



West Point Spouses' Club
2023-2024 Scholarship Application

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

The Scholarship Committee of the West Point Spouses' Club welcomes your interest in applying for one of our scholarships to assist you in furthering your education, whether you are a high school senior applying to college for the first time, or someone who is interested in continuing his/her college or postgraduate education. To be eligible to receive a West Point Spouses' Club scholarship, either you or your parent must be a member of the West Point Spouses' Club by January 1, 2024, or within 30 days of arrival at West Point, whichever is later.

Scholarship funds are intended to assist with tuition, fees, books, supplies, or room and board expenses for a degree, certificate, or other professional program at accredited institutions of higher learning.

High School Seniors: Please make sure to submit official high school transcripts as well as SAT and ACT scores with your application.

Member applicants: Please make sure to include official high school and/or college transcripts as well as any relevant standardized test scores to include: SAT, ACT, MCAT, LCAT, GMAT etc.

It is **your responsibility** to ensure the accuracy and completeness of your application. **Incomplete applications will be disqualified.** Applicants will **not** be notified if the application is incomplete. Letters of reference cannot be from any family members. Applications may only be submitted electronically or by mail. Although not mandatory, electronic submissions are preferred. Transcripts and letters of reference must be included **in the same envelope** with your application or attached with the electronic submission. All submissions should be neat and easily read. Failure to follow these instructions will disqualify you.

Your completed application packet must be postmarked by **March 11, 2024**, to:

WPSC Scholarships
c/o Haley Erwin
P.O. Box 44
West Point, NY 10996

To ensure fairness and impartiality, judging is done anonymously. Race, color, sex, national origin, or financial need will not influence the selection. The West Point Spouses' Club Scholarship Committee Chair will notify scholarship winners. The scholarships will be awarded in May 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact me at scholarship@westpointspousesclub.org. Thank you for your interest. We wish you well with your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Haley Erwin

Haley Erwin
West Point Spouses' Club Scholarship Committee Chair

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WPSC Scholarship Rules/Student Certification

As an applicant, I state that:

1. The information contained in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.
2. The attached essay is solely my own work.
3. I am in good standing with the community and its laws.
4. If awarded a scholarship, I will provide proof of enrollment no later than September 27, 2024. I understand that if I fail to provide proof of enrollment, the scholarship funds will be returned to the West Point Spouses' Club for future scholarship applicants.
5. It is my responsibility to ensure the accuracy and completeness of my application. I understand that incomplete applications will be disqualified and that I will not be notified if the application is incomplete.
6. Transcripts and letters of reference must be included **in the same envelope** with my application, and that letters of reference cannot be from any family members.

Furthermore, I fully understand that all monies awarded to me by the West Point Spouses' Club will be transferred to the next designated alternate in the event that I:

1. Choose to disenroll from school during the 2024-2025 academic year.
2. Accept an appointment to a Service Academy.

I understand that I am applying for a scholarship offered by the West Point Spouses' Club. I certify that I am eligible to apply for the West Point Spouses' Club scholarship. If awarded a West Point Spouses' Club scholarship, I agree to abide by and fulfill all requirements pertaining thereto. I also understand that under authority of U.S. Title 10, Section 3012, and the enclosed personal information concerning me, as an applicant, will be maintained by the West Point Spouses' Club Scholarship Committee for administrative use and released only to the individuals needed to evaluate the application. The disclosure of the information is voluntary; however, failure to disclose all or part of the requested information may hinder evaluation of the application. I agree to accept as final the decision of the West Point Spouses' Club Scholarship Committee.

Signature _____ Date _____

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WPSC Scholarship: Categories

(Please check the category that describes your application status.)

_____ High School Senior _____ Member of the WPSC: Continuing Education

WPSC Scholarship: School Information

High Schools and Colleges Attended (list most recently attended first):

School Name	City, State/Country	Dates Attended

For Continuing Education Applicants: What education or degree program will you use this scholarship program for?

Colleges, Universities or Professional Programs to which you have applied (place an asterisk after any schools that have already accepted you and include a copy of the acceptance letter):

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WPSC Scholarship: Extracurricular Activities and Awards

Please attach typed responses for each of the following areas:

1. IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER, LIST ALL SCHOOL AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES DURING THE LAST FOUR YEARS.

(e.g., art, athletics, band, church activities, clubs, community activities, community service, dramatics, school newspaper, scouting, student government, yearbook, etc.) Include the number of hours per month spent participating in these activities.

2. IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER, LIST ALL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD AND AWARDS/ HONORS EARNED DURING THE LAST FOUR YEARS.

