be used for tuition, fees and/or books. Scholarships must be used for the above application dates / school years. This scholarship may be awarded only once to each recipient.

Marine Corps League 1340 Scholarship

Name:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Phone:

Present High School of Attendance:

College/University planning to attend:

I am a U.S. Marine Corps/Corpsman descendent of my:

The information you provide on the application is confidential and will be used solely for the determination of scholarship award(s). Your signature below gives consent to Coastal Valley Detachment 1340 Marine Corps League to use the information you have provided to verify eligibility and to publicize your scholarship award, should you be selected.

Signature of Applicant:

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

- € **Descendent Status:** Applicant must be the child or grandchild of an honorably discharged United States Armed Forces (living or deceased). *Upon selection, a copy of your sponsor's DD-214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) must be provided
- € **Grade Level:** Must be graduating High School Senior for the Application Date/school year, entering at the college freshman level, as a full-time student in the upcoming fall semester.
- € **GPA:** Must have a minimum high school grade point average (GPA) of 2.5
 - o Include a copy of your school transcript.
- € **Letter of Recommendation:** Provide (1) one letter of recommendation, preferably from a school official, employer, or community member (not a parent or relative).
- € **Essay:** On a separate piece of paper, write (not type) an original essay of no more than 300 words based on the following topic:
 - o As a United States Marine, we have sworn to support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, that we will bear true faith and allegiance to the same. How can you uphold these values with the actions you choose as you live your life?

€ **Resume:** Please provide/complete a brief description of each of the topics listed.

- **Student Activities** (sports, clubs, etc.):
- **Special Awards / Recognition:**
- **Community Involvement:**
- **High Education Goals and/or Future Plans:**
- **Essay:** As a United States Marine we have sworn to support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that we will bear true faith and allegiance to the same. “How can you uphold these values with the actions you choose as you live your life”? Please use additional paper to write your essay.

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