

Captain Jennifer J. Harris, USMC

Memorial Scholarship Essay Program 2017 Application

Applications must be postmarked by: March 31, 2017



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
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JENNIFER J. HARRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

The purpose of the Jennifer J. Harris Memorial Scholarship Program is to provide scholarships in Jennifer's name to students wishing to further their education and as a tribute to Jennifer's commitment and dedication to higher education and to the United States Marine Corps.

The Marine Corps League, Honorable Few Detachment #1302 awards scholarships annually to U.S. citizen students attending an accredited college, university, or private high school. The scholarships are funded by an annual fundraiser sponsored by the MCL Honorable Few Detachment #1302.

In 2017, five scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000 each. These Scholarships shall be allocated as follows: one earmarked specifically to a student from Swampscott High School, Jennifer's High School, a second one reserved specifically for a student involved in a JR ROTC Program in Essex County and the final three for any other eligible student. Application cover sheet and essay must be postmarked by **March 31, 2017** and will be reviewed by the MCL Honorable Few Scholarship Committee. Based on the application and essay, the committee will choose five students meeting the above criteria who demonstrate leadership, commitment to academics and can demonstrate a sincere sense of patriotism via an essay.

ABOUT JENNIFER J. HARRIS

Captain Jennifer Jean Harris graduated from Swampscott High School in 1996 and from the United States Naval Academy in 2000. Upon graduation from the Naval Academy, Jennifer was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, graduated from The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia, and earned her Naval Aviator Wings of Gold on September 13, 2002. She was then assigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Training (HMMT) Squadron 164 in Camp Pendleton, CA where she learned to fly the CH-46 Sea Knight Helicopter. Upon completing her training, Captain Harris was assigned to the Purple Foxes of HMM-364 and immediately deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom. HMM-364 is a legendary squadron known since the Vietnam War for repeatedly answering the call of duty flying in and out of combat areas where no other helicopter squadron would go because of the danger. During her time in the HMM-364, she attended The Weapons and Tactics Instructor's Course (WTI), the Marine equivalent to Top Gun training. Captain Harris was the first female pilot in the Purple Foxes Squadron.

Service to others was the core value guiding Jennifer's commitment to service was most evident in her decision to serve our country. As a Marine, she combined this commitment with her sense of compassion to be one of the best CH-46 pilots in the Marine Corps. She performed her military duties as a Casualty Evacuation pilot flying in and out of combat areas for the emergency evacuation of injured soldiers and Iraqi citizens, saving a countless number of lives.

Captain Harris served three tours of duty in Iraq and was killed in action on February 7, 2007 when the helicopter she was piloting was shot down.

ELIGIBILITY

All applicants must comply with the following eligibility and application criteria:

1. Student must be a U.S. Citizen attending an accredited college, university or private high school.
2. Have a 2.50 or higher GPA (provide a copy of most recent academic transcript)
3. Complete application cover sheet and 500 word essay.
4. All documents must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2017.

2017 ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

Essay Title: My thoughts/feelings when hearing the National Anthem

Format: Essay must be typed with 1.5 line spacing

No identifying names in the essay

Must be a minimum of 500 words

Rules: All essays must have completed cover sheet

Essay must be original work of student

Must attach copy of recent academic transcript

Grammar, punctuation, content and spelling will be rated

Date Due: Entries must be postmarked by March 31, 2017

Mail to: Honorable Few Detachment #1302

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Or scan and email to:

mcl@honorablefew.com

Judging:

The judges shall disregard race, sex, age, color of skin, and any other factor that may constitute discrimination. All Marine Corps League Scholarship committee decisions are final.

Awards: The Guidance Departments of the five students receiving the

Scholarship Awards will be notified by April 30, 2017.

**USMC Captain, Jennifer J. Harris
Memorial Scholarship Essay Program - 2017**

Deadline: March 31, 2017

APPLICATION COVER SHEET

(MUST BE ATTACHED TO ESSAY)

Student Name:	
Home Address:	
City, State, Zip	
Current School Name/Address:	
Parent/Guardian Name:	
Telephone Number:	() -
Name of School you attend or plan to attend:	

List any leadership experience:

1.
2.

List how you demonstrate your commitment to academics:

1.
2.

Please check if any apply:

- Family member belongs to Marine Corps League
- Family member in the U.S. Military
- Family member is a Veteran

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____