**PREAMBLE**

* The Joint Special Operations Association (JSOA) mission: **To Provide Merit Based Scholarships and Educational Enrichment Opportunities to the Children of Current and Veteran Unit Members.** Our goal is to select individuals who exemplify the values and principles of the JSOA, and those set forth by their sponsors. The JSOA will recognize applicants and award scholarships based on the full spectrum of these values and qualities best represented by the activities and achievements of the applicant.

**INTRODUCTION**

Undergraduate Scholarships are awarded annually and limited to individuals pursuing degrees at accredited Institutions. The scholarships are merit-based, and the process is competitive so not all applicants will be awarded scholarships.

The JSOA is a non-profit, tax exempt IRS 501(c)(19) organization. Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, or physical ability.

Read all instructions carefully before completing the application. You are required to provide documentation as requested by the JSOA Board.

**Deadline for submitting your application, for the 2020-2021 academic year:**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2020.**

**Any applications or documentation postmarked after that date will be ineligible.**

Congratulations on your pursuit of higher education and good wishes to you in your future endeavors.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APPLICANT**

The Applicant Information Section must be completed to determine your eligibility to apply for a scholarship. The deadline for submitting this application with all required information and documentation is **Wednesday**, **February 12, 2020**. Applications will only be accepted via the US Postal Service. The application this year contains Microsoft Word pull down menus for you to enter text: Click here to enter text and to select a response: Choose an item. In order to properly use the Word pull down menus the Microsoft Windows operating system must be used. Apple to Microsoft Conversion Software will not perform as required. No handwritten applications will be accepted. **A scoring penalty will be assessed for missing documents and information.**

**ELIGIBILITY:**

* Current High School Senior / Full-Time Undergraduate College Student
* Dependent child of a current JSOA member
* Dependent child of ***Current or Former*** Military/ Federal Civilian member of the following organizations:

 **(1st JSOAC, HHBN, HQ JSOC, JCOG, JCU, JIATF-NCR, JIB, JMAU, SOADE, SOLSE)**

* Pursuing degree/certification completion as a Full-Time Student at a post-secondary accredited institution.
* **Eligibility Verification- Applicant and Sponsor / Parent / Guardian are required to read and sign the Statement of Certification in the Application Information Section. Both the Applicant and Sponsor / Parent / Guardian signatures are required. Your application will not be accepted without them.**

**DOCUMENTATION:**

* **SAT/ACT/GRE/GMAT/LSAT/etc. Scores:** **If multiple tests were taken, use the individual scores from your highest composite score; do not mix individual scores between tests even if scores are shown on your transcript *(no "Super Scoring").***
* **Class Ranking (High School Seniors Only):** If not shown on your transcript, submit a letter from a High School official on school letterhead indicating your class ranking/standing. Some High Schools including Home Schooling do not have class ranking. If your High School does not rank and/or you cannot furnish this information, please explain.
* **Grade Point Average (GPA)-Transcripts:** Submit a copy of your **most recent** completed official or non-official transcript that clearly states your cumulative GPA and reflects all courses completed and grades earned***(official transcripts are not required)****.*

**HOW YOUR APPLICATION IS EVALUATED AND GRADED:**

There are multiple categories on the application that the Board of Directors will evaluate. However, **you will receive zero points** **for any category left blank without an explanation.**

If you are not involved in school activities, clubs, athletics, work or volunteering, please explain and provide other information you feel would assist us in the evaluation.

The Board of Directors will consider all information submitted with the application. The last section in the application provides you an opportunity to tell the JSOA Board anything you think they need to know about you in order to better evaluate your application. The application graders are not privy to your personal information. Names and personally identifying information are redacted from the individual application voting packets.

 **COMPLETED APPLICATION:**

**All documentation must be postmarked by, Wednesday, February 12, 2020. Applications and supporting information will not be accepted via e-mail or hand delivery.**

Information from previous applications will not be considered even if previously accepted. Do not send photos or resumes. No portion of the application will be returned to you. The scholarships are merit-based and the process is competitive so not all applicants will be awarded scholarships.

