VANCE SPOUSES’ CLUB

STUDENT MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

 GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

I. ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP

A. The Vance Spouses' Club (VSC) is offering scholarships to area high school seniors and current college students who are **dependents**\* of one of the following:

1. Active duty or reserve military personnel assigned to Vance AFB

2. Local area retired or deceased military personnel

3. DoD contractors at Vance AFB

4. Civilian DoD employees at Vance AFB

\* A dependent, for scholarship purposes is defined as a currently unmarried natural child, an adopted child, or a stepchild, who has not passed his/her 21st birthday. Applicants must be authorized dependent privileges and possess a valid dependent id card.

B. Current college students must be pursuing a vocational, technical, associates or undergraduate degree. The applicant may currently be enrolled in a degree program.

C. The following are not eligible for a VSC Scholarship:

1. Anyone who has previously received an OSC or VSC Scholarship

2. Anyone on a full scholarship (tuition, room, board, and books) or attending a military academy or military preparatory school

II. SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES

A. Academic Scholarships will be awarded to students applying to an accredited 4 year degree program at a college or university

B. Vocational / Technical scholarships will be awarded to students seeking a 1 to 2 year certification or associate degree.

III. APPLICATION CRITERIA AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

The award of a VSC scholarship is designed to give distinct recognition for high quality performance, which reflects the Air Force image. Criteria and required documentation for these awards include:

A. Submission of scholarship application and required transcripts (high school or all post high school transcripts), ACT and/or SAT scores (only required for academic scholarship), along with class standing.

B. A minimum 3.0 GPA (in a 4.0 system) for academic scholarship applicants and a minimum 2.5 GPA (in a 4.0 system) for vocational/technical applicants.

C. Three recommendation forms. A school official, including a principal, counselor, or teacher, must complete one form. The remaining forms may be completed by another school official, minister, employer, etc.

D. Personal Essay: Choose ONE of the following and answer in 500 words or less.

1. Where do you see yourself in 5 years? What are your goals and dreams?
2. How would this scholarship help you in pursuit of your dreams and goals?

E. Email digital photo to be used for publication (only if selected). By submitting this application, you hereby give the VSC permission to reproduce this picture.

F. Signed certification form

G. Optional- Financial needs statement in 250 words or less

H. Resume -listing activities, awards, and community service

IV. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications and all required documentation must be **mailed and postmarked on or before March 25, 2019**  to be eligible for consideration. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Hand delivered applications will not be accepted. Questions should be directed to vscscholarship1@gmail.com.

V. NOTIFICATION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

All applicants will be notified by mail of the Committee's decision regarding each individual application during the month of April 2019. You will be notified at that time how your scholarship will be presented to you.

VI. MAILING ADDRESS

Completed application packages should be mailed to:

**Vance Spouses’ Club**

**Attention Scholarship Committee**

**PO Box 5803**

**Enid, Oklahoma 73702**

VII. RECIPIENTS USE OF SCHOLARSHIP

A. The scholarship must be used by the recipient at an accredited 2-4 year college, university, vocational or technical school during the 2019-2020 academic year.

B. The scholarship may be used for the payment of tuition, fees, room, board and books.

C. A check, for the amount of the scholarship, will be sent to the institution of choice following the submission by the student of the correct address to the financial office that handles scholarships for their institution. The student should also include their student ID number to ensure proper credit.

D. In the event that you are selected and then choose to attend a military academy or military preparatory school or receive a full scholarship (tuition, room, board and books), you must inform the VSC Scholarship Committee and forfeit your VSC Scholarship. Forfeited scholarships will be awarded to alternate recipients.

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 (Must be typed or printed in black ink)

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ SSN:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. High School(s) Attended and Grades Attended:

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3. Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Name of Parent or Legal Guardian:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Place of employment (if civilian): (circle) DoD, DoD contractor

If military: Grade/Rank \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (circle) active duty, reserve, retired, deceased

5. Planned major in college/university or vocational/technical school: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. Colleges or schools to which you have applied (are applying or are enrolled ) in order of preference: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. Names of any schools to which you have been accepted:

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8. Indicate which category you are applying under: \_\_\_\_\_\_Academic \_\_\_\_ Vocational/Technical

9.. Special abilities, talents, hobbies, and skills:

10.. Work experience or jobs held:

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CERTIFICATION FORM

I certify that the information in the application and selection criteria is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and my essay is entirely my own effort. I further certify that should I accept a VSC Scholarship Award, I am not currently, nor will I be, in violation of the following restrictions:

1. All funds received shall be applied to tuition and/or associated costs administered by an accredited college, university, vocational or technical school. These costs may include tuition, books, fees, room or board but may not be used for penalties or disenrollment fees.

2. Applicants choosing to attend a military academy or military preparatory school, or receive a full ROTC or full college / university scholarship shall inform the VSC Scholarship Committee and forfeit their scholarship. Forfeited scholarships will be awarded to alternate recipients.

3. I have not nor will not accept another Vance Spouses’ Club scholarship.

4. I am a responsible citizen in good standing with my community.

5. The VSC funds will be used within the 2019-2020 year.

Should I violate any of these restrictions, my sponsor and I agree to return all award money to the Vance Spouses' Club.

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, I agree that my signature of this form will authorize the Scholarship chairperson to release copies of my transcripts, scholarship application, social security number, and other auxiliary data to the Scholarship Committee as needed.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE DATE

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SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE DATE

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SCHOOL OFFICIAL RECOMMENDATION FORM

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 5. Thank you for your time and effort.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT?

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EVALUATE THE APPLICANT ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 5 (I.E. 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5), WITH 5 HIGHEST AND 1 LOWEST, IN THE FOLLOWING FIVE AREAS:

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MATURITY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ LEADERSHIP ABILITY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

INITIATIVE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Information about individual completing this recommendation:

PRINTED NAME

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