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MOPH 2013-2014 ACADEMIC YEAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKAGE

GENERAL INFORMATION

This package includes information relating to the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) Scholarship Program including eligibility and application requirements, a Scholarship Application Form, and a Q&A section with answers to some frequently asked questions regarding the Program.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart is a non-profit membership organization not associated with the Military Services. Membership is voluntary and not automatic upon receipt of the Purple Heart.

A MOPH Associate Membership or membership in the MOPH Ladies Auxiliary does not by itself convey scholarship eligibility. ***An applicant can receive a maximum of two scholarships awarded in non-consecutive years.***

Scholarship funds can be used for tuition, books, incidental fees, room & board, and other direct associated costs of higher education except transportation expenses.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for a Military Order of the Purple Heart Scholarship the applicant must fulfill one of the following criteria:

- A member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. A Purple Heart recipient who is not a member of the MOPH can become a member by applying online through the MOPH website: www.purpleheart.org or by calling the Membership Department at (703) 642-5360, or
- The spouse, widow or direct lineal descendant (child, step-child, adopted child, or grandchild) of a member of the MOPH. Great-grandchildren are not eligible.
or
- The spouse, widow or direct lineal descendant (child, step-child, adopted child, or grandchild) of a service member killed-in-action or who died of wounds. Great-grandchildren are not eligible. If the Purple Heart recipient is listed as killed-in-action or died of wounds, supporting documentation must accompany the application.

In addition, the recipient of a MOPH Scholarship must meet these requirements:

- A graduate or upcoming graduate (Senior) of an accredited high school, or
- Accepted by or enrolled as a ***FULL-TIME*** undergraduate student (12 or more semester credit hours, or 18 quarter credit hours, or as determined by the school) at a U.S. College, University or Trade School at the time the scholarship is awarded, (***graduate students are not eligible***) and
- Able to demonstrate the capacity for advanced academic achievement or technical proficiency as demonstrated by at least a 2.75 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) based on an un-weighted 4.0 grading system, and
- A citizen of the United States of America.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

A MOPH Scholarship Application must include a completed MOPH Scholarship Application Form and the following supporting materials:

- (1) Original, Official High School and/or College transcript, including the latest completed semester or quarter of the current year.

Due to the diversity of grading systems among educational institutions, the MOPH Scholarship Committee will ***ONLY*** consider High School or College transcripts based on an ***un-weighted 4.0 grading system***. In the case of a numerical or letter grade system the transcript may be manually converted by the school to an un-weighted 4.0 grading equivalent.

The applicant's academic record must be based on an un-weighted 4.0 grading system to be eligible for consideration. If the applicant's academic record is not based on an un-weighted 4.0 system, or if the conversion to an un-weighted 4.0 system is not included, the Scholarship Committee will not consider the application!

- (1) Essay of 200 – 300 words (approximately one double-spaced page) on the Subject: "What is the Difference between Liberty and License?"
- (2) Two (2) letters of recommendation.
- (3) A non-refundable \$15.00 Processing Fee (check or money order made out to the Military Order of the Purple Heart). Do not send cash. Credit cards are not accepted.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that his or her academic record is properly presented to the Scholarship Committee. Mail a “hard copy” of the application to the address indicated at the top of the form. Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted.

IMPORTANT !!

To ensure that your application is considered by the MOPH Scholarship Committee please review the “Application Requirements” on the previous page and avoid these mistakes:

1. Transcript not in un-weighted 4.0 format
2. Unofficial transcript
3. No application fee
4. Not eligible if you received a 2012 MOPH Scholarship. (An applicant can win a maximum of 2 scholarships, awarded in non-consecutive years.)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

The MOPH Scholarship Program is funded by a generous grant from the Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation.

Applications that are not complete, or are not received by the deadline (February 13, 2013) will be disqualified and will not be submitted to the Scholarship Committee for evaluation.

The MOPH Scholarship Committee will consider an applicant’s academic achievement, extracurricular activities, community and military service, work experience, strength of letters of recommendation, and content of the essay.

Decisions regarding eligibility for a Scholarship or the award of a Scholarship will be made by the MOPH Scholarship Committee and are final.

The academic requirement of a 2.75 GPA may be waived for a Purple Heart recipient who is a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

MOPH Scholarships may not be applied to summer school, or to a special program or research project.

If selected to receive a MOPH Scholarship, the applicant will be notified in early May 2013. At that time, the applicant will be asked to submit a color photo and biographical information, as well as information regarding the College, University or Trade School he or she plans to attend. Once the information is received, a two-way check will be made out to the applicant and the educational institution of his or her choice. If an applicant fails to submit the requested information, his or her scholarship award may be awarded to an alternate applicant designated by the Scholarship Committee.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION SCHEDULE

15 September 2012	MOPH Scholarship Program website announcement
13 February 2013	Applications must be received at MOPH Headquarters in Springfield, Virginia by 5:00pm. No exceptions will be granted.
1 March 2013	Eligible Applications are forwarded to the MOPH Scholarship Committee for evaluation.
15 May 2013	(Approximate) Announcement of Scholarship Awards. The names of the scholarship winners will be posted on the MOPH website: www.purpleheart.org . Select "Programs" at the top of the homepage then "Scholarships" from the drop-down box.

