



# FACTS AT A GLANCE

## 2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

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### The Nation's Oldest and Largest Provider of Need-Based Scholarships to Military Children

We've been *Honoring Marines by Educating their Children™* for more than half a century.

Founded in 1962, The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation provides access to affordable education for the children of Marines and Navy Corpsmen attending post-high school, under-graduate and career technical education programs.

In that time we've awarded nearly **50,000 scholarships** valued at **\$155 million**.



Over **2,510 scholarships** awarded to recipients from all 50 states, Washington, DC, and overseas

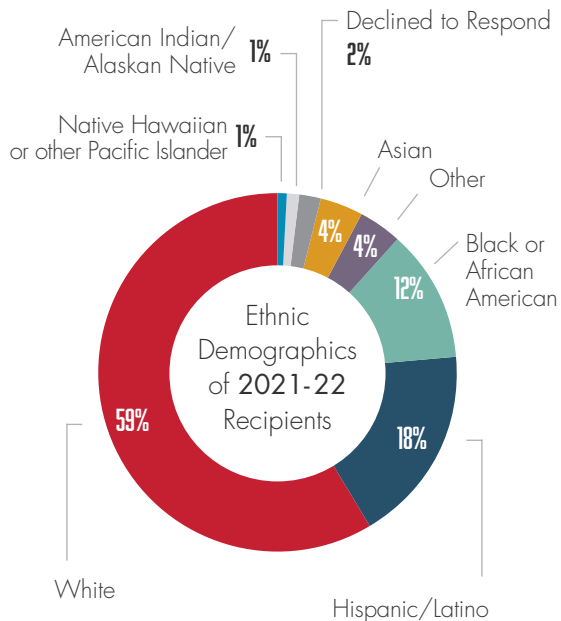


**\$9,200,000** in scholarship support awarded

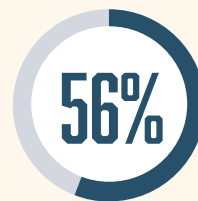


**100 percent** of eligible applicants receive scholarship support

### How our Scholarship Recipients Compare Nationally



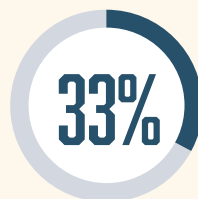
We closely track our demographics to ensure they mirror the population we serve. Our need-based scholarship program is intentionally structured to reach students who have **the most need**, not access to the most opportunity.



**91 percent** of our scholarship recipients graduate (compared to 56 percent nationally)



**50 percent** of our scholarship recipients graduate with little to **NO** debt (compared to less than 30 percent nationally)



**40 percent** first-generation college students (compared to 33 percent nationally)

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For generations, Marines have fought to ensure that we can all pursue the American dream, yet they are finding it increasingly difficult to achieve that dream for their own children.



Average student loan **debt** for today's graduates ▶

**\$29K**

Annual **cost** of attending in-state public college/university ▶

**\$22K**



Average family income among our **Marine families** ▶

**\$64K**

Average **diminished** wages for professionals without a degree ▶

**\$1.3M**

## Scholarship Recipient Highlight



### CALEB GRAHAM

Georgia Gwinnett College | Class of 2022  
Major: Information Technology  
Son of veteran Corporal Chad Graham USMC

**C**ALEB DESCRIBES HIS VETERAN Marine father as “his hero”. Now, Caleb and his father are both pursuing their collegiate degrees, supporting each other on their educational journeys.

Thanks to his scholarship, Caleb can focus on his studies and internship opportunities without having to worry about paying for school. He also feels passionately about helping others—even during the pandemic, he has been heavily involved in collecting and distributing food and household items to those in need.

In addition to his degree, Caleb is also working towards additional certifications in cyber security. Caleb hopes to work for the National Security Agency after graduating, along with providing free classes to his community about cyber safety.

He said, *“I’m deeply grateful and hope to make the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation and its donors proud to have invested in my future.”*



### REBECCA LATTERNER

Western Carolina University | Class of 2022  
Major: Anthropology, Biology and Pre-Medicine  
Daughter of veteran Corporal Ronald Latterner USMC

**M**ARINE CORPS VALUES RUN DEEP in Rebecca’s family—her father, grandfather and cousin are all veteran Marines.

Strengthened and supported by those values, Rebecca is pursuing a challenging triple major course of study. She said her scholarship, *“gives me the drive and motivation to continue when things seem hard or frustrating, and for that I link my academic achievements with this wonderful foundation.”*

Rebecca’s commitment to her studies is reflected in her 3.98 GPA. Outside of her studies, she volunteers at the local REACH shelter, which provides shelter for those affected by domestic violence, and her community garden, which provides fresh fruit and vegetables to community members in need.

Rebecca is preparing to apply for medical school and intends to become a surgeon or forensic pathologist.

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