

Welcome to the 2023-2024 Scholarship Program of the Laughlin XL Spouses' Club (LXLSC). The LXLSC acknowledges and rewards outstanding achievement and community involvement as part of its charitable program. Scholarship awards will be presented in May.

All applications must be received or postmarked by March 18, 2024.

Additional information may be obtained from the LXLSC website:

<https://www.laughlinxlspouses.com/>

Please read all guidelines before applying and use the checklist to guide you through the application process. If you have any questions, please contact the Scholarship Chair at laughlinxlspouses.scholarships@gmail.com

Thank you, and good luck!

POLICY

1. The LXLSC will award academic scholarships to qualified applicants in the following categories. Quantities and award amounts will depend on the number of applicants received in each category; awards will range from \$500-1,000.

Category 1: Sky's No Limit Military Scholarship
military dependent (AD, guard, reserve, retired) high school senior seeking post-secondary education, technical, or vocational training.

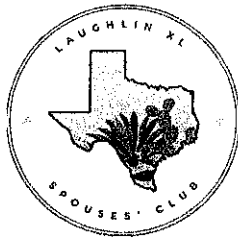
Category 2: Aim High Community Scholarship
Del Rio community high school senior seeking post-secondary education, technical, or vocational training.

Category 3: Answer the Call Scholarship
Any high school senior enlisting in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Category 4: Scholarship of XL-ence
military dependent (spouses) seeking additional education or certification.



2. Eligible candidates must reside in Val Verde or Kinney County, TX and meet all eligibility requirements for the prospective scholarship.
3. Applicants are *not* eligible to receive an LXLSC scholarship if they meet any of the following criteria:
 - Have been accepted to a military service academy
 - Are previous LXLSC scholarship recipients
 - Have accepted another military spouses' club scholarship from any other base
4. Scholarship awards are based on the following criteria: academic performance, extracurricular activities, service and community involvement, work experience, character references, and personal essay. Financial need is not a determining factor.
5. The Selection Committee is comprised of LXLSC Members and members from the Laughlin Community. No one on the committee may have a student who applies for a scholarship.
6. Recipients will be notified in late April, no later than the first week of May. Recipients will receive their scholarship award in May.
7. The LXLSC Charitable Treasurer will issue a check for the full amount of the scholarship payable to the recipient after admission/enrollment/enlistment has been verified. Recipients have until Sept 30 to verify all information or the award money will be returned to the LXLSC Charitable Association.
8. All submitted materials will become the sole property of the LXLSC and will be retained for one full year from the selection date. At the end of that year, applications and supporting materials will be destroyed.
9. Incomplete or inaccurate applications will not be considered.
10. Laughlin XL Spouse's Club is not responsible for any lost applications in the mail or at the high school.



Checklist

Please arrange your application in the following order.

- _____ **1. Application Form:** Type or print legibly. Be sure to provide all information requested and appropriate signatures. Note: high school seniors need a sponsor's signature. Missing signatures may be deemed an incomplete application.

- _____ **2. Verification and/or Transcripts:**
 - A) Proof of residence with current address or copy of utility bill
 - B) Official, sealed transcripts. For military spouses, this would be transcripts from the highest level of education you have received
 - C) If applying for a dependent scholarship, proof of sponsor's status:
 - Military orders
 - Commander's letter
 - DEERS DD form 1172-2 or letter verifying the applicant's dependent status
 - ****Please do not photocopy a military ID****

- _____ **3. Extracurricular Activities:** Using Part 3 of this form, list extracurricular activities in which you have participated. These may include, but are not limited to, music, theater, sports, dance, student council, clubs, or organizations.

- _____ **4. Service, Work, Citizenship, Volunteer Activities:** Using Part 4 of this form, list all work, service, volunteer, and citizenship activities in which you have participated.

- _____ **5. Personal Essay:** On a separate 8.5x11 piece of paper, answer the essay question to the best of your ability. Essays may be typed or hand written neatly. **Do not put your name on the top of the essay.** Include your essay with this application packet.

- _____ **6. Recommendation Signatures:** Signatures must include their relationship to the applicant (teacher, coach, neighbor, supervisor).

Mail to:
LXLSC Scholarship Committee
PO Box 421152
Del Rio, TX 78842-1152



Part 1: Applicant Information

Applicant's Name: _____

Home Address:

Street *City/State* *Zip Code*

Email address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Military or Civil Service Sponsor (n/a if applying for community scholarship):

Rank (AD/Ret/Grade) *Full Name* *Relationship to Applicant*

Sponsor's Work Information (enter "retired" if retired):

Office/Company Name *Contact Information*

Sponsor's Email Address: _____

High School(s) Attended:

Name	City/State	Dates Attended



Scholarship Category: Please circle or highlight the scholarship for which you wish to apply.

