

James M. Slay Detachment
Marine Corps JROTC Scholarship

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- Name:** The Sergeant Bruce Heilman Scholarship
- Purpose:** The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial support to one outstanding senior high school cadet in each of the 4 Marine Corps JROTC (“MCJROTC”) units in the Richmond area who intends to pursue higher education at a “Qualifying Institution.” Qualifying Institutions are defined as vocational schools, technical schools, community colleges, junior colleges, and 4-year colleges. Courses may be taken in a traditional classroom, online, remotely, or via correspondence.
- Amount:** Each scholarship award will be at least \$500.00, provided the Detachment has sufficient funds to award 4 of them. The amount may be increased if funds are available to support an increase. The amount, terms, and criteria for this scholarship may be amended at the discretion of the Detachment.
- Selection:** The MCJROTC Leadership at each school, in consultation with their school’s respective academic and administrative leadership as they deem appropriate, will identify the MCJROTC cadet senior to receive the scholarship. The cadet selected will be the Cadet in their respective unit who best exemplifies Leadership, Superior Academic Performance and, in every manner, practices and manifests the Marine Corps’ Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. The Cadet selected must also be one who intends upon graduation from high school, to attend a Qualifying Institution to further their education. However, if upon graduation from high school a Cadet decides to join the U.S. Armed Forces or to defer further qualifying education for any other reason, disbursement of the scholarship shall be deferred for up to 5 years, and the Scholarship Committee shall earmark funds in the Heilman Scholarship bank account for such Cadet. If unclaimed 5 years from the date of the award, the Cadet forfeits the award in which case it will be added to the funds available for future scholarship awards.

The Detachment’s Scholarship Committee and the respective school’s MCJROTC Leadership reserve the right not to recommend a recipient to the Detachment’s Board of Trustees if the above criteria are not met.

- Process:** During each school year, the Detachment’s MCJROTC Liaison will encourage the MCJROTC Leadership at each school to announce the availability, terms, and criteria of the scholarship.

Not later than March 31st of each year, the MCJROTC Leadership at each school, will be contacted by the Detachment’s MCJROTC Liaison who will request names of recipients be provided not later than May 1st along with citations justifying the awards. The citations will be read and checks will be presented by Detachment leadership at the Detachment’s business meeting in May to which Cadets should wear “business casual” attire or MCJROTC uniforms.

By May 1st after being selected as a scholarship recipient and being accepted by a Qualifying Institution, Cadets and their MCJROTC Instructor must complete the attached Recipient Data Form and give it to the MCJROTC Liaison specifying the Qualifying Institution the Cadet will attend or indicating the Cadet elects to defer the award.

For additional information, contact the Detachment’s current MCJROTC Liaison found under the Contact Us tab of this website.

**Sgt. Bruce Heilman Scholarship
Recipient Data Form**

Congratulations on your award of a Sgt. Bruce Heilman Scholarship. Use this form defer your award or to provide the James M. Slay Detachment of the Marine Corps League data essential for the institution you will attend to receive the funds. To avoid the student paying income tax on the award, checks must be payable to the institution {or to the United States Treasury for some of the service academies}. Provide your contact information even if you have deferred enrollment or are undecided in which cases you have 5 years to claim this award.

Full Name of Student: _____

Student ID Number at Institution (if known): _____

Student's Home Address: _____

Student's or Parent's Home Telephone Number: _____

Student's Mobile Telephone Number: _____

Student's Email address: _____

Student Elects to Defer the Award: YES ___ NO ___ If "NO" is checked, then provide:

Name of Institution Student Will Attend: _____

Address of Institution: _____

Institution's Student Financial Aid Office Telephone Number: _____

*****Below section is to be completed by Student's MCJROTC Instructor*****

Name of MCJROTC High School: _____

MCJROTC Instructor's Name: _____

MCJROTC Instructor's Email Address: _____

MCJROTC Instructor's Mobile Phone Number: _____

Has Student been officially accepted? Yes _____ No _____

Upon completion of this form, instructor should give it to the instructor's contact at the MCL Detachment by May 1st. A check payable to the institution/US Treasury will be delivered to the student at the Detachment's award ceremony. The student should deliver the check to the institution upon registration. Cadet/Student should wear "business casual" attire or MCJROTC uniform to presentation at Detachment's May business meeting.