

**Tinker Spouses' Club  
Military Spouse Entering College  
2023-2024 Scholarship Application**

**General Information/Criteria:**

1. The Tinker Spouses' Club (TSC) awards merit-based scholarships to eligible military spouses who are planning to enroll in an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school during the 2023-2024 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 **1 March 2023**. 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 April 2023.
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](mailto: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 spouse of:
  - An active duty U.S. Military member currently assigned to Tinker AFB.
  - An active duty U.S. Military member serving a tour elsewhere.
  - 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 have graduated from high school or completed a GED and plan to enroll at an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school for the 2023-2024 academic school year.
3. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative 2.50 GPA based on a 4.0 scale.
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 2023-2024 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. This information, along with the **Enrollment Verification Form** must be postmarked by **10 September 2023**, or the award will be considered unclaimed.
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 Welfare 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 Welfare Fund.
6. If a student intends to use the full GI bill for this year, the scholarship committee will take that into consideration when 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 Welfare Fund.
8. Applicant(s) may not receive a TSC Scholarship reward for two consecutive years.

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**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 back of the form. Do not attach a resume or pictures.
3. It is important that applicants provide any and 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. Please submit the completed application no later than **1 March 2023**. The TSC and members of the Scholarship Committee are not responsible for lost or misdirected mail.

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

**This application becomes complete only when all the pages listed below are received.  
Ideally, all materials will be submitted at the same time.**

- Personal Data Sheet (page 3 of the application)
- 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 and Employment Data Sheet(s) (page 4 of the application)
- Volunteer Service and Community Club Activities Data Sheet(s) (page 5 of the application)
- School Activities and Awards Data Sheet(s) (page 6 of the application)
- Essay written by the applicant on the following question:

***“Discuss an obstacle that you have had to overcome as a military spouse  
and how it relates to your educational or employment goals.”***

- 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 should be attached as a separate document.
  - Judging criteria include: ideas, originality, mechanics, technical (following the given directions), vocabulary, organization, and overall impression of the essay.
- School Official Signature Page (page 7 of the application)
  - High School Transcript supporting all educational data and documenting your cumulative GPA.
  - Signed Academic Scholarship Student Agreement (page 8 of the application)

*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.*

**KEEP THIS INFORMATION FOR YOUR RECORDS**

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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 Scholarship Committee for accounting purposes, and to verify military dependent eligibility.  
 Applications are kept on file for one year then shredded.

**PERSONAL DATA SHEET**

**APPLICANT'S INFORMATION**

NAME (last, first, middle)	
Street Address	Name and Address of College Planning to Attend
City/State	
ZIP	Applicant's Military 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's)	E-mail Address
Phone Number	Sponsor's ID Card Expiration Date

How did you hear about our scholarship? (circle one)

Google      Facebook      Email      Word of Mouth      Advisor      Other \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied or are you applying for another spouses' club scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, which club/years? \_\_\_\_\_

If you received a spouses' club scholarship in the past, what year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you intend to use the full GI Bill for this coming 2023-2024 school year? \_\_\_\_\_

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**EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT DATA SHEET**

*\*It is important that applicants provide all qualifying information in the application categories (Employment, Volunteer Service, Community/Club Activities, College Activities, Awards/Honors). Scholarships are awarded based on total points. Please attach copies of additional data sheets if necessary. To be awarded points in the categories of Employment and/or Community/Volunteer Service, all information including the **total hours and dates** of employment/volunteer service must be fully completed.*

<b>EDUCATIONAL DATA</b>			
List All High Schools Attended (grades 9-12) (Name, City, State)	GPA	Dates Attended	
		From Mo/Yr -	To Mo/Yr
Ex: Tishomingo County High School, Iuka, MS	3.27	Aug 2019	May 2020
Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science, Columbus, MS	3.87	Aug 2020	May 2022

