

Tinker Spouses' Club (TSC)
Entering College Scholarship Application 2025-2026 Academic Year

General Information/Criteria

1. The Tinker Spouses' Club (TSC) offers scholarships to eligible military dependents who are graduating high school seniors or graduated high school recently and will begin undergraduate studies at an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school during the 2025-2026 academic school year.
2. Selection criteria may include all or some of the following: academic achievement; standardized test scores; extracurricular activities (e.g. school and/or community athletics, volunteering, work experience, clubs, etc.); work history; citizenship; leadership roles; awards/honors; and a personal essay.
3. The applicant is responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information and official documents.
4. Awards are granted without regard to sponsor's rank or applicant's race, gender, ethnicity, religion, disability or sexual orientation.
5. Applications must be received via mail or digitally no later than **February 20, 2025**. Incomplete packets will be deemed ineligible. Please retain a copy of all documents; application packets will not be returned.
6. Applicants will be notified by email or phone call of the results in March 2025.
7. The TSC Scholarship Committee invites at least one individual with strong academic background from the community, at least one member of the TSC in good standing, and at least one active duty member to judge the application packets. Judges and their dependents are not eligible to apply for the scholarship. Judges may not be members of the TSC Scholarship Committee.
8. Please email additional questions to TinkerSpousesScholarships@gmail.com.

Eligibility: Each applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. The applicant must meet ONE of the following eligibility requirements at the time of the application deadline. Applicants must live in and/or applicants' sponsor should be stationed in the greater Oklahoma City area and be a dependent of:
 - An active duty U.S. Military member currently assigned to Tinker AFB.
 - An active duty U.S. Military member assigned to Tinker AFB, but serving an ROTC/recruiting duty elsewhere in Oklahoma.
 - A full-time Reservist assigned to Tinker AFB.
 - A full-time Federal Guardsman stationed at Tinker AFB.
 - A deceased U.S. Military member who was on active duty at the time of death.
 - A retired U.S. Military member who resides in a 70-mile radius of Tinker AFB.
 - Any eligible member of the Tinker Spouses Club (TSC) in good standing.
2. Applicants must be graduating seniors, recently graduated from high school, or have a recently completed GED and plan to enroll full-time in an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school for the 2025-2026 academic school year.
3. Applicants must be at least 17 years old, and not older than 22 years old.
4. Individuals who are pursuing a second undergraduate degree or advanced degrees are not eligible for this scholarship.
5. The TSC Scholarship Committee members and their dependents are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Limitations:

1. Scholarship funds are to be used during the 2025-2026 academic year for undergraduate studies only.
2. All funds received shall be applied to tuition and/or associated university fees/costs administered by an accredited college or university. These costs may include books, fees, room or board, but may not be used to cover fees from previous academic years, penalty fees, or disenrollment fees.
3. Payment of scholarship awards will be made directly to the selected school. The recipient must provide the Scholarship Committee with the name and address of the school the recipient will attend and must return an **Enrollment Verification Form** to the scholarship committee no later than **September 1, 2025** or the award will be considered unclaimed.

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4. The scholarship award, when combined with other scholarships, must not exceed the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board for the academic year. Any remaining funds at the end of the school year must be returned to the TSC Charitable Fund.
5. Students accepting an appointment to a military service academy, any applicant awarded a TSC Scholarship that intends to attend a military service academy or intends to use a full scholarship, must notify the TSC Scholarship Committee immediately and forfeit the TSC Scholarship. The TSC Scholarship will then be awarded to an alternate recipient or returned to the TSC Charitable Fund.
6. If a student intends to use the full GI bill for this year, the scholarship committee will take that into consideration in awarding a scholarship.
7. Recipients who accept a scholarship from another military officers'/enlisted spouses' organization become ineligible for the TSC scholarship and must notify the TSC Scholarship Committee immediately and forfeit the award. The TSC scholarship will, in turn, be awarded to an alternate scholarship recipient or returned to the TSC Charitable Fund.
8. Applicant(s) may not receive a TSC Scholarship reward for two consecutive years.

