DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

BARBARA M OLEJNICKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

PURPOSE

The Department of Illinois Marine Corps League provides an annual educational scholarship award to a qualified High School student who plans to attend college in pursuit of an undergraduate degree or to attend a school with programs for vocational training and certification. This annual scholarship provides financial assistance in the amount of $1,000 into a school account for the selected recipient to assist with tuition and/or books.

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

Applicants should submit an essay on an event or activity that demonstrates the Marine Corps motto Semper Fidelis ("Always Faithful"). This can be a local or national news account, a public affair, or a personal story.

- The essay must be 300–350 words, double spaced, in a 12-point font.
- The use of correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling will be taken into consideration.
- It is important that you communicate your thoughts clearly.
- Essays will be scored on creativity, content appropriateness, and clarity of the story.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be family of members in good standing of the Illinois Marine Corps League or Illinois Marine Corps League Auxiliary.
- This includes regular members, (USMC veterans, Navy FMF Corpsmen, Navy Chaplains) associate members, members at large, and auxiliary members.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled in and attending any high school and reside in Illinois.
- Applicants must provide an official transcript from the high school.
- Applicants must have a GPA of C+ or better to be considered.
- Applicants must provide a letter of acceptance from the college or vocational training center they plan to attend.
- Applicants must be US citizens.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write your essay.
2. Complete your application.
3. Obtain your High School transcript.
4. Copy your letter of acceptance from the school you are planning to attend.
5. Assemble all of your paperwork and mail with the essay to:
   Marine Victoria Cobbett
   733 Singer Avenue
   Lemont, IL 60439-3912
   ATTN: IL MCL Scholarship
   — or —
6. Email as an attachment all the paperwork and essay to:
   To: v.cobbett@comcast.net
   Subject: Dept IL MCL Scholarship / (current year)

- Online submissions will be accepted or submissions may be printed and mailed by postal service.
- Submissions must be postmarked by 1 March of the current year if mailed by postal service, or submissions may be emailed and Received by 1 March 11:59 PM (2359).
- You may list extra curricular activities on an additional sheet, if needed.
- Work programs during school for any vocational education should be listed.
- All essays become property of the Department of Illinois Marine Corps League Scholarship Committee.

Questions? Email: v.cobbett@comcast.net

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APPLICANT

NAME: _____ _____ _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

ADDRESS: _____
STREET

_____ _____ _____ _____
CITY STATE ZIP PHONE

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ **CUMULATIVE GPA:** _____
MM/DD/YYYY

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____
STREET

_____ _____ _____ _____
CITY STATE ZIP PHONE

INSTITUTION ACCEPTED TO (College / University / Vocational / Technical School)

INSTITUTION NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____
STREET

_____ _____ _____ _____
CITY STATE ZIP PHONE

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: _____

DEP IL MCL / MCLA AFFILIATION

MEMBER NAME: _____ **RELATIONSHIP:** _____

MCL DETACHMENT NAME / NUMBER: _____

I understand that the decision of the Scholarship Fund Committee is final, and that the information contained in this application and the accompanying documentation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. All information contained in this application and accompanying documentation will be kept totally confidential and strictly for determining the qualifications of the applicant. Applications become the sole property of the Department of Illinois Marine Corps League Scholarship Committee. It is my understanding that if awarded this scholarship, it must be used toward payment of tuition and/or books only.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____