Scholarship 101: Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation

Marines make legendary sacrifices. Sending their children to school shouldn’t be one of them. That’s why at the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, we’ve been Honoring Marines by Educating their Children™ for more than half a century.

Founded in 1962, The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation is the country’s oldest and largest provider of need-based scholarships to military children. For 55 years, we’ve been providing access to affordable education for the children of Marines and Navy Corpsmen attending post-high school, under-graduate and career technical education programs.

2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

Over 2,300 scholarships awarded to recipients from all 50 states, Washington, DC, and overseas

$7,400,000 in scholarship support awarded

More than 40,000 scholarships valued at nearly $120,000,000 in 55 years.

Scholarships that Matter
★ $94,000 — Average cost of a four-year education (based on tuition, fees, room, board and average expenses for an in-state public institution)
★ $58,000 — Average family income among our Marine families
★ $30,000 — Average student loan debt for today’s graduates

Students that Lead
★ 90% graduate. (Compared to 53% nationally)
★ 46% of our students major in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), and health science. (Compared to 33% nationally)
★ 50% are first-generation college students. (Compared to 20% nationally)

80 percent of our scholarship recipients graduate with little to no debt (compared to just 34 percent nationally)

50 percent first-generation college students (compared to 20 percent nationally)
NATIONWIDE REPRESENTATION, 2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

“Semper Fi” stands for integrity, and it stands for family. Throughout my career, that’s what my dad stressed to me about the Corps: we’re a family. The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation doesn’t just offer tuition assistance. They are that family.”

Scholarship Recipient, Cameron Arias
Son of Chief Warrant Officer Leonard J. Arias USMC (Ret.)

Honoring Marines by Educating Their Children™

Average diminished wages for professionals without a degree

$1M

Average student loan debt for today’s graduates

$30K

Average family income among our Marine families

$58K

Annual cost of attending in-state public college/university

$23K