



NORTH COUNTRY SPOUSES' CLUB

2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

- Must be a military ID Card holder either currently or previously affiliated with Fort Drum.
- Must be the spouse of an active duty servicemember assigned to Fort Drum or of a retired servicemember currently living within 50 miles of the Fort Drum area.
- Must be **accepted into or attending** an accredited college (to include four-year colleges/universities, two-year colleges, and community colleges), accredited trade school, accredited technical school, Police Academy, Fire Academy, or EMS/Ambulance Academy.
- Must commence program of study no later than the first academic year following the awarding of the scholarship
- Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, political affiliation, gender identification, social or economic status

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

- Will be notified of their selection, in writing
- Will be required to attend the Scholarship Awards Ceremony to receive their scholarship in person or send a representative to accept on their behalf.
- Will be required to present Military ID Card prior to receipt of their Award
- Awards are made in the form of a check to the accredited school contingent on proof of enrollment
- Awards will be dispersed per the institution's financial aid policies
- Awards are restricted to payment of tuition, fees, books, and room and board
- If a Scholarship Recipient is awarded a full academic scholarship (to include fees, books, and room and board) from another entity after this program's scholarships have been awarded, all funds awarded must be returned to North Country Spouses' Club immediately



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SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST

- ☐ Completed, Signed, and Dated Application (*Must be printed legibly in black ink or typed*)
- ☐ Official Signed Transcripts from applicant's most recently completed academic year
- ☐ Completed Essays: One Short Essay and One Long Essay (Typed and Double Spaced)
- ☐ Three Signed Letters of Recommendation

PLEASE DO NOT

- Submit photographs with your completed application
 - Submit your application after the deadline or submit an incomplete application.
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Incomplete applications will NOT be considered. Applications sent by email will NOT be considered without a valid wet ink signature and proper scanning procedures. Emailed applications must be scanned clearly with no scanning imperfections; photo images of applications will not be accepted. Applications MUST be emailed before 11:59pm EST, March 15, 2026 to be eligible for consideration. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to extend the deadline if deemed necessary.

CONTACT INFORMATION

EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

North Country Spouses' Club
C/O Scholarship Chairman
ncscscholarship@gmail.com

Privacy Act Statement

AUTHORITY: 31 U.S.C. 3721 ROUTINE USES:

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: Application for educational scholarship.

DISCLOSURE: This application is voluntary. However, incomplete and/or illegible applications will not be considered. Committee members reserve the right to implement changes during the process, as deemed necessary.

- a. Information is used to provide a basis upon which the award and payment of scholarship for collegiate/vocational education is administered.
- b. Verification of military ID may be necessary to assure proper identification of applicant and applicant's military sponsor. Other forms of ID may also be required to verify information provided on the application and/or proper administration of scholarship monies.
- c. Prior to judging, all applications and essays are reviewed for completeness; personal information is then concealed for fairness in judging. Judges are anonymous and do NOT include any members of the Scholarship Committee.
- d. The Scholarship Committee retains the right to extend the Scholarship Deadline if necessary for a minimum fair applicant pool to be reached.
- e. Some North Country Spouses' Club Sponsors require applicants to fill out a separate application in order to be considered for their scholarships. Applicants must fill out the appropriate application to be considered for sponsored scholarships. For any questions, please contact the Scholarship Chair at ncscscholarship@gmail.com.



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Which Scholarship are you applying for? ☐ Undergraduate ☐ Graduate ☐
Trade School/Technical School/Academy

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

MILITARY SPONSOR INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Branch of Service: ☐ Army ☐ Navy ☐ Marines ☐ Coast Guard ☐ National Guard ☐ Reserves
Fort Drum Service: Unit Assigned to: _____ Years Assigned: _____
Describe you and your family's affiliation to Fort Drum: _____

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY:

Current Academic Status:
☐ Full Time High School Student ☐ Full Time College Student ☐ Part Time College Student
School or College: _____
Address: _____
Dates of Attendance: _____ Graduation/Degree Conferral Date: _____



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ACADEMIC HONORS:

Please list any academic awards or special programs (i.e. independent research, science programs, etc.) from the start of your tenth-grade year:

EXTRACURRICULAR AND PERSONAL ACTIVITIES:

Please list your principal extracurricular, community, and personal activities, starting with the most recent. Be sure to list any positions held, honors, or awards received:



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Work History:

☐ Paid ☐ Volunteer

Current Employment Status:

☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time ☐ Other: _____

Employer: _____

Position: _____

Dates of Employment: _____

Approx. Hours Worked Per Week: _____

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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Please include three professional letters of recommendation.

They may NOT be from family or personal friends. These can include recommendations from leadership of volunteer organizations.



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ESSAYS:

Please complete two of the following essays (one short essay, one long essay) in Times New Roman or Arial fonts, 12pt, double spaced.

Please print each essay on separate pages (not double sided).

Please do NOT include your name on any of the essays.

Short Essays—Must be at least 150 words and no more than 250 words. Choose **ONE** of the following short essays to answer.

Option 1. How have you had to adapt to the ever-changing military lifestyle? What impact has being a military spouse had on you?

Option 2. What advice would you give your younger self?

Long Essay—Must be at least 250 words and no more than 500 words.

Describe an activity, project, or work/volunteer opportunity that allowed you to give back to your community. How did you change or impact the community and those around you? What did you learn about yourself? Why is it important to help and give back to the community?

☐ I DO CONSENT to have photographs of myself to be published on NCSC social media accounts, websites and/or newsletters.

☐ I DO NOT CONSENT to have photographs of myself to be published on NCSC social media accounts, websites and/or newsletters.

I certify that all the information contained in this application (and in the supplementary material filed with it) is my own work, and to the best of my knowledge, is true and accurate. I understand that any false statements contained herein will cause me to be disqualified. I understand I must attend the awards ceremony to receive the award check or send someone to accept on my behalf. I understand that I must be the spouse of either an active duty or locally retired servicemember in order to accept this award.

Name _____ Date _____