

**MARINE CORPS TANKERS ASSOCIATION APPLICATION
FOR
FIRST LIEUTENANT MICHAEL LICALZI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
AND
JOHN CORNELIUS – MAX ENGLISH SCHOLARSHIP**

GENERAL INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be the child or grandchildren, or under the guardianship of an active duty, reserve, honorably discharged, or retired member of the Marine Corps and Navy who served in a Marine Corps tank battalion. The applicant may also be an active duty, reserve, honorably discharged, or retired member of the U.S. Armed Forces who served in a Marine Corps tank battalion. The applicant's sponsor (parent, grandparent, or guardian) **must be** a current paid member of the Marine Corps Tankers Association (MCTA) prior to the award of a scholarship. Membership information is found at www.usmctankers.org.

QUALIFICATION

An applicant must be a high school senior planning graduation by June of the application year and is either in the process of applying or have applied to an accredited junior college, college, or university. The applicant may also be an undergraduate college student currently enrolled full-time. Scholarships are restricted to academic programs leading to a four-year baccalaureate degree. Scholarships are not offered for graduate programs.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The number of scholarships awarded are based funds available to the MCTA. Scholarships will be at least \$2,000.

SCHOLARSHIP RENEWALS

Scholarships may be renewed each school year for a total of four (4) years of undergraduate study. Renewal will require applicants, who were previous scholarship awardees, to submit a new application with all requisite accompanying documentation for that school year. Applicants not selected for a specific school year are encouraged to reapply in the subsequent school years if all qualifications and requirements are met.

BASIS FOR SELECTION

Scholarships will be awarded based on best qualified and most deserving. Determination of best qualified and most deserving is based on scholarship (G.P.A. and school honors), extra-curricular activities (sports, clubs and academic societies, and community service). Another evaluation point will be the applicant's personal essay and two letters of recommendation. The selection decision by the MCTA Scholarship Evaluation Committee based on the above criteria is final and may not be appealed.

REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

MCTA Scholarships are competitive. The MCTA Scholarship Evaluation Committee exercises close scrutiny of the care, completeness, and presentation of the application.

1. Completed MCTA Scholarship Application Form. **Incomplete and illegible applications will not be accepted. Complete applications with accompanying documentation must be received no later than midnight, March 15th of the application year. Applications postmarked after March 15 will be considered late and will not be accepted and will be returned.** For example, applications for the 2023-2024 school year must be postmarked by March 15th, 2023. Applications must be sent to: **Chairman, MCTA Scholarship Committee, c/o Dan Miller, 1520 Juliette Way, Apt. 3407, Cedar Park, TX 78613**
2. Applications must include an educational institution **sealed official transcript** of all most recent completed academic semesters/quarters whether high school or college/university. Sealed transcripts may be forwarded directly under separate correspondence to the above address. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure transcripts are received by the MCTA Scholarship Committee Chairman no later than the application **deadline of March 15** of the application year.
3. Applications should also include two **(2) letters of recommendation**. Each letter must be received in its original sealed envelope from the person making the recommendation with the application. Recommendations are an important element of the evaluation.
4. The applicant must provide a thoughtful cogent **well-written essay** of at least 500 words. The essay gives the MCTA Scholarship Committee a personal narrative that describes the applicant's academic and career goals. Additionally, the applicant should state why the scholarship is important to him or her. Because legibility is also important, applicants are encouraged to type the essay. Originality of thought, grammar, sentence and paragraph structure, and logical presentation should be given special consideration when writing the personal essay. As this essay is a very important factor in the evaluation, applicants are encouraged to give it due diligence.
5. Applicants will be required to provide **3x4 inch digital photograph** as part of the application. The photo is used to announce scholarship winners in the Association Newsletter.

Accepted applications will be reviewed by the MCTA Scholarship Evaluation Committee. Determination of scholarship winners will be made by May 5 of the application year. Scholarship winners and applicants not selected will be notified by the Chairman of the MCTA Scholarship Committee.

Upon notification, scholarship winners **must provide proof of full-time student status by their respective school**. Additionally, scholarship winners' **sponsors must ensure that their MCTA membership is up to date**. Once this information is verified, a scholarship check **will be mailed by Edward Jones, Inc.** to the applicant's address.

**MARINE CORPS TANKERS ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM**

Please type or print legibly. If additional pages are required, please attach to this form.

Last Name **First** **Middle** **Birthdate**

Gender: **Male**___ **Female** ___

Home Street Address **City** **State** **Zip Code**

Telephone **Cell Phone** **E-mail Address**

Married: **Yes**___ **No**___ **Children**_____

Sponsor Name, Service, Rank

Marine Tank Battalion **Billets** **Years Served**

Sponsor Address **Sponsor Telephone Number**

Relationship to Sponsor

High School Graduate **Yes**___ **No**___ **Year Graduated**___ **Will Graduate** ___

High School G.P.A._____ **Class Ranking**_____ If available

High School Name and Address

Convicted of a Felony: **Yes**___ **No**___ If yes, explain on an attached paper.

College/ University planning to attend:

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

List high school achievements, honors, awards, and community service:

If there is substantial amount of information, consider attaching a separate sheet. If possible, current college attendees should provide information about their high school activity.

If currently attending college:

Institution Name and Address	Fr Soph Jr Sr Year in School
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Major: _____ **GPA** _____ **Planned Date of Graduation** _____

If in college/university, list achievements, honors, awards, and community service: If there is substantial amount of information, consider attaching a separate sheet.

Plans after undergraduate degree:

Describe briefly what you intend to do after receiving undergraduate diploma.

PERSONAL ESSAY

On a separate sheet of paper write a personal essay of 500 or more words that explains your reason for seeking the MCTA Scholarship, your educational goals, and your plans for post-graduation life. Considerable weight will be given to an applicant’s writing skill. As noted previously, legibility is also important. Applicants are encouraged to type the essay. Originality of thought, grammar, sentence and paragraph structure, and logical presentation should be given special consideration when writing the personal essay. This essay is an important factor in the evaluation of your application. Give it due diligence.

FINAL NOTE

1. **Application should be complete and legible**
 - Application**
 - Transcript**
 - Essay**
 - 2 Letters of recommendation**
 - 3x4 photograph**
2. **Complete application postmarked by March 15**
3. **Please provide accurate contact information email and phone numbers**
4. **If selected and when notified, watch for business envelope from Edward Jones.**