

## MCATA SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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Each year the **Marine Corps Air Transport Association** awards scholarships to selected family members of our membership who are attending college, university or trade school. The **MCATA Scholarship Committee**, with concurrence of the **MCATA Board of Directors**, will determine the amount of these scholarships each year based on the funding available in the scholarship fund at the time of the award. Awards are announced at the **MCATA National Reunion and Annual Meeting**. Award criteria is as follows:

**Eligibility:** Recipient must be immediate family of the sponsoring MCATA member. That is defined as son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter or other direct descendent (step children are included in these definitions). The **sponsoring member** must be a current (dues paid) member, active in MCATA affairs and an attendee of the **MCATA National Reunion and Annual Meeting**. Eligibility will be at the discretion of the **Board of Directors** but will be considered to be:

- (1) Continuous dues paid membership the last five years.
- (2) Continuous dues paid membership last three years plus attendance at one of the past three reunions.
- (3) Continuous membership for two years and attendance at both of the past two reunions.

Applicant must be enrolled in or accepted at a college or university. High school seniors may apply if accepted at a college of their choice and proof of acceptance is required along with the application.

1. All applications must be received 30 days prior to the start of the **MCATA National Reunion and Annual Meeting**.
2. All applicants are requested to write a letter outlining how the award will be used to assist them in furthering their education and careers.
3. Once selected for an award it is requested that another letter of appreciation with a personal photo be sent to the **MCATA** membership thanking them for the scholarship.
4. If multiple applications are received from the same sponsor they will be considered individually. A second application from the same sponsor will only be considered after all other applications are reviewed. Sponsors may be asked to prioritize multiple applications.
5. The maximum first award is currently \$1,000. A second award may be given in a subsequent year for no more than \$500. In any case the current maximum total award for any applicant is \$1,500.

**Note: According to the IRS, qualified education expenses include tuition and fees; and course related expenses such as books, supplies, and equipment. Room and board, travel, research, clerical help, and non-required equipment are not qualified education expenses. Awardees may be asked to provide receipts if there is doubt as to what the scholarship was used for.**

**Selection Process:** Once basic eligibility is determined using the criteria above, the applications will be submitted to the **MCATA Scholarship Committee**. This committee consists of three to four members who ARE NOT sponsors of those submitting applications and who will assess the applications and determine the awardees who will then be submitted to the MCATA Board of Directors for final approval.

Criteria will include:

- Grade point average. (Expectation will be a GPA of 2.5 or better sustained to meet eligibility requirements.)
- Extracurricular scholastic activities.
- Other community service.
- Previous awards (Awards will generally not be subsequently awarded unless there aren't enough other applicants.)
- Only one award per sponsor per year unless there are not enough applicants.