

2025 Man in the Sea Museum MKV Monument Scholarship Program.

We are excited to be able to offer this scholarship to our Military Diving families and are grateful for the donations and volunteer efforts that enable us to operate. These instructions have been developed to explain the application process and to answer common questions.

Qualification of Applicants

Applicants must be the spouse, child, stepchild, grandchild, or other DOD recognized dependent of a United States Military Diver.

Children or DOD recognized dependents must be 23 years of age or younger (no age limit for spouses).

Scholarships will only be granted for initial 2 year or 4 year regionally accredited educational institution undergraduate degree programs. Graduate and professional degree programs are not eligible.

Current Service Academy Cadets, Midshipman, Active-duty service members and Veterans are not eligible for scholarship awards regardless of their relationship to a Military Diver.

Applicants can apply every year as long as they meet stated criteria

Applications will be available on January 20th, 2025. Anything sent by mail, including Official Transcripts and letters of recommendation, must be postmarked no later than April 15th, 2025. The deadline for receipt of application materials will be April 31st, 2025. ***Late materials and incomplete application packages will not be considered for an award.***

Application Content

1. Completed scholarship application.
2. Sponsor signature page with both the applicant and sponsor signatures, or death certificate in lieu.
3. Official academic transcripts for grades 9-12 and for any college classes taken.
4. Letters of recommendation (from non-family members). Letters must have contact information and signature of recommenders.
5. Military Diver graduation certificate

AWARD EVALUATION AND CRITERIA

A committee of 5-7 volunteers representing current, former and retired Military Divers, both officer and enlisted, and their spouses will carefully read and evaluate each completed application package across the following 8 categories:

1. Grade Point Average
2. Volunteerism and Community Involvement
3. Extra-Curricular Activities
4. Awards
5. Employment
6. Essays
7. Letters of Recommendation
8. Overall Impression

Successful applicants will demonstrate strong academics with a strong writing ability, combined with community involvement and an ability to manage their time effectively. This application is a résumé to the scholarship committee. Make sure you express yourself as a great candidate by making sure that they understand what your goals are and what you have done for your community.

The amount and number of awards varies annually due to the number of qualified applicants and the funds available. Award notifications will be sent via US mail beginning on June 1st, 2025.



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SECTION I: APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. Name (Last, First, Middle):

2. Address: _____

3. City: _____

4. State: _____ Zip: _____

5. Phone Number: _____

6. Email Address: _____

7. Birth Date: _____ / _____ / _____

8. Have or will you have graduated High School prior to December 31st, 2025?

Yes No

9. Do you currently attend or plan on attending a regionally accredited educational institution undergraduate degree program prior to December 31st, 2025?

Yes No

10. Have you previously received an award from the Mark V Monument Foundation?

Yes No

11. Will your 24th birthday take place prior to December 31st, 2025?

Yes No

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SECTION I: APPLICANT INFORMATION (Continued)

12. Please list your GPA (on a 4.0 scale) for the 3 most current years during which you have attended school.

13. Please list your paid employment experience, (employer, position, and dates of employment).

14. Please describe any volunteer or extracurricular activities that you have or actively participate in (include number of seasons, years, or hours of activity).

15. Please list any awards or special recognitions you have received during the past 3 years. (Include award title, date awarded, reason for the award, and awarding organization).

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SECTION II: UNITED STATES MILITARY DIVER SPONSOR INFORMATION

1. Name (Last, First, Middle):

2. Relation of United States Military Diver Sponsor to applicant:

3. Address: _____

4. City: _____

5. State: _____ Zip: _____

6. Phone Number: _____

7. Email Address: _____

8. Branch: _____ Active Former Retired

9. Sponsor's United States Military Diver training graduation date and class number.

Graduation Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Class Title and Number :

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SECTION III: ESSAY QUESTIONS

- a. **REQUIRED:** Please answer the three provided essay questions. (Limit 500 words per essay)
Use a separate attachment sheet for all three essay responses

Essay 1: Resilience and Adaptability: *“Describe how growing up in a military family has shaped your ability to adapt to new environments, overcome challenges, and thrive in uncertain situations. Provide specific examples of how these experiences have influenced your goals and aspirations.”*

Essay 2: Leadership and Service: *“Military families often prioritize service to others. How have these values influenced your decisions and future, both personally and professionally?”*

Essay 3: Future Goals and Legacy: *“How has your family’s military legacy influenced your career or educational aspirations? In what ways do you hope to honor or extend this legacy?”*

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SECTION IV: ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION

This space is provided for any additional information you think would be relevant or of interest to the selection committee.

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SECTION V: REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION CHECK-LIST:

Submit this checklist and all supporting documents with your application.

Incomplete packages will not be considered.

Please redact or erase all SSNs on documents.

- United States Military Diver Sponsor Support Documentation:*

Supporting documentation of Sponsor's service as a United States Military Diver.
DD-214 or Graduation Certificate

- Sponsor signature page:*

Please ensure the provided signature page is signed by the applicant and United States Military Diver Sponsor! If the United States Military Diver Sponsor is deceased, please state date of death in place of the sponsor's signature.

- Order Official academic transcripts:*

Grades 9-12 and for any college classes taken.

Only certified copies will be accepted.

List Schools and dates of transcript requests:

| School | Date requested | Attached w/Package |
|--------|----------------|--------------------|
| | | YES / NO |
| | | YES / NO |
| | | YES / NO |
| | | YES / NO |

- Letters of Recommendations:*

Please provide 1 – 3 letters of recommendations from current or former Teachers, Employers, Coaches, and Mentors.

- Copy of ESSAY answers:*

Please provide the answers to the 3 essay questions listed in application.

- ◆ Please explain any missing documentation below.
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Sponsor Signature Page

Student Applicant's Name: _____
Printed

United States Military Diver Sponsor

Name: _____
Printed

Authority to request this information is derived from Title 5, United States Code 301, and Departmental Regulations. The purpose of this information is to apply for educational financial assistance through the *Man in the Sea Museum*. Information provided will be used solely to assess personal and scholastic achievement.

By signing this application, you attest to the truth and accuracy of the information. A scholarship, if awarded, will be relinquished and any amounts remaining in the scholarship account will be returned if any of this information is found to be false or misleading, or if the sponsor's United States Military Diver qualification is revoked for cause.

Applicant Signature

Date

Military Diver Sponsor Signature

Date

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Please retain a copy of this application and all supporting documentation for your records.

Completed applications must be forwarded to the Scholarship
Committee and POSTMARKED PRIOR to the closing date of
15 April, 2025

Email PDF formatted packages to:

info@maninthesea.org

OR

Mail complete application via USPS to:

Man in the Sea Museum
c/o MKV Monument Scholarship
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Panama City Beach, Fl 32408
(850) 235-4101

