

Hayes-Krell Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 159 &
Ladies Auxiliary Military Order of the Purple Heart
2016 Education Scholarship ~ \$500.00

General Information:

The Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) is a non-profit membership organization that is not affiliated with any military service branches. Approved membership is voluntary and not automatic upon receipt of the Purple Heart.

The MOPH Scholarship Committee evaluates all applications that are received and meet the eligibility and application requirements described below. All aspects of the application (academic achievement, extracurricular activities, community, military, work experiences, letters of recommendation and essay) are taken into consideration by the committee. Not every applicant will receive a scholarship, and this is not a full tuition scholarship. The amount of the scholarship may vary each year due to funding levels.

Eligibility: to be eligible to apply for a MOPH Scholarship, applicants need to be a member of one of the following categories.

- A Purple Heart recipient who is a Member of the MOPH
- The spouse of a Purple Heart recipient who is a Member of MOPH, or
- The direct lineal descendent (child, step-child, adopted child, grandchild, or step-grandchild) of a Purple Heart recipient who is a Member of MOPH, or
- The spouse, widow/widower, or direct lineal descendent of a service member killed –in-action or who died of wounds. If the Purple Heart Recipient is listed as killed-in-action or died of wounds, supporting documentation and evidence must be included with the application.

A Purple Heart recipient who is not a member of the MOPH can become a member by calling Melanie Schaler 217-871-8254 for an application. To be eligible to apply for the scholarship,

Purple Heart recipient must be a current member, a member at the time of his or her death, or documented as killed in action or as having died of wounds. If you do not know whether your lineal descendent was a member of the MOPH before his/her passing please contact the above phone number and we will assist in finding out. Great-grandchildren are **not eligible** to apply. MOPH Associate membership or membership in the MOPH Ladies Auxiliary **does not** by itself convey scholarship eligibility. It is highly recommended that non-Purple Heart Recipients become either Associate members or members of the Ladies Auxiliary, and such membership does convey additional credit in the application process.

Additionally in order to be eligible to receive a MOPH Scholarship, the applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. A graduate or upcoming graduate (current senior) of a high school or GED program, **and**
2. Accepted by or enrolled as a **FULL-TIME** undergraduate student at an accredited U. S. college, university, or trade school at the time the scholarship is awarded, **and**
3. Able to demonstrate the capacity for advanced academic achievement or technical proficiency, as demonstrated by maintaining at least a 2.75 cumulative grade point average (GPA) on an un-weighted 4.0 grading system.

Graduate students and students returning to school to receive additional undergraduate degrees after successfully completing at least one prior undergraduate degree program are **not eligible** to apply. A full-time student means carrying 12 or more credit hours per semester, or 18-quarter credit hours, or as determined by the school. The academic requirement of a 2.75 GPA, may be waived for a Purple Heart Recipient who is a member of the MOPH.

Scholarship funds can be used for tuition, books, incidental fees, room and board and other direct cost associated with the higher education. MOPH scholarship funds cannot be used for transportation expenses, summer school, to pay pre-existing educational loans or to pay for a special program/research project.

Application Requirements

To apply, applicants need to complete and submit the following materials:

1. MOPH Scholarship Application Form, **and**
2. Original, **official** high school, and /or college transcripts through the latest completed semester.
3. Essay of 200-300 words (approximately one double sided page) on the following subject: on September 11, 2001, Al-Qaeda affiliates attacked the United States and our country

responded by going to war against terrorism. Describe the feelings you have about the young men and women who have chosen to fight this war, **and**

4. Two (2) letters of recommendation, may be written by any individual who can attest to the character and potential of the applicant such as teacher, coach, religious leader, work supervisor. (non-relative) and on the organizations letterhead.
5. A resume that lists all extracurricular activities and honors, community and /or military service, employment experience, describing each activity in detail to include the number of hours the applicant spends per week/month on each activity.

All applications must be mailed in hard copy form to the address indicated at the top of this application packed. Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted. After an application has been submitted, the only information that can be changed is the name of the college, university, or trade school that the applicant plans to attend.

Scholarship applications must be received on or before July 15, 2016. The applicant who is selected to receive the scholarship will be asked to submit a color photo and a short biographical information to include name of college, university, or trade school that they plan to attend plus sign a consent for this photo and bio can be used in printed material, such as local newspapers, MOPH magazine, etc.

Personal Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Address: _____ City/town _____ state _____ zipcode _____

Telephone number _____ e-mail _____

Last 4 digits of Social Security Number _____ Male _____ Female _____

If you are a **MOPH Associate Member or a Member of the Ladies Auxiliary** Please enter your member number here. _____ **an Associate membership or membership in the Ladies Auxiliary does not by itself convey MOPH Scholarship eligibility.*

ELIGIBILITY

Name of the MOPH Member or Purple Heart Recipient (Killed-in-Action or Died of Wounds) from whom you descend: _____

MOPH Member Number _____ Chapter _____

Relationship to MOPH Member or Purple Heart Recipient _____

Current Status of MOPH Member or Purple Heart Recipient from whom you descend:

Living _____ Deceased _____ Killed in Action *Died of Wounds* _____

*documentation verifying this claim required.

Education

List in order of attendance the high school. College, university or trade school you have attended or are currently attending:

Name _____ Location _____ Dates _____

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Cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 un-weighted schaler): _____ high school

GPA _____ college, university or trade school and name and location of the college, university or trade school to which you are applying or are now attending. _____

Major Course of study which you are currently pursuing or that you intend to pursue _____

In addition to submitting this form please ensure that you include all of the required application materials as previous pages.

Declaration of MOPH Scholarship Applicant

I have read and understand the enclosed information regarding the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) Scholarship Program.

During the 2016-2017 academic schoolyear, I plan to attend an accredited US college, university or trade school as a full time student.

I certify that the information included in my application and all supporting documents is, to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate, and complete.

I agree to abide by the rules and criteria established by the MOPH scholarship committee.

I understand that the decisions of the MOPH Committee are final.

I authorize the MOPH to use any portion of my essay and my photo on their website, Purple Heart magazine, or newspaper to promote and advertise for the MOPH Scholarship Program.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian signature* _____ Date _____

*if the applicant is under the age of 18 years

Deadline for Scholarship Application is: Friday, July 15.2016

And should be mailed to : LAMOPH/MOPH

C/O Melanie Schaler

P O Box 181

Lincoln, IL 62656

Ph 217-871-8254 with questions or by e-mail tlkatv@yahoo.com