

## **Marine Thrift Shop SOAFA Active-Duty Academic Scholarship Application 2023-24**

### **Eligibility:**

1. Applicant must be a SOFA Active-Duty service member currently stationed in Okinawa in good standing who will be attending an accredited college or university during the 2023-24 academic year.

### **Important Information:**

1. The Marine Thrift Shop will award 2 \$2,000 scholarships to two SOFA Active Duty service members. Scholarship will be paid directly to the institution attending and used for educational expenses. Should the recipient fail to attend a college or university during the 2023-24 academic year, the scholarship will be forfeited.
2. The scholarship will be awarded without the service member's rank and the applicant's and service member's age, race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnicity being considered.
3. Applications will be judged on: volunteer and community service history, work history, extracurriculars, honors and awards and essay content (to include content as well as spelling and grammar).
4. All the applicant's personally identifiable information will be unknown to the judges until after judging is complete.
5. Only complete applications turned in by the deadline will be considered.

### **Submission Requirements:**

1. All applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM on April 15, 2023.
2. Applications can be submitted online at <https://www.marinethriftshopokinawa.org> or dropped off during operating hours at the Marine Thrift Shop (Building 5691 Camp Foster). In person applications must be received by a Manager; any application dropped off outside of operating hours will not be considered.
3. All applications dropped off at MTS must be delivered in a SEALED envelope.
4. Please print answers legibly in ink.
5. All questions regarding the scholarship application process should be directed to [mts.oki.exec@gmail.com](mailto:mts.oki.exec@gmail.com)

Please print answers legibly in ink. If you prefer to type your responses, please do so utilizing our digital application available on <https://www.marinethriftshopokinawa.org>.

Applicant's name:

Rotation Date:

Applicant's branch:

Applicant's unit or command:

Applicant's mailing address:

Applicant's email address:

Applicant's telephone number:

University or College Attending:

Field of Study or Major:

**Please explain why you are not able to utilize tuition assistance to cover your educational expenses.**

(Your answer is for us to gain a better understanding of the need among the Active Duty community and does not impact your evaluation. Answers to this question, in addition to all PII, will not be included for review by judges.)

If you need more information regarding tuition assistance programs please visit your branch's Education Center. Navy personnel, please contact the Navy College.

**Essay:**

Please answer the following question in 1000 words or less and attach it to this form.

How have you used volunteering to enrich your life and the lives of others in your community? How will you use your future college education to continue doing so?

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I certify that all the information in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that this essay is entirely my own effort.

**Applicant's Name:**

Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_