

MILITARY ORDER OF STARS AND BARS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

(GENERAL INFORMATION AND DATA REQUIRED FROM APPLICANTS)

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants, for a MOS&B Scholarship, must be a genealogically proven descendant of a Confederate Officer or descendant of a member of the Confederate Executive or Legislative branches of government or descendant of a member of the Confederate States' legislatures, judiciary or executive branches of state government.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS: The MOS&B scholarships shall be named as follows. *The General Robert E. Lee Scholarship* shall be awarded to applicants residing in the Army of Northern Virginia. *The Lt. General Nathan B. Forrest Scholarship* shall be awarded to applicants residing in the Army of Tennessee. *The Major General Patrick R. Cleburne Scholarship* shall be awarded to applicants residing in the Army of Trans-Mississippi.

On recommendation from the committee, scholarship amounts shall be determined annually by the General Executive Council. Funding will be from available resources as determined by the Executive Council.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

TIME SCHEDULES: Scholarship applications must be submitted to the MOS&B Scholarship Committee by March 1 each year. Award winners will be notified as soon as they are selected and funds awarded for scholarships will be forwarded to selected institutions as soon as applicant notifies Scholarship Committee of enrollment.

REVIEW: Priority is given to students moving from H.S. to College. The committee will review all criteria and provisions and may request additional information or clarification from the applicant. The committee may waive a provision, if extenuating circumstances warrant a waiver. The provision waived should not significantly affect the merits of the application. The committee's decision as to eligibility and merit is final.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS: Applicants awarded scholarships must be enrolled in an accredited two year or four year college/university, which is a degree-granting institution, before funds are disbursed. Scholarship funds will be placed on deposit at the institution where the person is enrolled, for the benefit of the applicant, and any unused portion shall be returned to the MOS&B by the institution.

SCHOLARSHIP LIMITS: Applicants may not receive a scholarship more than once. However, the committee may consider an award for a student already in college who has not graduated or a previously selected applicant who is entering graduate studies.

JUDGING CRITERIA: Scholarships awarded shall be merit based and applicants will be judged on academic performance, character, school and community activities, ability to express himself/herself in written form, personal motivation, leadership potential, and the strength of the recommendation. **JUDGING CRITERIA:** Extra Curricular - 10%; Personal Statement - 10%; Academic Performance - 70%; Recommendations - 10%

DATA SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

COMPLETED APPLICATION: Applicants must complete the printed application in its entirety. Signing of the application attests to the accuracy of ALL data submitted for scholarship consideration.

ANCESTOR PROOF: Applicants must be a genealogically proven descendant of a Confederate Officer or a descendent of a member of the national or state Confederate government branches. (see Eligibility).

PERSONAL STATEMENT: An applicant will submit a personal letter of application describing his/her academic and career aspirations and include other areas that have influenced the applicants development as a person committed to pursuing his/her educational goals. The applicant may use any approach to completing this assignment. The personal letter is limited to one page back and front.

ACADEMIC RECORDS: The applicant must submit an academic record of courses completed where currently enrolled, and include grade point average and class rank. Scholastic aptitude test scores and/or other pertinent test scores, if not in the applicant's transcript, should also be included. Transcripts not released to the applicant should be sent to the Scholarship Committee, by the institution transcript officer.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation attesting to the applicant's character, ability, dependability and integrity. One of the letters shall be from a teacher, counselor, or principal from the last institution where the applicant was enrolled.

SPONSORSHIP: All applicants must obtain a letter of sponsorship from a MOS&B State Society or Chapter that will be submitted with application material.