

Beirut Memorial Chapter 642, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Thomas Craigg Jr. Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKAGE

GENERAL INFORMATION

This package includes information relating to the Beirut Memorial Chapter 642, Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), Thomas Craigg Jr. Scholarship Program. This includes eligibility and application requirements, a Scholarship Application Form, and a Q&A section with answers to some frequently asked questions regarding the Program.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart is a non-profit membership organization not associated with the Military Services. Membership is voluntary and not automatic upon receipt of the Purple Heart.

Scholarship funds can be used for tuition, books, incidental fees, room & board, and other direct associated costs of higher education except transportation expenses.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for the Thomas Craigg Jr. Scholarship the applicant must fulfill one of the following criteria:

- Be a child, step-child, adopted child or grandchild of a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. A Purple Heart recipient who is not a member of the MOPH can become a member by applying online through the MOPH website: <http://www.ncmoph.org> or by calling the Membership Department at (229) 733-6497 Michael S. NeSmith: mnesmith36@gmail.com
- Be a child, step-child, adopted child, or grandchild of a veteran honorably discharged, they must be a dependent. Emancipated children are not eligible and great-grandchildren are not eligible.

In addition, the recipient of a MOPH Scholarship must meet these requirements:

- A graduate or upcoming graduate (Senior) of an accredited high school
or
- Accepted by or enrolled as a **FULL-TIME** undergraduate student (12 or more semester credit hours) at a U.S. College, University or Trade School at the time the scholarship is awarded, (**graduate students are not eligible**)
and
- Able to demonstrate the capacity for advanced academic achievement or technical proficiency as demonstrated by at least a 2.75 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) based on an un-weighted 4.0 grading system
and
- A citizen of the United States of America.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

A MOPH Scholarship Application must include a completed MOPH Scholarship Application Form and the following supporting materials:

1. Original, Official High School and/or College transcript, including the latest completed semester or quarter of the current year, home school documentation required.
Due to the diversity of grading systems among educational institutions, the MOPH Scholarship Committee will **ONLY** consider High School or College transcripts based on an **un-weighted 4.0 grading system**.
2. Essay of 200 – 300 words (approximately one double-spaced page) on the Subject: “Americanism”
3. Two letters of recommendation.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that his or her academic record is properly presented to the Scholarship Committee. Mail a “hard copy” of the application to the address indicated at the bottom of the form. Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted.

IMPORTANT !!

To ensure that your application is considered by the MOPH Scholarship Committee please review the “Application Requirements” on the previous page and avoid these mistakes:

1. Proof of affiliation with M.O.P.H. (if applicable)
2. Transcript not in un-weighted 4.0 format
3. Unofficial transcript

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications that are not complete, or are not received by the deadline (date) will be disqualified and will not be submitted to the Scholarship Committee for evaluation.

The MOPH Scholarship Committee will consider an applicant’s academic achievement, extracurricular activities, community and military service, work experience, strength of letters of recommendation, and content of the essay.

Decisions regarding eligibility for a Scholarship or the award of a Scholarship will be made by the MOPH Scholarship Committee and are final. MOPH Scholarships may not be applied to summer school, or to a special program or research project.

If selected to receive a MOPH Scholarship, the applicant will be notified in July of the academic year. At that time, the applicant will be asked to submit information regarding the College, University or Trade School he or she plans to attend. Once the information is received, a two-way check will be made out to the applicant and the educational institution of his or her choice. If an applicant fails to submit the requested information, his or her scholarship award may be awarded to an alternate applicant designated by the Scholarship Committee.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION SCHEDULE

Applications must be received by 5:00pm on April 30th, of the academic year. No exceptions will be granted.

Eligible Applications are forwarded to the MOPH Scholarship Committee for evaluation. At the May Purple Heart meeting of the academic year, announcement of Scholarship Awards will be made. The names of the scholarship winners will be posted in the bi-monthly newsletter and on our website.

QUESTIONS or ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Should you have any question, or require additional information, you may contact: Ryan Anderson, Chairman Scholarship committee at 252 503-0227 e-mail: ryan.eanderson@yahoo.com.

DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS IS 30 APRIL at 5:00 PM EST

(This applies to all required documents and materials including transcripts, letters of recommendation. Any required items received after the deadline time/date will disqualify the applicant. The postmark date is irrelevant.)

NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE GRANTED

PURPLE HEART SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (FAQ)

Q: How does a service member qualify for the Purple Heart Medal?

A: A member of the Armed services must be engaged in combat with an enemy of the United States and be wounded by that enemy.

Q: Must the applicant be a dependent of a Purple Heart recipient to apply for a Scholarship?

A: No

Q: If the dependent of a Purple Heart recipient applies, must the Purple Heart recipient be a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart?

A: No, any veteran's dependent child or grandchild can apply.

Q: Can the adopted or step-child of a veteran apply for a Scholarship?

A: Yes. As long as they are dependent children.

Q: Does the age of the applicant matter?

A: No.

Q: Do I need to submit a resume?

A: It is not necessary to submit a resume. It is highly recommended that applicants provide detailed information about their extracurricular activities. In relation to volunteer hours, especially with the VA, please provide verification of hours worked. For specific information about the preferred way to submit information related to extracurricular activities and honors, community and/or military service, and employment experience contact Scholarship Chairman.

Q: Are MOPH Scholarships awarded only to graduating High School Seniors?

A: No. You may apply if you are already enrolled as an undergraduate student at an accredited US College, University or Trade School.

Q: Who can apply for a MOPH Scholarship?

A: High school seniors intending to become full-time College/University undergraduate students, current undergraduate students and students attending an accredited Trade School, who are dependents of honorably discharged veterans, may apply. Graduate students are not eligible.

Q: Are changes to the Scholarship Application allowed after submission?

A: Only the name of the College, University, or Trade School you plan to attend can be changed after the application is submitted.

Q: Who should write the letter(s) of recommendation?

A: Any individual who can attest to the character and potential of the applicant (i.e. a teacher or coach, religious leader, work supervisor, unit commander, etc.)

Q: Can I apply for a MOPH Scholarship in more than one academic year?

A: Yes, however, an applicant can be awarded a maximum of two scholarships and is not eligible to receive scholarships in consecutive years.

Q: May I submit a copy of a transcript, or submit an unofficial transcript?

A: No, only original official transcripts will be accepted.

Q: Will everyone who applies receive a MOPH Scholarship?

A: No, there are limited funds and this is a competitive program.

Q: How are the scholarship winners notified?

A: Each scholarship recipient will receive an award letter. In addition, the winner's names will be posted in the July Beirut Memorial Chapter 642 News Letter and they will be invited to the July Chapter meeting and read their Americanism essay.