



Marine Corps League,

LCpl Jacob D. Hayes Detachment

Scholarship Program

SGT JOHNNY ROBERTSON 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.

Johnny Robertson grew up on a farm in Levelland, Texas. He entered the Marine Corps on June 2, 1967 and served as a Supervisor of Computer Operations. He had orders to Vietnam but was re-assigned to 12 months of duty in Okinawa. Sergeant Johnny Robertson was honorable discharged from the Marine Corps on July 20, 1970. Shortly after departing the Marine Corps Johnny moved to McKinney, Texas. He earned his Bachelor's degree in 1980 and, went on to work for TXU, serve as a Collin County Reserve Deputy Sheriff, and volunteer with his church and the Marine Corps League, until his passing on August, 11, 2019.

In honor of Johnny Robertson's service to his country and his desire to further his education, the LCpl Jacob D. Hayes Detachment is proud to offer scholarships to deserving students from Collin County who meet the eligibility requirements. The scholarships 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 Sgt Johnny Robertson Scholarship for the criteria outlined below. Applications are welcomed for students planning to attend a four-year college or University, community college, or vocational program.

- Open to currently serving Marines, FMF Corpsmen or Navy Chaplains (serving with Marine units), Honorable Discharged Marines, FMF Corpsmen, or Navy Chaplains (who served with Marine units)
- Open to immediate family members (spouses, children, step children, adopted children, grandchildren and great grandchildren) of Marines, FMF Corpsmen, or Navy Chaplains who are currently serving or were Honorably Discharged.

- Open to Associate Members of the Marine Corps League, LCpl Jacob D Hayes Detachment who have been members for at least one year and are in good standing; their children, step children, adopted children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.
- The above students must currently have a Cumulative (Unweighted) GPA of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale). If you are former active duty, GPA is not required. The detachment will award \$750 for the first semester, and upon maintaining a 2.5 GPA for the first semester, will then transit the remainder of funds for the second semester.
- All applicants must reside in Collin County.

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 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) are not eligible. (Exception former Active duty without a GPA)
- Students who do not reside in Collin County at the time of applying

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/sgtjohnnyrobertsonscholarship (Outdated, modified or incomplete applications will not be approved).
- Transcript/report card.
- Proof of family member's honorable service (DD214), Statement of Service, or copy of family member's active military ID card (if still serving). (**SSN BLACKED OUT**).
- Provide proof of acceptance or proof of enrollment for community colleges and vocational schools. All funds will be distributed directly to educational institution.
- Essay (500 word minimum)
- Proof of residence

Important Dates:

- Submission due date: June 10, 2022
- Decision announcements: June 24, 2022. We will email the recipient and send a formal letter of notification.

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 letters/recommendations 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, are those attending community college or vocational schools. We understand you may not get acceptance letters and open enrollment may not be open by the time applications are submitted. Proof of enrollment must be provided as soon as possible and prior to disbursement of funds. If a student is awarded the scholarship but does not provide proof of enrollment before classes begin they will forfeit the funds.

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 attending community college or vocational program include letter explaining why acceptance letter/proof of enrollment is not included).
- ☐ Proof of Residence
- ☐ Copy of family member's honorable service (DD214), Statement of Service, or copy of family member's active military ID card (if still serving). (**SSN BLACKED OUT**).

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) on; June 24, 2024.
6. If you have a change of mailing address or email, notify the Scholarship Committee at (Scholarships@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.

8. 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 finalist may be called for a short phone interview.

If you have any questions please contact us at Scholarships@CollinMCL.org. For additional copies of the eligibility letter, checklist, or the scholarship application please visit www.collinmcl.org/sgtjohnnyrobertsonscholarship. You will be able to download and print the documents at the bottom of the page.

All Entries Must be Received by June 10, 2022

Mail all documentation together to:

Marine Corps League #1426

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