

## MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND PLAN Amended as of 11 November 2022

### SECTION IV – ELIGIBILITY & COMPLIANCE

To be considered eligible for MSF benefits, as stated in SECTIONS II and III above, an applicant must meet the following specific criteria of eligibility and compliance which may be modified by a vote of a majority of the Trustees only when they deem a special circumstance warrants such action and with the concurrence of the Chairman of the Association's Board of Directors Executive Committee.

1. A child, grandchild, great-grandchild or legal dependent of any personnel who lost their lives as a result of hostile enemy action while a member of or attached to a unit of the Third Marine Division in "Military Operations" as defined below OR
2. A child, grandchild, great-grandchild or legal dependent of any honorably discharged personnel deceased or retired having been a member of or attached to a unit of the Third Marine Division in Military Operations whose post service death has been certified by the Department of Veterans Affairs to have been the result of hostile enemy action or other disabilities incurred and were not the result of any misconduct by the veteran. OR
3. A child, grandchild, great-grandchild or legal dependent of a deceased member of the Association or the spouse of such member, provided the deceased member had held Association membership for a period of at least two (2) consecutive years immediately prior to his or her death OR
4. A child, grandchild, great-grandchild or legal dependent of a living member (sponsor) of the Association, provided the sponsoring member has held Association membership for a period of at least two (2) consecutive years immediately prior to the date of the eligible applicant's first application for assistance OR
5. Any personnel who has been recently honorably discharged having been a member of or attached to a unit of the Third Marine Division provided the person has held Association membership for a period of at least two (2) consecutive years immediately prior to the date of the first application, be current on all annual dues payments and who continues his or her membership for the entire period of their financial assistance.
6. "Military Operations" is defined as the involvement of any unit of the Third Marine Division in Vietnam, or in military operations designated as Desert Storm, Desert Shield, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and in the countries of Southwest Asia defined for this purpose as Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Iran, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Afghanistan, Bahrain, Israel, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Kuwait, Syria, Cyprus and Jordan. Also, military operations conducted by order of the President of the United States anywhere throughout the world.
7. Applicants shall be unmarried or married and between the ages of sixteen (16) and twenty-three (23), both ages inclusive, as of the date of the original application for assistance. NOTE: If an applicant is applying per section 5. above as recently discharged personnel the MSF Chairman will determine the maximum age limit based on the applicant's circumstances.
8. Applicants shall complete annually in its entirety the application form with all required support documents to be received by the Secretary of the MSF Board of Trustees on or before the due date for each school year as declared. Each school year requires a new application to be submitted. Awards will only be given and/or continued provided the applicant maintains academic and conduct standards satisfactory to the educational institution attended and to the MSF Trustees and demonstrates the need for financial assistance. No post-graduate financial assistance will be granted.
9. Applicants shall have a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.50 or higher at the time of the initial application; and shall maintain a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.50 or higher to demonstrate academic proficiency and continue in the program and will only be given and/or continued provided the applicant maintains academic and conduct standards satisfactory to the educational institution attended and to the MSF Trustees. If an applicant is no longer enrolled in the school during the semester the applicant must notify the MSF Secretary in writing immediately. This also applies to a school approved if the applicant is granted a voluntary or involuntary "Leave of Absence" by the school.
10. Awards may be awarded for any approved course of study in an accredited college or university, or for any approved course of study in an accredited and approved post-high school trade school institution. Applicants must be enrolled in each semester for not less than twelve (12) credit hours. Awards will not be given in excess of four (4) years of undergraduate study except for:
  - Those undergraduate accredited degree programs where the undergraduate requirement is at least 150 credit hours or five (5) years of undergraduate study for graduation.
  - Those postgraduate accredited degree programs where the applicant has been an MSF awardee for three (3) undergraduate years of study and has graduated at the end of the third year.
  - Awards may be given in the event a "midyear (late) applicant" applies for a spring semester.

11. The applicant submits to the MSF Secretary after the end of each semester by the applicant's educational institution. Semester grade reports must be original official documents received directly from the educational institution, which includes secure/encrypted emails from the school registrar sent to the MSF Secretary's email. Online printouts or copies are unacceptable. Grade reports from the educational institution must show the applicant's name and ID number, semester GPA and cumulative GPA.

12. No scholarship will be based upon race, national origin, religion, sex or orientation, disabilities, or course of studies, if the applicant is otherwise qualified.

Questions please contact:

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