

2026 Scholarship Application Instructions



Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Det # 924 Marine Corps League

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The 2026 Scholarship Application and Requirements have been revised, so please review the new Application and Requirements below carefully.

SCHOLARSHIP PURPOSE, ELIGIBILITY & REQUIREMENTS FOR 2026

PURPOSE: To provide Scholarship Grants to qualified applicants who are pursuing an undergraduate degree and will be enrolled as a full-time student (as determined by the institution) in the 2026 Fall Semester and will be attending an accredited undergraduate institution. The Detachment Scholarships will be awarded for a maximum of four (4) years and must be reapplied for each year. (These Grants do not have to be in consecutive years).

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS:

1. Paid members of the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment or the Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Auxiliary Unit to include their spouses, children, stepchildren, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.
2. Current Active-Duty Marines, whose current duty station is located in Knoxville, Tennessee to include their spouses, children and stepchildren.
3. Current Drilling Marine Reservists and FMF Corpsmen whose current Marine Reserve Unit is located in Knoxville, Tennessee to include their spouses, children and stepchildren.
4. Children of U. S. Marines, FMF Navy Corpsmen and FMF Navy Chaplains who live *within 15 miles of Knox County, Tennessee* and whose *parent was killed in combat (KIA) while serving on Active Duty.*

NON-ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS:

Students who already have their first undergraduate degree, or are pursuing their second bachelor's degree, or are attending a graduate school of any kind, or are attending Federal Service Academies are not eligible.

NON-ELIGIBLE COLLEGES / UNIVERSITIES:

The College or University that the student will be attending in the 2026 Fall Semester must be an Accredited Undergraduate Institution listed in College Navigator: (<http://nces.ed.gov/globallocator/>) to qualify for this Scholarship Grant.

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REQUIREMENTS

APPLICANTS:

1. Complete the official 2026 application that is published on the Lt. Bonnyman Website (<https://www.mclknoxville.org/>).
2. Applicants must have a Minimum Cumulative GPA (Unweighted) of at least 2.4 (on a 4.0 scale).
3. Applicants must attach their latest Official College / University / High School Semester Transcripts (copies are not accepted).
4. Verify that the school you are attending in the 2026 Fall Semester is an accredited institution listed in College Navigator (<http://nces.ed.gov/globallocator/>)
5. Applicants must attach an Official Proof of Enrollment Letter from their College / University certifying that the applicant is enrolled as a full-time for the 2026 Fall Semester.
6. If you are both the Applicant & the Sponsor complete both sections of the application as SELF.
7. Ensure the Certification Section in the Application is complete and signed.

SPONSORS:

1. Lt. Bonnyman Detachment members or Lt. Bonnyman Auxiliary Unit members whose Dues are paid up to date. If you do not know your profile (membership) number, contact the detachment Paymaster to get it. Go the <https://www.mclknoxville.org/> open the **INFO tab** then click on **DETACHMENT 924 OFFICERS**. The Paymaster information is listed on that page.
2. Current Active-Duty Marines whose current duty station is in Knoxville, TN.
3. Current Drilling Marine Reservists and FMF Corpsmen whose current Reserve Unit is in Knoxville, TN.

CERTIFICATION

(A) Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Detachment or Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Auxiliary Unit Sponsor

1. The Detachment Paymaster / Auxiliary Unit Treasurer will certify in blocks #18 and #19 that the Sponsor's membership dues are paid up to date within their respective organization.
2. The Detachment Commandant / Auxiliary Unit President will certify in blocks #20 and #21 that the Sponsor's membership dues are paid up to date within their respective organization.

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NOTE: In the event the Applicant OR Sponsored is related to the Detachment Commandant / Detachment Paymaster OR the Auxiliary Unit President / Auxiliary Unit Treasurer, the Detachment Senior Vice Commandant, or the Auxiliary Unit Senior Vice President will certify in their appropriate blocks after verifying that the Sponsor is a paid member in good standing within their respective organization as their “DESIGNEE” in their stead. If there is still a conflict the Judge Advocate will sign.

(B) Active-Duty Marine Sponsor

The Admin Chief of the Active-Duty Command will Certify in blocks #22 and #23 that the Sponsor (Marine or FMF Corpsman) is a member of that Marine Command.

(C) Reserve Marines and FMF Corpsmen Sponsor

The Inspector-Instructor Staff Admin Chief of the Reserve Command will Certify in blocks #22 and #23 that the Sponsor (Marine or FMF Corpsman) is a member of that Command and that all scheduled Reserve Drills have been completed.

AMOUNT OF THE 2026 SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

The amount of the Lt. Bonnyman Detachment Scholarship will be a minimum of **\$500.00**. All recipients will receive the same Grant amount.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. All decisions by the Scholarship Committee are final and will not be subject to review.
2. The Scholarship Committee will strictly observe all eligibility criteria and requirements, to ensure compliance throughout.
3. If you have a change of mailing address or email, notify the Detachment Scholarship Committee.
4. ***Do not send your Application / Transmittals by 'Certified Mail.' The mailbox is not attended, and no one is available for signature. If you want a delivery receipt send scholarship correspondence via USPS 'Priority Mail', which provides electronic tracking free.***
5. Documents downloaded / copied from your school's website will not be accepted, unless authenticated and signed by that Institution's Registrar's Office.
6. Some Institutions may charge a processing fee for 'Official' Documents and/or require that the requested Documents be mailed by that Institution directly to the Lt. Bonnyman Detachment Scholarship Committee (see *mailing address* below).

Should you have any questions send an email to **Scholarship Committee Chairman jdrsemperfinmr@me.com (James Russell)**

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On behalf of the Lt. Bonnyman Detachment Scholarship Committee we look forward to receiving your application, and we wish you the best in your future academic endeavors.

Scholarship Committee:

James Russell

ALL APPLICATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE MAILED, POSTMARKED
ON OR BEFORE **30 June**

Mail All Applications / Transcripts / Proof of Enrollment Letters to:

DET 924 SCHOLARSHIPS
c/o J. RUSSELL
7239 THORNBROOK LN
POWELL, TN 37849

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