

**Tinker Spouses' Club**  
**Military Spouse Continuing Education**  
**2024-2025 Scholarship Application**

**General Information/Criteria:**

1. The Tinker Spouses' Club (TSC) offers merit-based scholarships to eligible military spouses who are current students continuing to pursue studies at an accredited college, university, or technical/vocational school during the 2024-2025 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, or disability.
5. Applications must be received via mail or digitally no later than **18 March 2024**. 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 2024.
7. The TSC Scholarship Committee invites at least one individual with a 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 be **currently** enrolled in an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school and plan to enroll in an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school during the 2024-2025 academic school year.
3. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative 2.50 GPA based on a 4.0 scale or submit a letter of academic good standing from the school he/she currently attends.
4. Individuals who are pursuing a second undergraduate degree or advanced degrees **are** 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 2024-2025 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 school. These costs may include books, fees, or room and 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 **10 September 2024** 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, a four-year full ROTC scholarship (most only pay for the academic portion) or any full scholarship (including the GI Bill) which pays 100% of the student's tuition, fees, books, room and board become ineligible for this award. 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.

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6. Recipients who accept a scholarship from another military 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.
7. 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 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. Please submit the completed application no later than **18 March 2024**. 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 (available on our website), 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)
- Activities and Awards Data Sheet(s) (page 6 of the application)
- Essay written by the applicant on the following topic:

***“Discuss an obstacle that you have had to overcome as a military dependent  
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 may 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)
  - College 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 TSC Scholarship Committee for accounting purposes, and to verify military dependent eligibility. Applications are kept on file for one year and then shredded or deleted.

**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'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 2024-2025 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>			
<b>College(s) and High School(s) Attended</b> (Name, City, State)	<b>GPA</b>	<b>Dates Attended</b>	
		From Mo/Yr -	To Mo/Yr
Ex: Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK	3.27	Aug/2020	Present

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

<b>EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>			
<b>Paid Positions Only.</b> List most recent employment first. List only employment from the last three years.			
<b>Are you now or within the last three years been the primary caregiver to minors at home?</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Job Description</b> (Include Company Name, Title, Supervisor, City/State as applicable)	<b>Estimated Total Hours</b>	<b>Dates employed</b>	
		From Mo/Yr –	To Mo/Yr
Ex: Pizza Hut Store #125, Hostess/Wait staff, John Smith MGR, Alexandria, VA	200	6/2019	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> From Mo/Yr – To Mo/Yr	
Habitat for Humanity, Sam Smith, Norman, OK	Built 10 homes	200	June 2019	August 2020
Mission trip, Mike Brown, UMUC Alexandria, VA	Built water wells Haiti	80	June 2021	June 2021
Red Cross, Lisa Hoover, OU Medical Center	Blood Drive	15	Sept 2020	Sept 2020

**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		
Sunnyslane Baptist Church Choir, OKC, OK	M-Choir Member	9-19	Present	
American Business Women's Association, OKC, OK	S-Secretary	9-19	Present	
Cub Scout Den Leader, Pack 1076 OKC, OK	O-Den Leader	10-20	5-21	

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

<b>SCHOOL ACTIVITIES</b>				
List the most recent activity first. List only activities from the last three years.				
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 From Mo/Yr – To Mo/Yr		Description of Activity
Young Republicans	S-Secretary	Sept 19	Present	Political group on campus
Tri Delta Sorority	M-Choir Member	9-19	05-20	Social and philanthropic organization
Intramural sports	S-Secretary	9-19	05-20	Kickball, softball, and volleyball
Young Republicans	M-Member	Sept 20	May 21	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 (Name/Type, Bestowing Organization)	Description of Award/Honor	Date(s)
Dean's List, BSU	Min GPA 3.5 required	Spring Sem 2020
Outstanding Freshman, BSU	Min GPA 4.0 required	Fall Sem 2019
Homecoming Queen Candidate, BSU	Nominated by BSU	Fall 2019

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

<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
<b>School Official Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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 2021-2024 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 2024**.
4. Unclaimed funds as of 11 September 2024 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 a full scholarship (including the GI Bill) which pays 100% of the student's tuition, books, room and board and academic fees, I will be ineligible for this scholarship award.
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: \_\_\_\_\_