

MILITARY IMPACTED SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION (MISA)



Military Impacted Schools Association
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**2026 SCHOLARSHIP FUND
APPLICATION**

The Military Impacted Schools Association (MISA) facilitates and awards merit-based scholarships for eligible students of active-duty military members attending a current MISA member School District. **To be eligible students shall be entering a field of study that supports education in their college of choice. Those majors might include, but not limited to: general education, music education, career and technology education, physical/sports education, mental health professions and counseling professions.**

Eligibility:

1. The applicant **must** be enrolled full-time in a public school district that is currently a member of the Military Impacted Schools Association (MISA). A list of current MISA School District Members is available at the website www.militaryimpactedschoolsassociation.org.
2. The applicant **must** be a high school senior who will graduate during the 2025-2026 school year.
3. The applicant **must** be accepted or expect to be accepted by an institution of higher education.
4. The applicant **must** agree to enroll as a full-time student as defined by the university/college during the 2026-2027 academic year.
5. Applicants **must** have an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
6. The application **must** be completed and be in accordance with the guidance provided in this application (See page 2 of this application packet.)
7. The applicant must have signed the Acknowledgement of Conditions on page 4.
8. The completed application must be digitally submitted via email to misaschools25@gmail.com on or before **April 17, 2026**.
 - Completed applications should be saved in .PDF format and submitted as an email attachment.
 - Subject line of submitted email should be: **MISA/2026 Scholarship/Last Name**
 - .PDF Application Document should be saved as: **Last Name-First Name-2026**
9. Each applicant may not be awarded more than one scholarship from the MISA Scholarship Committee in a lifetime.

Selection Process:

1. MISA will acknowledge receipt of all applications via email.
2. Eligible applications will be forwarded to the Selection Committee for review.
3. The MISA Executive Board decides the number of scholarships and award amounts each year based on the amount of funds designated for distribution by the MISA Executive Board. The 2025-26 award shall be ten scholarships of \$2,000.00.
4. Notification of awards will be emailed by the end of **May 2026**.
5. The selection process is based on the number of valid and complete application packets received.

Scholarship Application Guidance:

1. Summary of applicant education/experience/essay:
 - a. Restate each category on a **separate** sheet of paper, and then provide a complete response.
 - b. Type and double-space all responses.
 - c. List points of contact for reference where applicable.
2. Essay: Essays should be **between 200 and 350 words**. Essays with less than 200 words or more than 350 words will be recognized with 0 points in the selection committee reviewing process.
3. Follow the instructions in each section carefully.
4. The application must be received on or before **April 17, 2026**. An application checklist is available on pages 8.
5. If you have any questions concerning the application process, please email the MISA Scholarship Chair at misaschools25@gmail.com. Applications are also available online at: <https://militaryimpactedschoolsassociation.org/>.
6. Any recipient who accepts a full-tuition scholarship or an appointment to a service academy is no longer eligible to receive a MISA scholarship. It is the responsibility of the recipient to notify the MISA Scholarship Chairperson, in writing, to decline the MISA scholarship.
7. Any scholarships that are declined or unclaimed by **December 31, 2026** shall remain in the MISA Scholarship Fund. The MISA Executive Board will determine how those funds will be used.

MISA Scholarship Applicant Information

Please type or print a response for each section below. Incomplete applications will not be forwarded to the Selection Committee.

APPLICANT'S Name, Address, Telephone Number and Email Address:

Applicant's name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

MILITARY MEMBER'S Full Name, Address, Telephone Number and Email Address:

Military Member's name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

ALL APPLICANTS MUST READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING:

1. Privacy Act Statement:

The enclosed personal information will be maintained by MISA for administrative use and released only to the individuals needing to evaluate the application. The disclosure of the information by the applicant is voluntary; however, failure to disclose all or part of the requested information may hinder evaluation of the application.

I certify that the information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I will be disqualified if I have included false information in this application. I agree to abide by the conditions of the MISA Scholarship Fund and the decision of the MISA Executive Board Selection Committee and in no way shall question their selection of the winners and alternatives.

2. Acknowledgement of Conditions for the MISA Scholarship:

- a. These scholarships are for tuition-related or direct school cost expenses only. The award will be made directly to the academic institution upon receipt of an official school “verification of student enrollment” form sent from the registrar’s office.
- b. Scholarship money will be available for use beginning with the **Fall 2026** term. Any funds not claimed by **December 31, 2026** will be forfeited.
- c. Awards declined will be returned to the MISA Scholarship Fund and used at the discretion of the MISA Executive Board.
- d. If the eligibility criteria, including scholarship application guidance, are not met, the application will not be forwarded to the Selection Committee.
- e. Each applicant may not be awarded more than one scholarship from the MISA Scholarship Committee in a lifetime.

APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE

DATE

Summary of Applicant Education/Experience/Essay

Restate each category listed below on a separate sheet of paper and then provide a complete response. Type and double-space all responses.

Category 1: Schools Attended

In chronological order, beginning with the most recent, list all schools you have attended since Grade 9. Please use the following format:

School name- Location of school- Dates attended- Graduation date/Projected date (if applicable)

If you have begun taking college credits, note after the “dates attended” the number of credits you have completed.

EXAMPLES:

Westview High School – Smithville, Kansas – 2023-2026 – Graduation Projected May 2026 Westview

Community College – Smithville, Kansas – August 2025-present—6 credit hours complete

Category 2: School/Volunteer Activities and Leadership Positions Held

In chronological order, list all school and volunteer activities you have participated in during the last four years. Include the approximate number of hours per month spent participating in these activities. List points of contacts for reference (where applicable). Activities may include, but are not limited to the following: art, athletics, band, church activities, clubs, community activities, community service, debate, dramatics, school newspaper, student government, and yearbook.

EXAMPLES:

Senior Class Steering Committee – Westview High School – May 2025-May 2026 – 4 hours/month

County Historical Museum Tour Guide – Smithville, Kansas – May 2024-July 2025—8 hours/month

In chronological order, list all leadership positions held and awards/honors earned **during the last four years**. Include the place and dates for which the position was held.

EXAMPLES:

Treasurer, Senior Class Steering Committee – Westview High School – May 2025-May 2026

Captain, Varsity Football Team – Westview High School – August-November 2025

Eagle Scout, Troop 123 – Smithville, Kansas – May 2025

Category 3: Employment Experiences

In chronological order, list all employment experiences you have had during the last four years, including self-employment opportunities if applicable. Include the dates each position was held, a brief description of the position, and the number of hours worked per week.

EXAMPLES:

MacKing Drive-In Restaurant – Shift Leader – Smithville, Kansas – 15 hours/week March 2024-present – Managed 5 employees in the provision of food services

My Own Lawn Service – Manager – Smithville, Kansas – 40 hours/week (summertime) June 2025-present – Managed 3 employees in the provision of lawn care

Category 4: Hobbies/Interests

List all hobbies/interests that you have not been mentioned in previous categories. Describe the hobby and length of time you have been involved with the activity.

EXAMPLES:

Playing the violin. I have been taking lessons since 2020. I enjoy playing for friends, family, and occasional weddings.

Coin collecting. I have been collecting and attending coin shows since grade school.

Essay Response

Using a separate sheet of paper, answer the question below in 200-350 words. The Selection Committee will consider format, grammar, and creativity when scoring the essay. For additional essay guidance, please refer to “Scholarship Application Guidance” on page 2.

Essay Question:

Describe a positive experience or an influential educator in one of the schools you attended that has led you to pursue study to prepare you for a career in education.

High School Guidance Counselor's Report

To complete this form, please type or print neatly.

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

HIGH SCHOOL NAME AND ADDRESS: _____

APPLICANT'S GRADE POINT AVERAGE (ON A 4.0 SCALE): _____

APPLICANT'S ACT TEST SCORE: _____

APPLICANT'S COMBINED SAT SCORE: _____
(Math + Writing)

COUNSELOR'S NAME: _____

COUNSELOR'S PHONE: _____

COUNSELOR'S EMAIL: _____

COUNSELOR'S SIGNATURE: _____

Date Report Completed: _____

Please Note: In order for the applicant to be considered by the selection committee, the student's completed application must be received on or before **April 17, 2026**. Please return this form to the applicant when completed.

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Application Checklist

All applicants must **read, initial, and sign/date** the following checklist to ensure the application is complete and properly submitted. Incomplete or improperly submitted applications **WILL NOT** be forwarded to the MISA Scholarship Fund Selection Committee.

INITIAL HERE:

_____ The applicant's parent/guardian/sponsor, is an active-duty military member in **good standing** as of **December 31, 2025**.

_____ Complete the **MISA Scholarship Applicant Information** on page 3.

_____ Read and sign the **Privacy Act Statement and Acknowledgement of Condition of the MISA Scholarship** on page 4.

_____ Complete the **Summary of Applicant Education/Experience** on pages 5 & 6 according to the instructions. Please proofread all work.

_____ Include your response to the essay question on page 6. **Essays must be between 200 - 350 words to be forwarded to the selection committee.** Please proofread all work.

_____ Include the **High School Guidance Counselor's Report** found on page 7.

_____ The completed application packet must be emailed on or before **April 17, 2026**.
LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

_____ I accept that the decisions rendered by the MISA Scholarship Committee are final.

An email notification will be sent once the packet is received.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____