



Yokota Spouses' Club 2023 HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CHERRY BLOSSOM SCHOLARSHIP AWARD REGULATIONS

ELIGIBILITY/LIMITATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Applicant and sponsor must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Applicants must be a senior graduating from high school during the 2022-2023 school year.
2. Applicants must be a dependent of an active-duty US military member (any service) or dependent of a SOFA-sponsored employee.
3. Sponsor must be assigned to Yokota Air Base, Japan.
4. Applicants must attend or plan to attend a 2 to 4-year university, community college, technical or vocational school.

Dependents who do not meet the criteria above may request an eligibility determination by contacting the Scholarship Coordinator at yscscholarship@gmail.com.

The following applicants are **NOT** eligible for an award:

1. Anyone who accepts an appointment to a military service academy
2. Anyone who has received a Yokota Spouses' Club Scholarship in the past three years
3. Scholarship coordinator/co-coordinator and family members of scholarship coordinator/co-coordinator
4. Scholarship committee members and family members of scholarship committee members
5. Selection committee members and family members of selection committee members

CRITERIA FOR AWARD

1. Educational information
2. Employment Information
3. Volunteer community service hours
4. Clubs and Activities
5. Leadership roles
6. Awards/Honors
7. Personal essay

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Scholarship applications shall be reviewed and judged by an independent panel who are not members of the Yokota Spouses' Club (YSC) and who are not family members of the applicant. Applicants will remain anonymous during the judging process. Decisions of the selection committee are final.

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF AWARDS

Please be aware that not all applicants are awarded scholarship money. The YSC Governing Board will approve the total number of scholarships, in the amount of \$1,500 each, based on funds available for the year, as well as the merit of the pool of applicants.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The YSC and the Scholarship Committee are not responsible for lost or misdirected applications. Please make sure your application is complete. **Incomplete applications, or those received after the deadline will not be considered. Application must be RECEIVED by 11:59 pm on March 31, 2023.** Applications must be turned in physically to the Scholarship Coordinator. Please coordinate your hand-off via email: yscscholarship@gmail.com.

Applications must include **ALL** of the following:

1. Copy of sponsor's orders showing assignment to Yokota Air Base, Japan
***Dependents of civilians, include Letter of Employment/Duty Assignment or Letter of Authorization
***Note, if DEROS has been extended, please provide extension paperwork
2. Official document proving applicant's dependent status if not shown on sponsor's orders.
3. Officially signed and sealed high school transcript with first semester senior year grades.
4. Official ACT or SAT report. If you have completed the ACT **and** SAT, please choose **ONE** set of scores to submit. COMPLETE internet printouts are acceptable (no screenshots, please).
5. 1 COPY – Applicant Information Sheet with applicant and sponsor's signatures (Attached)
6. 2 COPIES – Activity Information Sheet (Attached)
7. 2 COPIES – Applicant Essay

ESSAY QUESTION

Answer the following with a **ONE**-page typed essay on an 8 ½ x 11 single-sided, single-spaced page with one-inch margins using Times New Roman 12-point font. Do not include any personal identifying information.

Describe a challenge you faced in your past where you demonstrated leadership skills and overcame obstacles either through your school, social, or family life. What did you learn from this experience? How will these leadership skills assist you in achieving your professional goals?

SUBMITTING APPLICATION

Application must be RECEIVED by 11:59 pm on March 31, 2023.

Please contact the scholarship coordinator at yscscholarship@gmail.com for delivery options and instructions.

AWARD RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The scholarship must be used by the recipient at an accredited trade school, 2-4 year college, or university, during the fall semester of 2023 and/or spring semester of 2024.
2. The scholarship will be used to defray the cost of tuition and university sponsored room and board.
3. Recipients must submit to the Scholarship Coordinator a Use of Awards Agreement and Statement of Intent form no later than **September 30, 2023**. Use of Awards Agreements and Statement of Intent forms will be given to each recipient following the announcement of winners.
4. An official Verification of Enrollment letter from the educational institution's Registrar must be sent to the Scholarship Coordinator and received by **September 30, 2023**. Electronic verification through National Student Clearinghouse will also be accepted. Any fee associated with this service is the responsibility of the recipient.
5. The YSC Welfare Treasurer shall issue a check in the full amount of the scholarship payable to the educational institution that has verified the recipient's enrollment. The Scholarship Coordinator shall forward this check within one month of receiving all necessary information from the recipient and the educational institution.
6. Any scholarships not claimed by **September 30, 2023** will be forfeited.
7. Recipients who plan to attend only the spring 2024 semester must provide written intent of this to the Scholarship Coordinator by September 30, 2023 and verification of enrollment by January 31, 2024.

QUESTIONS

Contact the scholarship coordinator at yscscholarship@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE Correspondence between the scholarship coordinator and applicant will be via e-mail. Please add yscscholarship@gmail.com to your safe list. It is the applicant's responsibility to notify the scholarship coordinator of a change in e-mail address. Notification will be sent once the application has been received and reviewed by the scholarship coordinator.

