

Air Force Officers' Wives' Club
High School Senior, College Student, and Spouse Scholarship
Policy, Eligibility, and Procedures

Policy:

1. The Air Force Officers' Wives' Club may award scholarships in the following categories based on funding availability and applicants:
 - a. Category I - Eligible high school senior
 - b. Category II – Eligible non-military spouse continuing education
 - c. Category III – Eligible dependent-child college student
2. The scholarship awards shall be based upon the following criteria: scholastic ability, extracurricular activities, service activities/citizenship, character references, and personal essay. Financial need is not considered.
3. If funding and/or grants permit additional scholarships, recipients will be selected by the selection committee and awarded at the discretion of the scholarship committee.
4. The selection committee will be comprised of non-AFOWC members that may include but not limited to: representatives from education, business, social services, and other community members. The overall number of applications will determine the number of committee representatives. Two alternatives will be chosen in the event a member is unable to fulfill their duties.
5. The AFOWC Welfare Treasurer shall issue a check in the full amount of the scholarship payable to the educational institution that has verified recipient's enrollment. The Scholarship Chair shall forward this check once receiving all necessary information from the recipient and the educational institution. Any scholarships not claimed will be forfeited and the funds will revert to the AFOWC.

**Air Force Officers' Wives' Club
Current College Student Scholarship**

Current College Student Eligibility:

1. Applicant must be currently enrolled in an accredited college, school, or institution, including vocational/trade schools, community colleges, undergraduate schools, and graduate programs.
2. Applicant must be a United States Air Force military dependent child (active duty, reserve, guard, retired, deceased, officer, or enlisted).
3. Acceptance of a military academy appointment, any full scholarship*, recipient of another OWC/NCOWC scholarship, before or after selection as a recipient of an AFOWC scholarship, will immediately terminate consideration for entitlement to an AFOWC scholarship. In such event, that scholarship will be awarded to an alternate.
4. Children, wards, or spouses of an AFOWC selection committee member or an AFOWC scholarship committee member, are not eligible for a scholarship in the year that person serves.
5. Previous AFOWC scholarship recipients are not eligible.
6. All current college student applicants must be currently enrolled in a school to be considered for scholarship award.

*The AFOWC policy defines a full scholarship as having a student's tuition, room and board paid. No funds from the AFOWC scholarship will be received in cash by the recipient.

Current College Student Application Procedures:

1. Applicants must submit the following materials to be postmarked no later than **March 1, 2012**. Please include the following in your application packet:
 - a. Completed legible application form
 - b. One official sealed college transcript
 - c. Two letters of recommendation (relatives are not acceptable references)
 - d. Resume (include work, volunteerism, clubs/organizations)
 - e. One personal essay from selected topics of no more than 400 words
2. All dependent-child college student applicants must be currently enrolled in a school to be considered for scholarship award. Applicant's transcripts must be sent by the school in which applicant is currently enrolled; if student does not have current grades on record, proof of enrollment will be accepted.
3. Incomplete or inaccurate applications will not be considered. Incomplete applications will not be notified by the scholarship committee.
4. Completed applications will receive an email notifying application has been received and is compete.
5. All applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2012.
6. The scholarship committee will notify all applicants by May 10, 2012, of their status.
7. Prior to receipt of scholarship award, awardees will be required to present their current dependent ID to prove military dependency.
8. All submitted material will become the property of the AFOWC and will be retained for one full year from the date of selection. At the end of the year, all applications and supporting documents will be destroyed.

Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2012, and mailed to the following address:

**Air Force Officers' Wives' Club
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 8490
Washington, D.C. 20032**