

Captain Jennifer J. Harris, USMC

Memorial Scholarship Program 2018 Application Information

Applications must be postmarked by: March 31, 2018



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CAPTAIN JENNIFER J. HARRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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

Five scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000 each. These Scholarships shall be allocated as such: one to an eligible student from Swampscott High School (Jennifer's High School), a second to an eligible high school student enrolled in a JR ROTC Program in Essex or Eastern Middlesex County and the final three for any other eligible student. Application cover sheet and essay must be postmarked by **March 31, 2018** and will be reviewed by the Honorable Few Scholarship Committee. Based on the application and essay, the committee will select five students meeting the above criteria who demonstrate leadership, commitment to academics and can convey a sincere sense of patriotism and civic pride via an essay.

ABOUT JENNIFER J. HARRIS

Jennifer J. Harris graduated from Swampscott High School in 1996 and from the United States Naval Academy in 2000. Upon graduation from the Naval Academy, she was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, graduated from The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia, and earned her 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 for 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 active combat areas where imminent danger was always present. During her time in HMM-364, Jennifer 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.

A commitment to serve others was a core value guiding Jennifer and 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 duties as a Casualty Evacuation pilot flying in and out of combat areas for the emergency evacuation of injured soldiers and Iraqi citizens, saving countless 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 (*Applicants must comply with the following eligibility and criteria*)

1. U.S. Citizen attending an accredited college, university or private high school
2. GPA of 2.50 or higher (Copy of recent academic transcript required)
3. Completed application cover sheet and minimum 500 word essay
4. All documents must be postmarked by March 31, 2018.

2018 ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

- Essay Topic:** "How do the lessons in U.S. History help us learn from the past in hopes that we make our future better?"
- Format:** Essay must be typed with 1.5 line spacing
No identifying names in the essay
Minimum of 500 words
- Rules:** All essays require a completed cover sheet
Essay must be original work of student
A copy of recent academic transcript must be included
Grammar, punctuation, content and spelling will be considered
- Date Due:** Entries must be postmarked by March 31, 2018
- Send to:** By Mail: Honorable Few Detachment #1302
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Electronically: Email to: scholarship@honorablefew.com
- Judging:** The judges shall disregard race, sex, age, color of skin, and any other factor that may constitute discrimination. All Scholarship Committee rulings are final.
- Awards:** The Guidance Departments of the five students receiving the Scholarship Awards will be notified by April 30, 2018. Checks will be awarded at the Jennifer Harris Memorial Motorcycle Ride on 11 August 2018.

APPLICATION COVER SHEET

(MUST BE ATTACHED TO ESSAY)

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

List any leadership experiences:

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:** _____