PLEASE KEEP AWARD REGULATIONS FOR YOUR RECORDS



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT INFORMATION SHEET

This form must be used when applying for YSC scholarship awards. Only information recorded on this form will be considered. **DO NOT attach resumes or additional pages.** Fill in the information below and submit it along with all other scholarship application requirements described in the 2023 High School Senior Award Regulations. Please type or handwrite neatly in ink. *Single-sided only* This information is required for record keeping purposes. It will not be submitted to the judges and will be destroyed after 2 years.

Applicant's Legal Name: _____
 Nickname: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Sponsor's Legal Name: _____
 Sponsor's Branch of Service: _____ Rank/Grade: _____
 Sponsor's Organization: _____ Sponsor's Duty Phone: _____
 Sponsor's Mailing Address (if different): _____
 Sponsor's Home E-mail: _____

How did you hear about the YSC Scholarship? _____

(i.e. from sponsor, family/friend, Facebook, YSC website, school counselor, flyer, etc)

SIGNATURES:

I hereby certify that I fully understand the eligibility requirements, selection criteria, and limitations of this scholarship. I agree that my signature on this form authorizes the YSC Scholarship Coordinator to release information regarding this application (including GPA, test scores, etc.) to the Scholarship Committee and Selection Committee members, as needed. I give permission to the Yokota Spouses' Club Scholarship Committee to verify all academic information with my school's student affairs representative. I certify that all information provided with this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and the essay is entirely of the applicant's own efforts.

 Applicant's Signature and Date

 Sponsor's Signature and Date

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 31, 2023



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APPLICANT ACTIVITY INFORMATION SHEET

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GPA Grades 9-12. List the most recent school first. GPA – cumulative through fall of senior year.

High schools attended. Home school affiliation or GED if applicable. (Name, City, State)	GPA	Dates Attended From Mo/Yr-To Mo/Yr
<i>e.g. Yokota High School, Yokota AB Japan</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>9/18-present</i>

TEST SCORES Grades 9-12. List highest test score. If you have completed both the ACT and SAT please choose one score to submit.

Test	Composite Score
<i>e.g. ACT</i>	<i>28</i>

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION Grades 9-12. List the most recent employment information first.				
Job Title	Company (Name, City, State)	Contact Name/Number	Estimated hrs/week	Dates From Mo/Yr – To Mo/Yr
<i>e.g. Salesperson</i>	<i>BX, Yokota AB Japan</i>	<i>John Smith/555-555-1212</i>	<i>20hr/wk</i>	<i>6/17-9/18</i>

Below, please list each activity only once. For example, Scout Leader could be placed in either volunteer service, clubs and activities, or leadership, please enter the position and hours only once, in the field you choose to best represent your experience.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE Grades 9-12. List volunteer work with service, religious and other community organizations.

List most recent first.

Position/Title	Organization (Name, City, State)	Contact Name/Number	Estimated TOTAL Hrs	Dates From Mo/Yr – To Mo/Yr
<i>e.g. Committee Volunteer</i>	<i>Organization X, Honolulu, HI</i>	<i>Mary Jones/555-555-1212</i>	<i>10 hrs</i>	<i>5/18-7/18</i>

CLUBS and ACTIVITIES. Grades 9-12. List clubs, activities, or self-improvement activities (e.g. school organizations athletics, music lessons, religious studies). May be school or non-school related. List most recent first

Club/Activity	Organization (Name, City, State)	Dates From Mo/Yr – To Mo/Yr	Grade(s)
<i>e.g. National Honor Society</i>	<i>Yokota High School, Yokota, AB Japan</i>	<i>8/19-present</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>e.g. Soccer</i>	<i>Sports Team X, Honolulu, HI</i>	<i>9/18-11/18</i>	<i>11th</i>

LEADERSHIP ROLES Grades 9-12. List most recent leadership roles first. May be school, volunteer, or work related.

Leadership Role	Dates From Month/Year –To Month/Year	Grade(s)
<i>e.g. Head Lifeguard</i>	<i>5/18-present</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>e.g. Vice President of National Honor Society</i>	<i>8/17-5/19</i>	<i>11th</i>

AWARDS/HONORS. Grades 9-12. List most recent awards/honors first. May be school, volunteer, or work related.

Awards/Honors	Description of Awards/Honors	Grade
<i>e.g. Highest Honor Roll</i>	<i>Minimum GPA of 3.5 required. My GPA 3.9</i>	<i>11th</i>
<i>e.g. District Science Fair</i>	<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>9th</i>

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- Letter of Employment/Duty Assignment or Letter of Authorization (Civilians only)
DEROS extension paperwork (if applicable)
- Paperwork proving applicant's dependent status if not shown on orders
- Officially sealed high school transcript
- Official ACT or SAT report or COMPLETE internet print-out
- 1 COPY - Applicant information sheet
- 2 COPIES - Activity Information sheet
- 2 COPIES - Essay
- You have not received a full-tuition scholarship
- You have not received an appointment to a military service academy
- Schedule a no-contact appointment to submit the hard-copy of your application packet by contacting yscscholarship@gmail.com