**2020 JSOA APPLICATION FINAL CHECKLIST**

* **Eligibility Verification Section**
* Completed Applicant Information Section
* Completed Sponsor Information Section
* Completed Statement of Certification *(Note: Signed by the Applicant and Sponsor / Parent / Guardian.* ***Both the applicant and Sponsor / Parent / Guardian signatures are required. Your application will not be accepted without them.)***
* Completed Evaluation Section
* Completed essay within the allowable word count.
* SAT/ACT/GRE/GMAT/LSAT/etc. Scores Provided
* School Transcripts Provided (UNOFFICIAL IS ACCEPTABLE)
* Class Rank and GPA Documentation *(if not reflected on transcripts)* Provided. (High School Seniors only)
* Supporting documentation for disability rating provided, i.e. Annual Statement from VA
* **Mail completed application and supporting documents, postmarked no later than Wednesday, February 12, 2020** to:

**JSOA**

**PO Box 72758**

**Fort Bragg, NC 28307**

**NOTE:** When mailing, please send applications and supporting documents via the standard US Postal Service (USPS). No FEDEX, UPS, Registered and/or Express Mail, etc. as JSOA Board Members are unable to sign for or receive mail directly.

**Application related questions may be addressed directly to any JSOA Board Member or email us at:**

**SCHOLARSHIPS@THEJSOA.ORG**

**ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION**

**Please fill out this section completely before continuing with the application.**

1. Is the Sponsor a member of the Joint Special Operations Association? Click here to enter text.

**\*\* Note: Sponsor must be a member for scholarship eligibility**

1. Sponsor’s Unit Member Status (Please check one): Choose an item.

**\*\* Note: Sponsor must be a current or former military of government service civilian of an eligible unit**

1. Sponsor’s qualifying unit: Choose an item.

**\*\* Note: Sponsor must have served in one of the units listed in the selection menu**

4: Date(s) Sponsor Served Unit: From (yyyy/mm) Click here to enter text. To (yyyy/mm) Click here to enter text.

**Merit scholarship applicants will automatically be considered for addition scholarships based on the factors listed below.**

Was the sponsor wounded in action? Choose an item.

Sponsor awarded a Purple Heart? Choose an item.

Sponsor Killed In Action? Choose an item.

Does sponsor have a Veteran’s Administration service-connected disability rating? Choose an item.

 Percent (10, 20, 30, etc.)? Click here to enter text.

Does sponsor have a U.S. Army medical retirement disability rating? Choose an item.

 Percent (10, 20, 30, etc.)? Click here to enter text.

1. **APPLICANT INFORMATION SECTION**

Applicant’s Full Name (Last, First, Middle): Click here to enter text.

Mailing Address (*do not use temporary/ campus address)*: Click here to enter text.

City: Click here to enter text. State: Click here to enter text. Zip Code: Click here to enter text.

Home Phone: Click here to enter text. Cell Phone: Click here to enter text. Work Phone: Click here to enter text.

Email Address: Click here to enter text.

Gender (M/F): Choose an item.

Date of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd): Click here to enter text.

Applicant’s relationship to their Sponsor: Choose an item.

Do you intend to attend an academy or enroll in college ROTC? Choose an item.

Have you ever been convicted of any charges other than minor traffic violations? Choose an item.

If yes, please explain: Click here to enter text.

1. **MILITARY SPONSOR INFORMATION SECTION**

Sponsor’s Full Name (Last, First, Middle): Click here to enter text.

Sponsor’s Mailing Address *(If different from applicant):* Click here to enter text.

City: Click here to enter text. State: Click here to enter text. Zip Code Click here to enter text.

*Note: Sponsor’s address must match address recorded in Current/ Former Unit Member database.*

Home Phone: Click here to enter text. Cell Phone: Click here to enter text. Work Phone: Click here to enter text.

Email Address: Click here to enter text.

Last four digits of sponsor’s Social Security Number: Click here to enter text.