Application Instructions:

1. Applications may be typed or hand-written and may be mailed or submitted electronically.
2. Use only the available spaces on this form. Do not use the back of the form. Do not attach a resume or pictures.
3. It is important that applicants provide all qualifying information in the application categories (Educational, Employment, Community/Volunteer Service, Community/Club Activities, School Activities, Awards/Honors). Scholarships are awarded based on total points. You may attach additional copies of data sheets as necessary to gain maximum points.
4. The completed application must be **received or postmarked by February 20, 2025. Applications must be received by placing application at Tinker Thrift Shop or (e-) mailing the application to:**

EMAIL TO: TinkerSpousesScholarships@gmail.com
MAIL TO: TSC Scholarship Committee Chairperson
P.O. Box 45616
Tinker AFB, OK 73145

All applications must be received by or postmarked to the Scholarship Chair by February 20, 2025.

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Application Completion:

This application becomes complete and valid only when all of the pages listed below are delivered. All materials must be submitted at the same time. If any items are missing or not complete, the application will be automatically rejected. Each page of the application must include the last four digits of the applicant's SSN. Copy only the pages indicated and attach. Do not staple but paper clip together in the following prescribed order:

- Personal Data Sheet
- Proof of U.S. Military Dependency. One of the following must be provided:
 - Proof of DEERS enrollment (DD Form 1172),
 - Notarized dependent verification form, or
 - A copy of your sponsor's orders to Tinker AFB showing the applicant as a dependent
- Educational Data Page
- Employment Data Page
- Community Service Data Page
- Awards and Honors Data Page
- School Official Signature Page
- Certification Letter
- Transcripts supporting all college and/or university educational data and documenting your GPA if applicable, conclusion of fall semester 2024. Please also provide high school GPA and transcripts if graduation was within the last 5 years. Electronic copies will be accepted but must be from the Registrar's Office and sent to TinkerSpousesScholarships@gmail.com.
- Letter of Recommendation (optional)
- Essay written by the applicant on the following topics of your choice between the 3 questions posed.

Essay Prompts:

Question 1: *What is your most impactful community service experience?*

Question 2: *When people move to another country, some of them decide to follow the customs of the new country. Others prefer to keep their own customs. Compare these two choices. Which one do you prefer? Support your answer with specific details.*

Question 3: *Discuss a person who has significantly influenced your life and why.*

- Type the essay in 12pt Times New Roman font, double-spaced, with one-inch margins.
- Essays should be 500 words or less in length. Place your word count at the end of the essay.
- **DO NOT use your name, school, position, or other identifiers in the essay.**
- The essay may be attached as a separate document.
- Judging criteria includes: organization, evidence, analysis, and overall impression of the essay.

*The Tinker Spouses' Club is a private, nonprofit organization.
 It is not part of the DOD or any of its components and has no governmental status.*

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Personal Data Disclosure

PRINCIPLE PURPOSES: To facilitate award of scholarship funds to education centers and determine eligibility
ROUTINE USES: Information may be disclosed to federal, state, and local education institutions for the purpose of allocating awards to scholarship recipient accounts; the TSC Scholarship Committee for accounting purposes and to verify military dependent eligibility. Applications are kept on file for one year and then shredded

PERSONAL DATA SHEET

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

NAME (last, first, middle)

Street Address

Name and Address of College Attending

City/State

ZIP

Applicant's ID Card Expiration Date

Cell Phone Number

Home/Alternate Phone Number

E-mail Address

SPONSOR'S INFORMATION

Sponsor's Eligibility Category: (Check One)

Active Duty _____ Retired _____ Deceased _____ Guard _____ Reserve _____ TSC Member _____

Sponsor's Name

Rank/Grade (if applicable)

Sponsor's Organization (if applicable)

Organization Address (if applicable)

Duty Phone Number (if applicable)

Current Mailing Address (if different than applicant)

E-mail Address

Phone Number

Sponsor's ID Card Expiration Date

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EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT DATA SHEET

EDUCATIONAL DATA - High School		
Graduating High School (Name, City, State)	GPA (Unweighted)	Date Diploma Awarded Mo/Yr

To be awarded points in the category of Employment, all information including the hours and dates of employment must be fully completed. List most recent entries first.

