



# GYSGT CHRISTOPHER W. ECKARD SCHOLARSHIP



## Directions

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any high school senior or current college student who is a direct descendant, i.e. child, grandchild or a legally adopted child, of a veteran. The parent or grandparent must have served at least one day of active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. A photocopy of Certificate of Release from Active Duty (DD 214) or Certificate of Death (DD 1300) must be attached. **The DD256AF is a certificate and not acceptable as discharge verification.**

- A. Scholarship packets **MUST** contain **ALL** required documents. Reference letters cannot be mailed separately (they must be included in the original packet).
- B. **Application must be typed.** Applications will not be considered if handwritten.
- C. Do not attach any documents or additional pages to the application, except as required. All other documentation or added pages will be discarded.
- D. **Signed and dated transcript of school grades is required.** G.P.A. must be at least 3.0. An electronic signature is acceptable.
- E. A letter of acceptance from a North Carolina school must be included.
- F. An endorsement from a Teacher, Career Counselor, Guidance Counselor, Dean of Study, or Principal is required and used to help select winners. Limit one (). Endorsements cannot be from family members or any relatives; **must contain the signature and contact information (email or phone number) of the author.** In the event a need arises to clarify statements contained in the letter, failure of the writer to respond is cause for disqualification.
- G. An additional letter or endorsement (non-school related), documenting Christian activity or association and social or community activity is required. Limit one (1). Letter cannot be from family members or any relatives; **must contain the signature and contact information (email or phone number) of the author.** In the event a need arises to clarify statements contained in the letter, failure of the writer to respond is cause for disqualification.
- H. Proofread your answers in this application. If a field is left blank, it will count against you. If you cannot answer a question, put a reason in the field.
- I. **Keep a copy of everything you submit!**
- J. The scholarship check will be a two-party check made payable to the applicant (winner) and school. Funds are to pay for qualified education expenses. This includes, but is not limited to, tuition and fees; course related expenses such as books, supplies, and equipment.
- K. This is an annual needs-based scholarship of at least \$750. The number of annual award distributions is based on the availability of funds.
- L. Past Involvement in Community—must specify length of involvement. I.E.—I volunteered 1 day weekly for 3 months assembling Christmas shoe boxes; I volunteered 2 days a month for 3 years in a Christian thrift store.
- M. Mail completed application and required documentation to:

GySgt Christopher W. Eckard Scholarship  
8805 Hunter Court  
Hickory, NC 28601