

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 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 Marine JROTC Leadership at each school, in consultation with their school’s respective academic and administrative leadership as they deem appropriate, will identify the Marine Corps JROTC 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 the Cadet selected decides to join any of the U.S. Armed Services upon graduation and to defer their pursuit of higher education, the Detachment will hold their scholarship in trust for the Cadet’s use for that purpose for up to 5 years from the date of the award after which the Cadet forfeits the award. In the event the award is forfeited, it will be added to the funds available for future scholarship awards.

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

Process: At the beginning of each school year, the Detachment’s MCJROTC Liaison will encourage the Marine JROTC Leadership at each school to announce the availability, terms, and criteria of the scholarship.

Not later than March 31st of each year, the Marine JROTC Leadership at each school, will be contacted by the Detachment’s MCJROTC Liaison who will request the names of the recipients be provided not later than May 1st along with citations justifying the awards. The awards will be announced and citations will be presented by Detachment leadership at the Detachment’s business meeting in May.

As soon as possible after being selected as a scholarship recipient and being accepted by a Qualifying Institution, Cadets must advise their school’s MCJROTC Liaison of the Qualifying Institution they will attend and of the name and address of the Registrar or other Administrator to whom the scholarship award should be sent.

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