EMPLOYMENT DATA			
Job Description (Name, City, State as applicable)	Supervisor's Contact Information	Estimated Total Hours	Dates Employed From Mo/Yr -To Mo/Yr
Total Estimated Hours:			

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To be awarded points in the category of Community Service, all information including the hours and dates of volunteer service with service, religious, and other community organizations. must be fully completed. List most recent entries first.

COMMUNITY SERVICE					
Organization (Name, City, State)	Position/ Title	Estimated Total Hours	Supervisor's Contact Information	Dates Volunteered From Mo/Yr – To Mo/Yr	
Total Estimated Hours:					

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SCHOOL OFFICIAL SIGNATURE PAGE

(to be filled out by an official at the applicant's most recent school)

Applicant, please give this form to your school counselor or advisor to complete and return to you. This form, along with your transcript or letter of good standing, must be included in your final application package, which must be submitted by 18 March 2024.

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of School: _____

<p>SCHOOL OFFICIAL: Please complete the following and attach an official complete transcript. If currently enrolled, please include an unofficial transcript of the student's most recent term. You may return this form to the student for inclusion in his or her final application packet.</p>	
<p><i>Unweighted GPA</i> through last semester attended</p>	<p>Name and Title of School Official</p>
<p>School Official Signature</p>	<p>Date</p>
<p>School Official Email or Phone Number</p>	

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CERTIFICATION LETTER

I certify that should I accept a Tinker Spouses' Club (TSC) Scholarship Award, I will abide by the following conditions:

1. Scholarship funds are to be used within the 2025-2026 academic year for undergraduate studies.
2. I must be enrolled as a full-time student (most schools define full-time as a minimum of 12 credit hours).
3. As a scholarship recipient, I must submit an **Enrollment Verification Form** to the Scholarship Committee no later than **September 1, 2025**.
4. Unclaimed funds as of November 1, 2025 revert to the TSC Charitable Fund.
5. All funds received shall be applied to tuition and/or associated university costs administered by an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school. These costs may include books, fees, or room and board, but may not be used for past or current penalties or disenrollment fees.
6. After receiving the Enrollment Verification Form, the scholarship award check, along with a cover letter with the terms of the scholarship, will be mailed directly to the college or university.
7. The scholarship award, when combined with other scholarships, must not exceed the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board for the academic year. At the end of the Academic Year, any remaining funds must be returned to the TSC Charitable Fund as soon as possible.
8. If I accept an appointment to a military service academy, receive a full four-year ROTC scholarship (most only pay for the academic portion), or another full scholarship, I will notify the TSC scholarship committee immediately.
9. If I accept a scholarship from another military spouses' organization, I will be ineligible for this scholarship award.
10. If, for any reason, I am unable to attend school or if prior to the time of enrollment in a school, I will be ineligible for this scholarship award.
11. It is my responsibility to notify the Scholarship Committee of any change of status (e.g., change of schools, change in address/contact information (including email address), change in eligibility as noted above, etc.). Failure to do so may result in the forfeiture of my scholarship award.
12. I am a responsible citizen in good standing in the school and the community.
13. If any of the above conditions are violated, scholarship funds must be returned to the TSC Charitable Fund.

I agree that my signature on this form will authorize the TSC Scholarship Chair to release this application, including GPA, essays, transcript(s), etc. to the Scholarship Committee, Scholarship Partners, and Judges, as needed.

I certify that all information in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and the essay is entirely my own effort.

APPLICANT'S NAME:

SPONSOR'S NAME

Printed _____

Printed _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Signature _____ Date: _____