QUESTIONS or ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Should you have any question, or require additional information, you may contact:

Stewart McKeown at MOPH Headquarters:
scholarship@purpleheart.org
(703) 642-5360

DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS IS 5:00 PM (Eastern Standard Time) FEBRUARY 13, 2013

(This applies to all required documents and materials including transcripts, letters of recommendation, and the application fee. Any required items received after the deadline time/date will disqualify the applicant. The postmark date is irrelevant.)

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2013-2014 ACADEMIC YEAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:

Last	First	Middle Initial
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Address:

Street

City or Town	State	ZIP Code
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Telephone Number	E-Mail
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Social Security Number: ____ - ____ - ____

Date of Birth: _____ Male _____ Female _____

If you are a MOPH Associate Member or a member of the Ladies Auxiliary
Please enter your Member Number: _____

ELIGIBILITY

Name of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) Member or Purple Heart
Recipient (KIA or Died of Wounds) from whom you descend: _____

Relationship: _____

Living ____ Deceased ____ Killed in Action* ____ Died of Wounds* ____

MOPH Member Number: _____ Chapter: _____

*Documentation verifying this claim is required.

EDUCATION INFORMATION

List in order the High School, College, University or Trade School you have attended, or are currently attending:

Name	Location	Dates

Cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 un-weighted scale)

_____ High School _____ College or University _____ Trade School

Name and location of College, University, or Trade School to which you are applying, or are attending:

Major Course of Study: _____

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES and HONORS

On a separate sheet, list High School and College or University Extracurricular Activities in which you have participated or are participating in, as well as Honors you have received. Be specific. Include dates.

COMMUNITY AND/OR MILITARY SERVICE

On a separate sheet, list community service or volunteer activities in which you have participated or are participating in. Be specific. Include dates. If any of your community service involves volunteering at a VA facility, State Soldiers' Home, or comparable facility, please attach a verification of your volunteer hours.

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

On a separate sheet, list your work experience; include dates and responsibilities.

DECLARATION OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT

I have read and understand the enclosed information regarding the Military Order of the Purple Heart Scholarship Program.

During the 2013-2014 academic year, I plan to attend an accredited College, University or Trade School as a *Full-Time* student.

I certify that the information included in my application and all supporting documents is, to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate and complete.

I authorize the Military Order of the Purple Heart to request and receive information regarding my academic records and enrollment status at my designated College, University, or Trade School.

I agree to abide by the rules and criteria established by the Military Order of the Purple Heart Scholarship Committee.

I understand that the decisions of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Scholarship Committee are final.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian signature _____ Date _____
(If the applicant is under the age of 18 years)

Mail or deliver the completed Application, signed Declaration, Processing Fee, and all supporting materials to:

Military Order of the Purple Heart
Attn: Scholarship Program
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SOME QUESTIONS and ANSWERS RELATING TO THE PURPLE HEART SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Q: Must a Purple Heart recipient be a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart to apply for a Scholarship?

A: Yes

Q: If the direct descendant of a Purple Heart recipient applies, must the Purple Heart recipient be a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart?

A: He or she must be a current MOPH member, a member at the time of death, or documented as killed-in-action or died of wounds.

Q: Can the adopted or step-child of a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart apply for a Scholarship?

A: Yes.

Q: In addition to other eligibility requirements, do I need to be an Associate member or a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to receive a scholarship?

A: While non-members can receive scholarships, it is highly recommended applicants become Associate members or join the Ladies Auxiliary.

Q: Does an applicant receive extra credit if he/she is either an Associate member of the MOPH or a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the MOPH?

A: Yes.

Q: Do I need to submit a resume?

A: It is not necessary to submit a resume. It is highly recommended that applicants provide detailed information about their extracurricular activities. In relation to volunteer hours, especially with the VA, please provide verification of hours worked. For specific information about the preferred way to submit information related to extracurricular activities and honors, community and/or military service, and employment experience, please see page 6 of the scholarship application.

Q: Does the age of the applicant matter?

A: No.

Q: Are MOPH Scholarships awarded only to graduating High School Seniors?

A: No. You may apply if you are already enrolled as an undergraduate student at an accredited US College, University or Trade School.

Q: Who can apply for a MOPH Scholarship?

A: High school seniors intending to become full-time College/University undergraduate students, current undergraduate students and students attending an accredited Trade School may apply for a MOPH scholarship. Graduate students are not eligible.

Q: Are changes to the Scholarship Application allowed after submission?

A: Only the name of the College, University, or Trade School you plan to attend can be changed after the application is submitted.

Q: Who should write the letter(s) of recommendation?

A: Any individual who can attest to the character and potential of the applicant (ie: a teacher or coach, religious leader, work supervisor, unit commander, etc.)

Q: Can I apply for a MOPH Scholarship in more than one academic year?

A: Yes, however, an applicant can be awarded a maximum of two scholarships and is not eligible to receive scholarships in consecutive years.

Q: May I submit a copy of a transcript, or submit an unofficial transcript?

A: No, only original official transcripts will be accepted.

Q: Will everyone who applies receive a MOPH Scholarship?

A: No. This is a very competitive program. Over 400 applications were received for last year's (2012) program and 83 scholarships were awarded.

Q: How are the scholarship winners notified?

A: Each scholarship recipient will receive an award letter. In addition, the winner's names will be posted on the MOPH website: www.purpleheart.org in May 2013