Include the respective organizations and dates.

3. IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER, LIST ALL EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES DURING THE LAST FOUR YEARS. INCLUDE ANY SELF-EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

Include the dates each position was held, a SHORT description of the position, and the number of hours worked per week.

4. LIST ALL HOBBIES/ INTERESTS THAT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN MENTIONED IN THE PREVIOUS RESPONSES.

Describe the hobby and the length of time you have been involved with this activity.

WPSC Scholarship: Essay

Please choose **ONE** of the two essay questions listed below. Your essay should be typed on a separate piece of paper and should be between 300–500 words. **DO NOT** use your name in the essay. Format, grammar, and creativity should be given emphasis when writing this essay.

1. Explain a family, social, or school situation, in which your leadership made the difference. What was accomplished?

2. The “Cadet Prayer” famously touts “choose the harder right over the easier wrong”. Describe a situation in which you employed this ideal.

WPSC Scholarship: References

High School Applicants: Please attach two letters of reference from employers, teachers, or other professionals you have known while in high school using the enclosed form.

WPSC Member Applicants: Please attach two letters of reference from employers or other professionals using the enclosed forms.

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Letter of Reference

Please return this form to the applicant. For applicants to be considered for one of the 2024 scholarships, the student's application must be submitted by March 11, 2024.

Applicant's Name: _____

To the Applicant: Please print or type your name on the line above before handing this form to your reference.

To the Reference: Please cite specific examples of achievements or characteristics of the scholarship applicant. You may include comments on initiative, attitude, integrity, intellectual curiosity, and any other information you feel pertinent. Please render your opinion on his or her potential. We appreciate your honesty and candor in your evaluation of the applicant. Thank you for your time and efforts. *Please note that you may be asked to write more than one letter of reference. Please try to differentiate between the candidates, as the committee does read each letter thoroughly and does notice if the same reference states the same things about different candidates.* **To assist the committee during evaluation of each application and to maintain impartiality, please refer to the applicant in the third person only.** Please answer the following two questions:

How long have you known this applicant? _____

What is your relationship to the applicant? _____

EVALUATION: Your evaluation may be typed or written in the space provided below. You may also attach additional pages if necessary. Do NOT use the applicant's name in the essay.

Signature _____ Date _____

Name (Printed): _____ Phone No. _____

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Signature _____ Date: _____

Name (Printed): _____ Phone No. _____

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West Point Spouses' Club's Scholarship Counselor's Statement

Please return this form to the applicant. For applicants to be considered for one of the 2024 scholarships, the student's application must be submitted by March 11, 2024

Name of Student: _____

To the Applicant: Please print or type your name above and hand this form to your advisor or counselor for completion. Include this with your completed application.

To the Counselor: Please provide the following information about the student named above and return this form (along with the student's official transcript) in a sealed envelope(s) to the student for submission to the scholarship committee. Must be postmarked by: **March 11, 2024.**

Dates of Attendance at this School: _____

Student's Overall Academic Grade Point Average: _____
(Please indicate what scale is used, such as 3.5 on a 4.0 scale)

This student ranks: _____ in a class of _____ students.

Student's Test Scores:

SAT Scores: Writing _____ Math _____ Critical Reading _____ Total Score _____

ACT Scores: English Reading _____ Math _____ Science _____ Composite _____

Additional Test Scores:

Additional Comments (optional)

**Please provide this student with a transcript for enclosure with his/her application.

Counselor's Name: _____

School: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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*****Must be postmarked no later than March 11, 2024*****
Checklist for Scholarship Application

- _____ Either you or your parent is a member of the West Point Spouses' Club by January 1, 2024 or within 30 days of arrival at West Point, whichever is later.
- _____ WPSC Scholarship Rules and Student Certification signed and attached
- _____ Application responses complete and attached (applicant information, scholarship category, school information, extracurricular activities, and awards)
- _____ Essay complete and attached (please **do not** include your name in this portion)
- _____ Two (2) Letters of Reference
- _____ Counselor's Statement
- _____ Postmarked by March 11, 2024

The mission of the West Point Spouses' Club is to empower our West Point community, our local community, and the military community at-large, through educational scholarships and grants. We are always looking for ways to reach out to the community with information about our scholarship and grant opportunities. Please tell us how you heard about this scholarship? (select all that apply)

- ___ School Counselor
- ___ Parents
- ___ WPSC Newsletter
- ___ Social Media Advertisement
- ___ Former recipient
- ___ Other _____