Category 1: *Sky's No Limit Military Scholarship*

Category 2: *Aim High Community Scholarship*

Institutions which you have applied: _____

Intended Field of Study: _____

Category 3: *Answer the Call Scholarship*

Branch of Service: _____

Enlistment Date or Anticipated Date: _____

Category 4: *Scholarship of Excellence*

Institution you have applied or are attending: _____

Intended Field of Study/Certificate: _____

I/We certify this application, and all supporting documents are complete and accurate to the best of our knowledge.

I/We consent to verification of this information as needed, including dependency, through military records.

I/We acknowledge that any misrepresentation or falsification of facts or records will make the applicant ineligible to receive a LXLSC Scholarship at any time.

Applicant's Signature and Date

Sponsor/Guardian Signature and Date



Part 2: Verification

- A. Copy of utility/cable bill for proof of residence with current address.
- B. Military Dependents must be listed on a photocopy (front and back) of one of the following:
 - Military orders (please black out SSN)
 - Commander's Letter
 - DEERS form verifying the applicant's dependent status
- C. Official Transcripts – Official, sealed transcripts must be postmarked by 5 Apr 2023

Category 1,2, and 3 Applicants (high school senior):

Please fill out the following to the best of your knowledge:

Class Rank _____ out of _____

GPA: Un-weighted _____ Weighted _____

High School Counselor's Name: _____

Counselor's Phone Number: _____

How we will receive your official transcripts (check one)

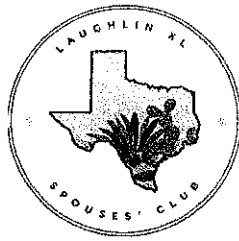
_____ Sealed and enclosed mailed by school to address shown below

_____ Sealed and included in application packet

Category 4 Applicants (Military spouse entering or continuing education):

Please have all official, sealed transcripts from colleges, universities, and other institutions that you have attended mailed to the address below. High school transcripts are not required unless entering college for the first time.

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Part 3: Extracurricular Activities (continue on blank sheet if additional space is needed)

Activity/Position Held	Dates	Hours per Week	No. of Weeks	Total Hours
<i>e.g. Soccer: Captain; Student Council: Secretary</i>	<i>Aug 2022 – Mar 2023</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>36</i>

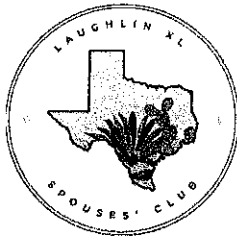
Please add additional comments or information below:



Part 4: Service, Work, Citizenship, Volunteer Activities (continue on blank paper if needed)

Organization/Position/Responsibilities	Dates	Hours per Week	No. of Weeks	Total Hours
<i>e.g. HEB bagging clerk: helped customers by.... Church Youth Leader: assisted with nursery...</i>	<i>Nov 22-present</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>200</i>

Please add additional information below, such as a contact from your place of employment:



Part 5: Essay Question

Submitted essay should be on a separate 8.5x11" paper. If it is typed, please use Times New Roman, font size 12. **Do not put your name on the essay.**

Essay for Category 1:

What obstacles have you overcome throughout your schooling as a military child? What did you do to overcome those obstacles? Was there a benefit to being associated with the military as a K-12 student? (500 to 1,000 words)

Essay for Category 2:

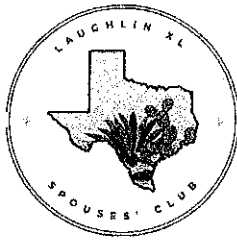
Describe challenges you have overcome during your K-12 education. What did you do to overcome these obstacles and how have you grown? (500 to 1,000 words)

Essay for Category 3:

Describe what inspired you to join the Armed Forces. Why do you feel compelled to serve? What do you hope to gain in your experience in the military? (500 to 1,000 words)

Essay for Category 4:

What have you learned through your affiliation with the military that makes you the best version of yourself? (500 to 1,000 words)



Part 6: Recommendation Signatures

Please collect three signatures of individuals who would recommend you for a scholarship. Nominators should include their title/relationship to the applicant (teacher, supervisor, co-worker) and leave a short remark about the nominee.

Recommendation #1:

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Comments: _____

Recommendation #2:

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title/Relationship to Nominee: _____

Comments: _____

Recommendation #3:

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title/Relationship to Nominee: _____

Comments: _____