



KADENA OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2021-2022

PURPOSE:

To acknowledge outstanding military dependents within the Kadena AB community by offering financial assistance towards education in any field of their choice. In previous years, the KOSC has provided numerous merit-based scholarships up to \$3,000.

ELIGIBILITY:

Scholarship applicants must:

1. Be a 2021-2022 Graduating High School Senior or Dependent
2. Be seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree at an accredited vocational, two- or four- year college or university **OR** technical / vocational school
3. Have current Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) status
4. Be a dependent of a sponsor who is **ONE** of the following:
 - Active duty or Retired U.S. Air Force personnel (Officer or Enlisted)
 - U.S. Military, civilian, or DoDEA personnel assigned to or living on Kadena AB
 - Current KOSC member
5. Have a minimum **2.5 GPA** in high school or college coursework
6. Have **NOT** been awarded a KOSC scholarship in the past

Factors considered in selection include scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities, community service, job or volunteer work experience, evidence of leadership ability, teamwork, educational and career goals, and composition skills. This merit-based scholarship will be awarded without regard to gender, race, or creed of applicant, school attending, rate or rank of sponsor, or financial status.

SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS:

1. Successful applicants will be awarded scholarship funds not to exceed the cost of one-year's tuition and fees.
2. Scholarship monies may be used to pay for tuition, room and board through the educational institution (excluding spouse winners), academic fees, and books. Scholarship payments that exceed the balance owed to the institution for the above categories will be returned to KOSC.
3. KOSC scholarships will be paid to the winner's designated academic institution and mailed directly to that school - institution must be able to accept American dollars in the form of a check. Scholarship recipients will receive a copy of this correspondence to the address we have on file.
4. Military academy appointment, full ROTC scholarship, full scholarship award (that covers 100% tuition, room, board, books, and fees), or non-acceptance by college or failure to attend will make an applicant ineligible.
5. Awarded scholarships not activated by September 30, 2021 will automatically be canceled. The KOSC Executive Board may consider exceptions to this rule if notified in writing. Scholarships are not retroactive or renewable.



POLICIES:

1. The KOSC Scholarship Committee determines the number of scholarships and the monetary value of each scholarship based on available funds, the number of applicants, and the analysis of applicant composite scores. Submission of an application does not guarantee a scholarship. The total amount awarded varies from year to year depending upon the amount of funds the KOSC has raised.
2. All applications are scored by an independent panel of judges. Complete anonymity of applicants will be preserved during the selection. Judges and their family members are ineligible for scholarships.
3. KOSC Scholarship Committee members and their dependents are ineligible for scholarships.
4. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Failure to follow all directions may result in disqualification.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. A complete application must include the following:
 - ✓ Completed application sheet with signed statements of applicant and sponsor
 - ✓ Official copy of your transcripts from high school or college (including final grades for the most recently completed semester) including spring semester 2021). Unofficial transcripts (those that do not have the official school seal or are opened) will not be accepted. Transcripts emailed directly from the school to kadenaosc.scholarship@gmail.com will be accepted.
 - ✓ Typed Essay Question (Part I) AND typed Goal Statement (Part II)
 - ✓ Typed Resume (Part III)
2. **DO NOT** include your name or identifying comments on essay questions or resume as your application will not be accepted. **The application sheet is the only place you may disclose your name.**
3. The application will be accepted as complete and valid **ONLY** when **ALL** of the required documents are submitted in a single envelope (**DO NOT** staple any of the documents together). Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
4. Scholarship applications may be dropped off at the Kadena Gift Corner during business hours, listed below, no later than April 8th, 2022 at 3:00 p.m..
5. When your complete application is received for processing, you will be notified via email.

Please direct questions to:

KadenaOSC.Scholarship@gmail.com

Drop off completed applications in a sealed envelope to:

The Kadena Gift Corner

Attn: Scholarship Committee

Building 436

Tuesday: 10 am - 5 pm

Wednesday - Friday: 10 am - 3 pm

Applications accepted March 7th - April 8th

Application Deadline: April 8th at 3:00 pm

The Kadena Officers' Spouses' Club (KOSC) is a non-profit organization that provides support to the Kadena AB community, as well as to both Japanese and American charities on Okinawa. Donated funds are proceeds from our Kadena Gift Corner which is staffed primarily by volunteers.



Verified GPA via Transcripts ____
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KOSC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION SHEET

NOTE: Please type or print clearly using black or blue ink.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Please Check One: ☐ **Graduating High School Senior** ☐ **Dependent - Continuing Education**

Applicant's Name:

Applicant's SSN:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Phone:

School Planning to Attend:

Area of Study:

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Sponsor's Name:

Sponsor's Email:

Sponsor's Organization:

Duty Phone:

APPLICANT'S ELIGIBILITY:

Dependent with SOFA status of one of the following (please check which applies):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Active Duty Air Force of any rank | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired Air Force | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Kadena-based US Military |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kadena-based DoDDS personnel | <input type="checkbox"/> Kadena-based Civilian personnel | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing KOSC member or their dependent |

STATEMENT OF APPLICANT:

The above information and all the information provided in this scholarship package are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have not been awarded a KOSC scholarship in the past. I authorize the release of information contained in my permanent school record related to test scores, GPA, class rank, and other pertinent data to KOSC for the purpose of this application. I release the organization awarding the scholarship from any responsibility beyond the limits of the grant. I authorize the release of my name and/or photograph for publication.

Signature of Applicant Date

STATEMENT OF SPONSOR:

I have reviewed this application and, to the best of my knowledge, all information is correct. I have authorized the release of transcripts for grades 9-12 (High School Seniors only) and other pertinent data to the KOSC. If the scholarship is awarded to my military dependent, I release KOSC from any responsibility beyond the limits of the scholarship and will in no way interfere or prevent my family member from accepting the award.

Signature of Sponsor Date



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

*NOTE: All responses should be typed using 12-point font and double-spaced
Remember your essays and resume should have no identifying information (including your name).*

Part I: Essay Question

Choose one of the following essay questions. Your essay must be 250-500 words.

- Describe how your leadership ability contributed to your greatest personal achievement at school, work, on the field, or in your community.
- *Graduating Seniors:* What does being a "Third Culture Kid (TCK)" mean to you and how has living overseas influenced you? (Coined in the 1950's by Ruth Hill Useem, TCK refers to people raised in a culture different from their parents or different from their country of nationality. Being a TCK comes with a unique set of strengths and challenges that other individuals may not experience.) **OR** *Dependents:* How has your military lifestyle impacted you?

Part II: Goal Statement

An essay of your educational and career goals. Your goal essay must be 250-500 words.

Some areas you may consider addressing include:

- What do you want to do after you graduate from college/technical school?
- Why did you select this career?
- How will you change the field/industry?
- Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?
- How have your past experiences led you to this educational/career path?

Part III: Resume

A one- or two- page typed resume of activities, community service, honors, awards, and work experience.

Some areas you may consider including:

- High schools you have attended, their locations, and date of graduation (if applicable).
- Any college or university you attended or are currently enrolled in. Please indicate dates of attendance and list any completed degrees or certificates.
- Awards or honors you have received including dates and name of the organization granting the award.
- Extracurricular activities by year, describe your role, and identify any offices held if applicable.
- Community volunteer activities or work experience, including dates, especially those reflecting your personal and educational goals and interests.
- Please include any other information you feel is relevant to your scholarship application.

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