Captain Jennifer J. Harris, USMC
Memorial Scholarship Program
2025 Application Package

Applications must be received by: April 15, 2025
(No exceptions will be made)



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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 in their senior year at Essex County based high schools who will be attending an accredited college or university in the fall of 2025.

Scholarships will be awarded based on academic merit, an original essay, awards and recognition, and extracurricular/community service activities. Additional consideration will be given to those otherwise eligible applicants attending Swampscott High School (Jennifer's alma mater) or those enrolled in a JROTC Program. A total of two scholarships in the amount of $2,500 each will be awarded. Applications and all supporting materials must be received by **April 15, 2025.**

ABOUT JENNIFER J. HARRIS

Jennifer J. Harris was a 1996 graduate of Swampscott High and upon graduation from the United States Naval Academy in 2000 was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. She attended The Basic School in Quantico, VA, and then flight school in Pensacola, FL, earning her Aviator Wings of Gold on September 13, 2002. Jennifer was then assigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Training Squadron (HMMT-164) in Camp Pendleton, CA where she learned to fly the CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter and upon completion of training was assigned to the Purple Foxes Squadron (HMM-364) immediately deploying 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 military personnel 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 downed by enemy fire.

2025 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility: Graduating seniors attending high schools located in Essex County, Massachusetts who will be enrolled at an accredited two or four year college or university in the upcoming Academic Year 2025 Fall Semester.

Judging: Decisions will be based on the receipt of: (1) a completed Application Cover Sheet providing contact information, academic/athletic awards, and extracurricular/community service activities; (2) transcripts of grades for senior year (to date) and junior year (full year); and (3) an essay on this year's topic. The judges shall disregard race, gender, age, color of skin, and any other factor that may constitute discrimination. All Scholarship Committee decisions are final.

Essay: The essay should be no more than **300** words, the original work of the student (use of AI is prohibited), and should utilize appropriate grammar, punctuation, and spelling. The topic is: "Describe a challenge you have faced and how you overcame it."

Submission: All applications and supporting materials must be received by 5pm (EST) on April 15, 2025. Certified photocopies of transcripts are acceptable. Any materials received after the deadline date and time will not be considered.

Send to: By Mail: Honorable Few-Capt. J.J. Harris USMC Det.1302
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Electronically: Email to: scholarship@honorablefew.com

Notification: The Guidance Departments of those students selected to receive Scholarship Awards will be notified by May 15, 2025.

Awards: Scholarship recipients must provide evidence of enrollment in their academic institution for the upcoming Fall Semester along with the College/University mailing address which is designated to receive scholarship funds. At our sole discretion, payment may be made directly to the institution.

Publicity: Those receiving awards will be asked to agree to have their names published in Honorable Few-Capt. J.J. Harris USMC Detachment #1302, Marine Corps League newsletters, web site, and news releases announcing the results.

APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Student Name:	
Home Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Your Contact phone #:	
Your Contact email:	
Name/Address of current school:	
Name/Address of school you plan to attend:	
Parent/Guardian Name:	

List any academic/athletic awards and recognition:

List any extracurricular/community service activities:

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____