

THE COAST GUARD SPOUSES' CLUB OF WASHINGTON, D.C. SCHOLARSHIP



ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Coast Guard Spouses' Club (CGSC) has partnered with the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Scholarship Fund to provide a scholarship (grant) and educational assistance (interest free loan) to those children of Coast Guard Enlisted and Officers currently serving or retired in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area, seeking their first undergraduate degree. The educational assistance application process is supported and administered by the MOAA Scholarship Fund, a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization.

We encourage all eligible applicants to apply for MOAA educational assistance (see eligibility requirements below). However, only applicants meeting the CGSC Scholarship criteria will be eligible to receive the CGSC Scholarship Grant. Therefore, if an applicant does not receive the CGSC Scholarship, he or she has the potential to receive other educational assistance from the MOAA Scholarship Fund.

ELIGIBILITY

For MOAA Educational Assistance:

Children, under age 24, of MOAA members (former, active, retired and Reserve/National Guard officers), and/or of enlisted military personnel (active-duty, Reserve, National Guard, or retired enlisted). If such a child served in a Uniformed Service before completing college, however, his or her maximum age for eligibility will be increased by the number of years he or she so served, up to five years.

For CGSC Scholarship/Grant:

- Eligible dependent children (up to age 24) of active duty enlisted or commissioned officers serving in the U.S. Coast Guard/U.S. Coast Guard Reserves assigned to a duty station in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area.*
- Eligible dependent children (up to age 24) of U.S. Coast Guard retired enlisted or retired officers currently residing in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area*.

Applicants must plan to attend an accredited college or university during the 2016-2017 school year as a full-time student seeking his or her first undergraduate degree. Military academy cadets are not eligible for this program. Spouses are not eligible to apply for this scholarship (grant).

* Washington D.C. metropolitan area includes the District of Columbia, Northern Virginia, Suburban Maryland and Baltimore

APPLICATION & SELECTION

The online application, which opens in November, is available at: <https://scholarship.moaa.org/login.aspx> Application must be completed and submitted no later than noon EST March 1. Semifinalists are notified in March. Recipients are notified in June.

Note: The next Deadline is March 1, 2016.

Qualified students with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale are selected on the basis of their scholastic ability, activities, and financial need.

AWARD AMOUNT & FUNDING

Interest-Free Loan and Grant Program is the MOAA Scholarship Fund's main educational assistance program. The interest-free loans are renewable annually for up to five years of full-time undergraduate study (or until a student graduates with their first undergraduate degree – whichever comes first). Assistance is available only to students who have not earned an undergraduate degree. The Interest-Free Loan and Grant program provides \$5,500 loans, which are renewable for up to five years of undergraduate study. Students selected as loan recipients and their sponsoring military parent must sign a promissory note before funds can be disbursed. Loans are disbursed in two increments: one-half early August and one-half early-December. Military parents must maintain paid membership in MOAA throughout the life of the loan if child is selected to receive assistance.

The selected recipient of the **CGSC Scholarship** will receive a \$4,500 interest free loan from the MOAA Scholarship Fund and a \$1,000 grant* from CGSC. * Grants are not paid back.

The CGSC does not guarantee the future levels of funding for this scholarship. The amount and number of scholarship awards may be limited by the availability of funds. Every attempt will be made to honor the level of funding, however the CGSC reserves the right to reduce or discontinue this award due to the non-availability of funding.

DONATIONS

CGSC Members wishing to contribute to the scholarship fund may make a tax-deductible donation to the "MOAA Scholarship Fund". Please mail your checks to the Scholarship Committee Chair who will provide them to MOAA to ensure they are properly directed to the CGSC scholarship.

QUESTIONS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions, please contact our Scholarship Committee Chair, Maggi Paar at cgosc.dc@gmail.com.

MOAA/Educational Assistance website:

<http://www.moaa.org/Main Menu/Access Member Benefits/Educational Assistance/Educational Assistance.html>