



THE CORPORAL JASON L. DUNHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION INC.

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MARINE AND NAVY CORPSMEN ELIGIBILITY & INSTRUCTIONS

The Corporal Jason L. Dunham Memorial Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit corporation. The foundation provides financial assistance in the form of scholarships to Marines and/or Navy Corpsmen, who served in a forward Marine combat arms section in Iraq or Afghanistan.

The highest rates of casualties in today's Marine Corps come from the combat arms section of the Corps, and overwhelmingly hold the rank of E-5 and below. The Corpsmen who serve alongside these Marines have also been among those who have paid the highest price in terms of casualty and suffering.

Individuals who apply for this award should be able to demonstrate the core values of *leadership, service, sacrifice, and a sense of other* that were the characteristics of Corporal Jason L. Dunham.

Criteria for consideration will be weighed according to the individual's Military Occupational Specialty (MOS), character of service, and the nature and conduct of their service. The individual's academic ability will be a consideration, but shall not be the main point of focus for this award.

Interested parties will complete the Corporal Jason L. Dunham Memorial Scholarship application. Applications must be received by the established deadline prior to the academic school year.

Upon submission, applications will be evaluated by three (3) Marines and two (2) Academics. Finalists will be interviewed by the Board of Directors of the Scholarship Foundation and an awardee(s) shall be selected.

ELIGIBILITY

One-year scholarships are awarded annually and are limited to undergraduate studies at accredited educational/technical institutions. Scholarships are not automatically renewable. Recipients must reapply each year and may receive no more than four annual scholarships. This scholarship will be in addition to, and supplemental to, any and all other monies received by the individual Marine or Corpsmen.

Applicants must be:

- Active duty, reserve, or prior service **Marine** who served with a forward combat arms section in Iraq or Afghanistan (OIF or OEF)
- Active duty, reserve, or prior service **Navy Corpsmen** with an FMF designation, who served with a U.S. Marine forward combat arms section in Iraq or Afghanistan (OIF or OEF)
- Enlisted rank of **E-1 through E-5**

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM (PARTS I & II). DO NOT LEAVE ANY BLANKS. WRITE N/A IF NOT APPLICABLE.**
2. **FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

All applicants must complete a form called the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2008-2009**. **Apply as soon as you can after January 2008**. The FAFSA collects financial and other information that is required by most colleges, universities and vocational/technical schools in order to apply for aid. You can complete the **2008-2009 FAFSA** electronically. This is the fastest way to apply for financial aid, and filing electronically helps to avoid errors. Visit their website at www.fafsa.ed.gov. A paper FAFSA is available from libraries, high school guidance offices, or from the Federal Student Aid Information Center (1-800-4-FED-AID). **On the form do not list our name to have the information sent to us automatically.** We do not have a federal code number. Once you have submitted the FAFSA, you will receive a **Student Aid Report (SAR) that includes your student ID number, EFC and DRN numbers. YOU MUST SUBMIT ALL PAGES OF THE SAR REPORT (which includes these numbers) with this application.** Be Careful: Do not send the FAFSA – **send the Student Aid Report (SAR)**, *Ineligibility for Federal Student Aid does not disqualify you from being eligible for our scholarship.*

You must submit a **signed copy of your tax return including all schedules** if it has been completed before the scholarship deadline. If the tax return has not been filed with the IRS by our deadline, we will review your application based on the information provided on the Student Aid Report. (see above paragraph) However, you must send us a copy of your tax return as soon as you file it with the IRS, but no later than the IRS deadline. ***(If we award you the scholarship, we reserve the right to withdraw it if 1. we do not receive a copy of your 2007 tax return; or 2. the tax return you subsequently provided indicates that you are not eligible under our stated eligibility guidelines.)*** If you receive non-taxable income, you must submit documentation. This foundation exists to help Marines and Navy Corpsmen get a college education. In order to determine the degree of need, it is essential to know the individual's financial abilities.

3. **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE:**

If you are currently on active duty, submit a written statement of service on official letterhead and signed by the Adjutant, Personnel Officer, XO, or CO of the unit or organization.

If you are a former Marine or Navy Corpsmen, submit a copy of your **Form DD214 (certificate of service)**. Note: The DD214 must show the "**character of service**". The DD214 must reflect the final discharge of the Marine or Navy Corpsmen.