<b>INTENDED COLLEGIATE AREA OF STUDY</b>	
Major	Minor

<b>EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>			
Paid Positions Only. List most recent employment first. List only employment from the last three years.			
Are you now or within the last three years been the primary caregiver to minors at home?		YES	NO
Job Description (Include Company Name, Title, Supervisor, City/State as applicable)	Estimated Total Hours	Dates employed From Mo/Yr – To Mo/Yr	
Ex: Pizza Hut Store #125, Hostess/Wait staff, John Smith MGR, Alexandria, VA	200	6/2020	Present
Babysitting, Brown, White and Thomas families, Springfield, VA	150	Sept/2021	Present

**TOTAL HOURS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**VOLUNTEER SERVICE AND COMMUNITY CLUB DATA SHEET**

<b>VOLUNTEER SERVICE</b>			
List volunteer work with service, religious, and other community organizations. <b>Unpaid practicum/internships may go here.</b> List the most recent service first. List only service from the last three years.			
<b>Organization</b> (Name, Supervisor/Coordinator, City/State)	<b>Position/Title or Activity</b>	<b>Estimated Total Hours</b>	<b>Dates Volunteered:</b>
Ex: Fairfax County Animal Shelter, Amy Brown, Alexandria, VA Special Olympics of NOVA, Sam Smith, Springfield, VA Eagle Scout Project, Mike Porter, Alexandria, VA EHS National Honor Society, Alexandria, VA	Feed/wash animals Helped at track meet Rebuilt church stairs Tutoring	100 30 75 20	October 2020 - Feb 2021 July 2020, 2021, 2022 Summer 2021 Fall/Spring 2021

**TOTAL HOURS:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>COMMUNITY CLUBS/ACTIVITIES</b>			
List non-school athletics, clubs or activities. Verification of participation may be required. List most recent activities first. List only activities from the last three years. <b>Do not include school activities.</b>			
Use these symbols for Position/Title: C-Captain      P-President      T-Treasurer      M-Member CC- Co-Captain      VP-Vice-President      S-Secretary      O- Please state position			
<b>Organization</b> (Name, Supervisor/Coordinator, City/State)	<b>Position/Title</b>	<b>Dates Participated</b> From Mo/Yr– To Mo/Yr	
Ex: Sunnyside Baptist Church Choir, OKC, OK American Business Women's Association, OKC, OK Black Hat Community Theater, Alexandria, VA	M-Choir Member S-Secretary O-Student Director, Actor	9-20 9-20 10-21	Present Present 5-22

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**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND HONORS/AWARDS DATA SHEET**

<b>SCHOOL ACTIVITIES</b>				
List the most recent activity first. List only activities from the last three years. May include sports or other teams, academic groups, etc. A separate line may be used for changes in Positions. See example below.				
Use these symbols for Position/Title:				
C-Captain		P-President	T-Treasurer	M-Member
CC- Co-Captain	VP-Vice-President	S-Secretary	O- Please State Position	
Activity	Position/Title	Dates Participated		Description of Activity
		From Mo/Yr – To Mo/Yr		
Ex: Young Republicans	S-Secretary	Sept 20	Present	Political group on campus
Tri Delta Sorority	M-Choir Member	9-20	05-21	Social and philanthropic organization
Intramural sports	S-Secretary	9-20	05-21	Kickball, softball, and volleyball
Young Republicans	M-Member	Sept 21	May 22	Political group on campus

<b>AWARDS/HONORS</b>		
List most recent awards first. List only activities from the last three years.		
Award or Honor Received	Description of Award/Honor	Date(s)
(Name/Type, Bestowing Organization)		
Ex: Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America	Service Project	May 2020
Employee of the Quarter, Pizza Hut Store 215	Attitude, Effort (Manager picks)	Fall Sem 2021
Honor Roll, Edison High School 3.5 min GPA	Awarded per semester	Fall 2021

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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 1 March 2023.*

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>SCHOOL OFFICIAL:</b> 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.	
<i>Unweighted GPA</i> through last semester attended	Name and Title of School Official
School Official Signature	Date
School Official Email or Phone Number	

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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 2023-2024 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 **10 September 2023**.
4. Unclaimed funds as of 11 September 2023 revert to the TSC Welfare 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 Welfare 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 Welfare 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:**

Printed \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSOR'S NAME:**

Printed \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_