



# **Marine Corps League,**

## **LCpl Jacob D. Hayes Detachment**

### *Scholarship Program*

## **PFC HANSE MASON HAMILTON JR. SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Eligibility, Questions/Answers, and Checklist**

The Marine Corps League, LCpl Jacob D. Hayes Detachment #1426 was chartered on May 18, 2015 in Plano, Texas, and is a nonprofit organization registered with the State of Texas and the federal government as a 501(c)(4) veteran's organization with a special group exemption letter allowing for tax deductible donations.

PFC Hanse Mason Hamilton Jr. join the Marine Corps in 1943 and deployed to the Pacific. Hanse was a radio operator assigned to 5<sup>th</sup> Joint Assault Signal Company (JASCO). PFC Hamilton was attached to the 28<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment and was a part of the first wave to assault Iwo Jima. The 28<sup>th</sup> Marines job was to isolate Mount Suribachi from the rest of the island. On the 6<sup>th</sup> day on the island PFC Hamilton was injured in a rocket barrage that struck around his position, on the side of the mountain. He was then evacuated due to his injuries. Hanse was discharged from the Marine Corps in 1945 and came home to Texas where he attended SMU and worked for the IRS. Hanse was a member of the Marine Corps League until his passing in February, 2019.

In honor of Hanse Mason Hamilton Jr's service to his country and his pursuit of higher education, the LCpl Jacob D. Hayes Detachment is proud to be offering the PFC Hanse Mason Hamilton Jr scholarship to deserving seniors participating in one of the MCJROTC programs in Collin County who meet the eligibility requirements. The scholarship's funds are allocated by the detachment based upon proceeds from fund-raising activities throughout the year. Our scholarship committee will consider academic merit, service, and need.

**Eligibility:** For the 2022 – 2023 school year, the Marine Corps League, LCpl Jacob D. Hayes Detachment will be awarding one \$1500, PFC Hanse Mason Hamilton Jr. Scholarship to one eligible MCJROTC senior cadet from either Allen or McKinney High School MCJROTC programs. Eligibility for this scholarship is outlined below. Applications are welcomed for students planning to attend a four-year college or University, community college, or vocational program.

- Open to high seniors currently enrolled in the Allen High School MCJROTC or McKinney MCJROTC programs. These applicants need not have a family member who served as a Marine or FMF Corpsmen.
- The above students must currently have a Cumulative (Unweighted) GPA of at least 3.0

(on a 4.0 scale).

\*Students in a MCJROTC program who are the children, step children, adopted children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Marines, FMF Corpsmen or Navy Chaplains (who served with Marines) may also apply for one of our two other scholarships. Applicants will only be considered for one of the scholarships offered by the Marine Corps League, LCpl Jacob D. Hayes Detachment.

**Ineligible:**

- Students who have a family member on the scholarship selection committee.
- Students who have a family member serving as a Marine Corps League, LCpl Jacob D. Hayes Detachment Officer.
- Immediate family members of major contributors to the Marine Corps League, LCpl Jacob D. Hayes Detachment or its scholarship program.
- Students who do not currently have a Cumulative (Unweighted) GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) are not eligible.

**Required documentation to accompany application**

- Complete and signed application that is published on the Marine Corps League, LCpl Jacob D Hayes Detachment Website: [www.CollinMCL.org](http://www.CollinMCL.org) (Outdated, modified or incomplete applications will not be approved).
- Transcript/report card from Allen or McKinney High School showing GPA and enrollment in one of the MCJROTC programs.
- Provide proof of acceptance/proof of enrollment. (If you do not have proof of enrollment at the time of application it must be provided in order for funds to be dispersed, and no later than July 15, 2022. Please provided brief explanation why proof of enrollment is not included).
- Essay (500 word minimum)

**Important Dates:**

- Submission due date: March 25, 2022
- Decision announcements: April 8, 2022
- \*Our goal with the early submission date of this scholarship is to be able to have the cadet recognized at the JROTC awards dinner*

**Frequently asked questions:**

- Q: Can I email my application?  
A: No, Scholarship applications and associated documents must be mailed.
  
- Q: Can I send my application via UPS or FedEx?  
A: No, UPS and FedEx do not deliver to Post Office Boxes and the address you send your application and associated documents to is a Post Office Box.
  
- Q: Can transcripts or documents be sent separate from the application?  
A: No, all associated documents must accompany your application in one packet. The Scholarship Committee will not hold applications waiting for follow-up documents. Applications that are incomplete will not be considered.

\*The exception to this is if you have not received proof of enrollment yet. (If you do not have proof of enrollment at the time of application it must be provided in order for funds to be dispersed, and no later than July 15, 2022. Please provided brief explanation why proof of enrollment is not included)..

Q: Can I mail my application so that the post mark is the due date?

A: No, the applications and all associated documents must be received on or before the due date. Any applications received after the due date will be refused and returned to sender.

**Checklist:**

- Completed Application
- 500 word minimum Essay
- Transcript/report card
- Acceptance Letter/Proof of enrollment (If you do not have proof of enrollment at the time of application it must be provided in order for funds to be dispersed, and no later than July 15, 2022. Please provided brief explanation why proof of enrollment is not included).

**IMPORTANT NOTICES**

1. All decisions by the Scholarship Committee are final and will not be subject to review.
2. The Scholarship Committee will strictly observe all eligibility criteria and requirements, to ensure compliance throughout.
3. Applicant's will only be considered for one of the scholarships offered by the Marine Corps League, LCpl Jacob D Hayes Detachment.
4. Incomplete applications will not be considered by the committee, nor will they be returned for corrections.
5. Preliminary approved applicants will be notified by email and receive a notification letter. The approved applicants will also be posted to the Marine Corps League, LCpl Jacob D Hayes website ([www.CollinMCL.org](http://www.CollinMCL.org)) on; April 8, 2022.
6. If you have a change of mailing address or email, notify the Scholarship Committee at ([Admin@CollinMCL.org](mailto:Admin@CollinMCL.org))
7. Sending your Application / Transmittals by 'Registered / Certified Mail' will greatly delay delivery time. If you need a delivery receipt it is recommended you send scholarship correspondence via USPS 'Priority Mail', which provides electronic tracking free.
9. Some Institutions may charge a processing fee for 'Official Documents' and/or require that the requested Documents be mailed by that Institution directly to the Marine Corps League Scholarship Committee (see mailing address below).

The finalists may be called for a short phone interview.

If you have any questions please contact us at [Admin@CollinMCL.org](mailto:Admin@CollinMCL.org). For additional copies of the eligibility letter, checklist, or application please visit [www.CollinMCL.org](http://www.CollinMCL.org) and select "SCHOLARSHIPS" on the menu bar and choose "Pfc Hanse Mason Hamilton Jr. Scholarship." You will be able to download and print the documents at the bottom of the page.

**All entries must be received by March 25, 2022**

**Mail all documentation together to:**

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