

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: (Must meet all of the following requirements)**

**Applicant needs to be a high school senior, continuing education student or military spouse working towards their initial vocational or undergraduate degree.**

- **Graduating high school seniors**

- ⤴ Dependents of Armed Forces personnel assigned to Kirtland Air Force Base or on remote assignment. (Armed Forces personnel are defined as members currently serving on active duty in any branch of the United States Military.)
- ⤴ This includes members of the National Guard or Reserve Corps assigned to Kirtland AFB and on active duty orders at the time of application.
- ⤴ Dependents of retired military personnel are eligible. (If military member is deceased, the applicant must provide proof of military benefits based on the family relationship to the deceased military member).
- ⤴ All applicants must reside within a 50-mile radius of Kirtland AFB.
- ⤴ Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
- ⤴ Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited college, university or vocational school on a full time basis in the fall of 2012.

- **Spouses**

- ⤴ Spouses of Armed Forces personnel assigned to Kirtland Air Force Base or on remote assignment. (Armed Forces personnel are defined as members currently serving on active duty in any branch of the United States Military.)
- ⤴ This includes members of the National Guard or Reserve Corps assigned to Kirtland AFB and on active duty orders at the time of application.
- ⤴ Spouses of retired military personnel are eligible. (If military member is deceased, the applicant must provide proof of military benefits based on the family relationship to the deceased military member).
- ⤴ All applicants must reside within a 50-mile radius of Kirtland AFB.
- ⤴ Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
- ⤴ Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited college, university or vocational school on a full time basis in the fall of 2012.

- **Continuing Education Students**

- ⤴ Dependents that are continuing education students (working on initial degree) of Armed Forces personnel assigned to Kirtland Air Force Base or on remote assignment. (Armed Forces personnel are defined as members currently serving on active duty in any branch of the United States Military.)
- ⤴ This includes members of the National Guard or Reserve Corps assigned to Kirtland AFB and on active duty orders at the time of application.
- ⤴ Dependents that are continuing education students of retired military personnel are eligible. (If military member is deceased, the applicant must provide proof of military benefits based on the family relationship to the deceased military member).
- ⤴ All applicants' sponsors must reside within a 50-mile radius of Kirtland AFB.
- ⤴ Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
- ⤴ Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited college, university or vocational school on a full time basis in the fall of 2012.

## **LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS:**

- Recipients who are fortunate to receive and accept scholarships from other sources that pay 100% of tuition and 100% of room and board for one or more years may not receive a KOSC scholarship.
- An applicant may receive an OSC scholarship only once.
- Upon written verification of enrollment from the college/university/vocational school received by the KOSC Scholarship Committee, a check for the amount of the scholarship will be mailed to the school. The school may require the scholarship recipient to co-sign the check. Scholarship money must be claimed by December 31, 2012 or the scholarship award will be forfeited.
- A minimum of 1 scholarship will be given to a dependent spouse and a minimum of 1 scholarship to a continuing education student. Each category is judged only against like categories.
- If an applicant meets all qualifications at the time of application and subsequently the military member is transferred after the application deadline, resulting in the applicant moving out of the 50 mile radius of Kirtland AFB, the applicant will still be considered eligible for a scholarship award.
- In the event a natural disaster occurs and the military family has moved within the 50 mile radius of Kirtland AFB, the dependent may apply for a scholarship if all other requirements are met.

## **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:**

- The following will be given consideration as the basis for choosing scholarship recipients: scholastic achievement including GPA, SAT/ACT scores, academic honors or awards, school and community activities including honors or leadership, work experience, letters of recommendation and the application essay.
- There is no discrimination regarding race, religion, sex, national origin, or disability.
- Personnel may be either enlisted members or commissioned officers.
- Membership in KOSC is not a prerequisite for parents/spouses of applicants nor are the applicants whose parents/spouses are members of the KOSC given preferential consideration.
- An impartial independent scholarship selection committee evaluates the applications received for KOSC Merit Scholarships. The selection committee may be comprised of administrators, educators, and counselors from Albuquerque Public Schools, local colleges, and vocational schools. KOSC members are not involved in the selection of the scholarship recipients.
- A "Blind Selection" process is used. Each application is assigned a number as they are received. The names of applicants are covered before applications are given to the selection committee. After the judges scores are tallied; the final scores are placed in descending order. Scholarship amounts are determined at this time. The names are then applied to the numbers and scholarship recipients announced. All applicants will be notified by mail of the results and scholarship recipients will also be contacted by phone.