



Tennessee Marine Family
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My name is Donna Clemons and I am the Founder of Tennessee Marine Family (TMF) which is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the support of our Armed Forces and their family members. Our organization originated as a group of family members of Marines from Tennessee, but has expanded to include family members representing all branches of our Armed Forces, civilians with a desire to support our military, and veterans from all branches. We hope to continue to grow so that we may better serve our service members and their families.

Some of our ongoing activities and programs include hosting Christmas parties for the children of deployed Marines, providing financial and emotional support for Gold Star families throughout Tennessee, and coordinating package drives for our deployed service men and women. To date we have coordinated fifteen (15) package drives and have shipped more than 4,000 care packages! As part of TMF's ongoing outreach program we send cards and letters to service members who are not receiving mail. We attend funerals, ceremonies, and memorials, and create Condolence Books to present to our Gold Star families. Through our website and group meetings, we share relevant information with our members regarding military policies, rules, and benefits. TMF also strives to assist other military support organizations such as Operation Stand Down, the Marine Corps League, and the national Marine Parents Conference.

One of our most important activities is our annual Gold Star Family Banquet where we remember our Fallen Heroes and honor their service and sacrifice. In conjunction with this event in 2006, TMF announced the creation of the Tennessee Marine Family Fallen Heroes Scholarship Fund. This was TMF's way to do something for our Gold Star Families that would continue to honor their loved ones, benefit others, and fulfill our promise to these families to keep the memory of their Fallen Heroes alive. Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$1,000 and we will award at least one scholarship each year. Additional scholarships will be awarded if funds are available. We were pleased to be able to award two \$1,000 scholarships for the 2012/2013 academic year. We encourage all qualified individuals to submit an application for this Scholarship. Scholarship guidelines and the application form are available via our website at www.tnmarinefamily.org under the Fallen Heroes Scholarship tab.

Please note: COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS, TRANSCRIPTS, SCORES, REFERENCE LETTERS AND/OR MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 1, 2013.

Additional information can be found on our web site at www.tnmarinefamily.org or you may email our Scholarship Coordinator at Scholarship@tnmarinefamily.org. Please feel free to distribute the forms and web site information within your school system and beyond. We want to reach the largest number of Tennessee students possible.

Thank you,
Donna F. Clemons
TMF Founder
TMF Scholarship Committee Chair



Tennessee Marine Family (TMF) Fallen Heroes

College Scholarship Fund

Application Deadline – May 1, 2013

The Tennessee Fallen Heroes College Scholarship Fund was established in 2006 to award scholarships to qualified individuals in honor and recognition of our Tennessee Fallen Heroes and their service and contribution to our great nation.

Number of Scholarships Available

Scholarships will be awarded in \$1,000 increments. At least one scholarship will be awarded per year. Additional scholarships will be awarded based on available funds. No more than \$1,000 will go to any one recipient in any given year. Scholarships are for one year only. Scholarship Recipients may re-apply but are limited to two scholarship awards.

Eligibility Requirements

- All applicants must be graduating seniors from an accredited public, private, parochial or home school, honorably discharged from military service, or currently enrolled in a college or trade school with good academic standing.
- All applicants must live in the State of Tennessee
- All applicants must be attending or plan to attend an accredited Tennessee University or Trade School as a full-time student
- Tennessee Marine Family Board Members or members of their immediate family are not eligible

Award Criteria

- Academic Achievement including grades, rank in class, standardized test scores and achievement test scores
- Community/extracurricular involvement to include community service, patriotic achievements or extracurricular activities that show patriotism Leadership positions held
- Awards and recognition

Application Information & Requirements

All applications must be printed (no cursive) or typed using black ink. All forms should be mailed to the Scholarship Coordinator at the address listed below. Electronic submission is not allowed. Applicants should provide complete information in all categories.

- Three (3) Letters of Recommendation – One letter should be from a teacher, employer or a member of the community familiar with you and your goals and the other two (2) letters from people of your choosing, but cannot be from family members and/or relatives
- 500 to 1000 word student essay. Topic: "What my Freedom means to me."
- Letter of acceptance from the educational institution you plan to attend (if available) or Letter of Good Standing if already attending an institution for higher education
- **Official** High School Transcript for graduating seniors or College Transcript for current college students
- Recent photograph (NO COPIES. MUST BE AN ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPH. The photograph will only be used if awarded a scholarship)

Two (2) copies of the application and each application requirement MUST be submitted.

All completed application forms, transcripts, scores, reference letters, and/or materials must be postmarked by the application deadline of May 1, 2013 and mailed to the following address:

**Scholarship Coordinator
Tennessee Marine Family
P.O. Box 291021
Nashville, TN 37229-1021**

All applicants will be notified by mail of the results by approximately June 1, 2013. Scholarship awards will be paid directly to the educational institution.

Application forms and additional program information may be obtained by:

- Accessing the web site: www.tnmarinefamily.org or by
- Contacting the Scholarship Coordinator at Scholarship@tnmarinefamily.org



Tennessee Marine Family Fallen Heroes College Scholarship Fund Application

All completed application forms, transcripts, scores, reference letters, and/or materials must be postmarked by the application deadline of May 1, 2013. The Scholarship Committee will not consider incomplete applications.

Please use black ink to print or type all information. The Scholarship Committee keeps all information confidential.

Name: _____
 Last First Middle

Mailing Address: _____
 Street Address/P. O. Box/Apt. Number

_____ _____ _____
 City State Zip

Home Phone: () _____ Daytime Phone: () _____

Date of Birth: _____ Soc. Sec. Number: _____

Email _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

School Currently Attending _____

Address of School _____
 Street Address/P. O. Box/Apt. Number

_____ _____ _____
 City State Zip

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Type of Program for Upcoming Year: (Please circle)

- Graduate
- Bachelor's
- Associate's
- Technical/Trade

Enrolled or Planning to Enroll: (Please circle)

- Full Time
- Part Time

Information on the Institution You Plan to Attend:

Name: _____

City & State _____

Phone Number () _____

EXTRACURRICULAR, COMMUNITY, AND/OR VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES and DATES (Attach separate sheet if necessary)

REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

- Three (3) Letters of Recommendation – One letter should be from a teacher, employer or a member of the community familiar with you and your goals and the other two (2) letters from people of your choosing, but cannot be from family members and/or relatives
Student essay on "What Freedom means to me." Please write between 500 and 1,000 words

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- Letter of acceptance from the educational institution you plan to attend (if available)
- **Official** High school or college transcripts
- Recent Photograph for TMF. (NO COPIES. MUST BE AN ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPH. The photograph will only be used if awarded a scholarship)

I certify that all of the information contained in this application and attachments are accurate. I understand that the TMF Scholarship Committee may verify all information I have provided as part of my application for this scholarship. If awarded this scholarship, I grant Tennessee Marine Family the right to use my photograph in any advertising or marketing campaign related to this award.

Signature_____
Date

Send two (2) copies of this application and all required information to:

Scholarship Coordinator

Tennessee Marine Family

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