Information on how to obtain copies of military records is available on the Internet. Go to www.nara.gov or contact your local U.S. Representative or U.S. Senator for assistance.

4. **SCHOLASTIC RECORD:**

Submit an official high school transcript. Transcripts must show student's name and social security number. The scholastic record must be included with your application. Do not mail it separately. Do not have your school mail it separately.

The individual's academic ability will be a consideration, but shall not be the main point of focus for this award.

5. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Please submit at least three (3) letters of recommendation. One (1) from a Marine Corps officer (O-1 or above), and two (2) from Marine Corps senior enlisted (E-7 or above).

6. ESSAY:

Submit a 500-word essay – on a separate page – on the following: Describe your personal and educational background, your educational objectives, your career plans, your experiences in the military, and the reasons why you feel you should receive this scholarship award. Please also use this opportunity to inform the scholarship Committee of anything about yourself that you feel is important and is not addressed elsewhere in this application. You must sign and date your essay.

EXPLANATIONS / EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

On a separate sheet, submit an explanation of any unusual expenses, such as high medical expenses, disability care, or other special conditions that you believe should be taken into account by the scholarship committee. You may submit additional information that you would like the committee to consider during review of your application.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: TBD

You must answer all questions on the application. **The certification must be signed and dated by the applicant.** Submit all information and required documents as a **complete package in one envelope.**

We will not contact you by phone for omissions and/or corrections to your application.

We will deny unsigned applications.

We will deny incomplete applications.

We will deny applications postmarked after the deadline date.

DO NOT BIND, STAPLE, CUT OR USE FOLDERS WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION.

NOTIFICATION: We will notify you in writing whether you have been awarded a scholarship.

Mail your complete application package to the following address:

**Cpl Dunham Scholarship Foundation
C/O Applicant Submission
187 Pinehurst Avenue
Suite 1-B
New York, New York 10033**

APPLICATION SECTION – PART I

Personal Information:			
_____	I am a current or former Marine who served with a combat arms section		
_____	I am a current or former Navy Corpsmen who served with a combat arms section		
Last Name	First Name	MI	SSN
Street Address	City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Mobile	Email	
High School Education/GED Information:			
High School _____			
City	State	Graduation Date	
If you did not graduate, did you obtain a GED?		Date GED was obtained?	
High School GPA	_____	Male	_____
SAT Score <i>(if applicable)</i>	_____	Female	_____
ACT Score <i>(if applicable)</i>	_____	Age	_____
		DOB	_____
Higher Education Information:			
Are you currently enrolled at a college or university? YES ___ NO ___			
Name of School _____			
Course of study _____ Current GPA _____			
If no, have you applied to any schools? YES ___ NO ___ Name of Schools _____			

Expected Enrollment Status: Full time _____ Part time _____			
Field of Study _____			
Anticipated Date of Degree _____			

APPLICATION SECTION – PART II

Military Status:

Active Duty: YES ___ NO ___ Current Rank _____ Type of Discharge _____ Rank at time of discharge _____

Dates of Active / Reserve Duty _____ / _____

Major Marine Corps Units (e.g. division, wing, assigned to and dates assigned _____

Location of Combat Tour(s), Units Served in _____

Personal Awards, Decorations (list combat "V"), Purple Heart etc. _____

Other pertinent information regarding United States Marine Corps service _____

***The scholarship committee will not consider applications unless
all required documentation listed below is enclosed.***

I have enclosed all of the following materials. I understand that it is my responsibility to submit a complete application, and that the Scholarship Committee will not contact me to complete it. I understand that my application will be denied if it is incomplete.

Please check off that each item is enclosed.

- Copy of the 2007-2008 Student Aid Report (SAR) as defined in the instructions**
- Signed copy of tax return including all schedules and documents of non-taxable income – or a letter stating you will send by the IRS deadline.**
- Certificate of Service as defined in the instructions**
- Official High School Transcript**
- Three written recommendations as defined in the instructions**
- 500 word essay as explained in the instructions**

CERTIFICATION

(MUST BE SIGNED BY APPLICANT – Unsigned Applications Will Be denied)
All the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

The Corporal Jason L. Dunham Scholarship Foundation has my authorization to utilize the information related to my receipt of a scholarship, if awarded, for publicity purposes.
YES ___ NO ___

X
Applicant Signature

Date