1. **STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION**
* I certify the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.
* I understand failure to provide full documentation or falsification of credentials could result in disqualification of this application.
* I agree to provide, if requested, official documentation to verify information reported on this application.
* In the event I receive an academic year 2020-2021 scholarship award and elect not to attend school during that school year, I will immediately notify the JSOA Board in writing.
* I will attend classes as a full-time student.
* I will return to the JSOA any unused scholarship funds refunded and/or returned to me by my College or University.
* I understand I am competing for a scholarship and the decision of the JSOA Board of Directors is final.

Applicant’s Name: Click here to enter text.

Applicant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor’s Name: Click here to enter text.

Sponsor’s / Parent’s / Guardian’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Note: Both the applicant and Sponsor / Parent / Guardian signatures are required. Your application will not be accepted without them.***

1. **EVALUATION SECTION**

 **General:**

What type degree are you pursuing or plan to pursue? Choose an item.

What is your intended Major or Academic Discipline? Click here to enter text.

Total College Credit Hours Earned To Date: Click here to enter text.

What are your post-graduation plans? Click here to enter text.

List the high schools, colleges, or vocational/ technical school(s) you are currently attending or accepted to, or have previously attended ***(copy & paste formatting if more entries are needed)****:*

Institution: Click here to enter text.

City: Click here to enter text. State: Click here to enter text.

Dates Attended (yyyy/mm): Click here to enter text. Graduation date (yyyy/mm): Click here to enter text.

Degree Earned: Click here to enter text. Cumulative Grade Point Average: Click here to enter text.

Institution: Click here to enter text.

City: Click here to enter text. State: Click here to enter text.

Dates Attended (yyyy/mm): Click here to enter text. Graduation date (yyyy/mm): Click here to enter text.

Degree Earned: Click here to enter text. Cumulative Grade Point Average: Click here to enter text.

***Documentation Required:*** *Provide a copy of SAT/ACT/LSAT/GRE/GMAT etc. scores, transcripts of all course work and documentation of class ranking. If class ranking information is not available, please provide a letter of explanation from the appropriate educational institution. A scoring penalty will be assessed for missing documentation.*

**1. Test Scores (High School Seniors Only):**

SATTotal Score: Click here to enter text. Critical Reading: Click here to enter text. Math: Click here to enter text. Writing: Click here to enter text.

ACT Composite Score**:** Click here to enter text. English: Click here to enter text. Math: Click here to enter text. Reading: Click here to enter text. Science Reasoning: Click here to enter text.

**2. Class Ranking (High School Seniors Only):** Ranked Click here to enter text. of Click here to enter text. total students. If not provided, please explain here. Click here to enter text.

**3. Grade Point Average (GPA):** Cumulative GPA: Click here to enter text. Cumulative Weighted GPA: Click here to enter text. Indicate point scale used: Choose an item.

***NOTE: For questions 4 and 5, copy & paste additional tables if more entries are needed.***

**4. Extracurricular Activity:** List any teams, clubs, organizations, or employment in which you participated and awards / honors received during the period **January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019**

**Extracurricular Activity Name:** Click here to enter text.

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| Activity Purpose:  |
| Your Position (s): |
| Awards and Honors: |
| Membership Dates (Calendar Year 2019 Only): |
| Total Hours Invested in 2019: |

**5. Service Activity:**  List any volunteer activities and/or community service in which you participated during the period **January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019**. Include Leadership Positions held, and awards / honors earned. Examples: Toys for Tots, Salvation Army, Feed the Homeless, Red Cross Volunteer, Work at a Nursing Home, Food Drive Leader, Church Farm Work, Tutor, Meals-on-Wheels, Volunteer of the Month, etc.

**Service Activity Name:** Click here to enter text.

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| Activity Purpose:  |
| Your Position (s): |
| Awards and Honors: |
| Participation Dates (Calendar Year 2019 Only): |
| Total Service Hours in 2019: |

**6. Essay Question. Please limit the body of your essay to be no more than 500 words.**

Is man-made climate change an issue requiring legislation and what measures if any in a cost-benefit analysis should Americans make?

Click here to enter text.