



## Dahlgren Officers' Spouses' Club

### Rosemarie Blades Honorary Scholarship

#### Eligibility Requirements

Applicant must meet **ALL** of the following requirements in one of the three categories:

#### Category I: Graduating High School Seniors

Graduating high school seniors who are dependents of military personnel currently or previously assigned to Dahlgren as a permanent duty station. Military personnel are defined as members serving on Active Duty in any branch of the United States military. This includes members of the National Guard or Reserve Corps on active duty orders. Personnel may be either enlisted or commissioned officers. Additionally, dependents of retired or deceased military personnel are eligible if the retired or deceased member was stationed at Dahlgren during Active Duty status.

Dependents of non-elected current DOSC members in good standing by October 31 are also eligible to apply.

Dependents of elected executive board members of DOSC may NOT apply until after two years of service has lapsed.

#### Category II: Undergraduate Students

Undergraduate students who are dependents of military personnel currently or previously assigned to Dahlgren as a permanent duty station. Military personnel are defined as members serving on Active Duty in any branch of the United States military. This includes members of the National Guard or Reserve Corps on active duty orders. Personnel may be either enlisted or commissioned officers. Additionally, dependents of retired or deceased military personnel are eligible if the retired or deceased member was stationed at Dahlgren during Active Duty status.

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### Category III: Civilian Spouses

Civilian spouses married to Active Duty military members at the time of application and maintaining active duty status throughout the academic year. Military personnel are defined as members serving on Active Duty in any branch of the United States military. This includes members of the National Guard or Reserve Corps on Active Duty orders. Personnel may be either enlisted or commissioned officers.

ELECTED members of DOSC may NOT apply.

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### Criteria for Selection

The purpose of the information provided in the application is to apply for financial assistance. Information provided will be used to assess scholastic achievement, school involvement, and community engagement. Financial need is not considered.

Membership in DOSC is not a prerequisite for parents/spouses of applicants, nor is the applicant whose parent/spouse is a member of DOSC given preferential consideration.

Previous DOSC scholarship recipients may not reapply. An applicant may receive a DOSC scholarship only once. However, those who have previously applied, but DID NOT receive a scholarship award are eligible to reapply.

All applicants need to be high school seniors or students working towards their initial Associate's or Bachelor's degree, in **Full-Time** status, at an accredited school.

A blind-selection process is used. Each application is assigned a number as they are received. The names of the applicants are covered before applications are given to the Selection Committee. No one knows who the applicants are until the judges give their final scores and the names are applied to the numbers.

### Award and Disbursement of Funds

The amount awarded for scholarships each year will depend on funds raised by DOSC and determined by the members of DOSC. The Scholarship Committee will make recommendations based on applications received. All applications and supporting documents become property of DOSC and will not be returned.



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All applicants will be notified by e-mail of the results by **May 1st**, and winners will also be contacted by phone.

Upon verification of enrollment received by the DOSC 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. Checks will be mailed at the end of July to your school.

If the recipient accepts admission into a service academy or receives a full scholarship that covers all expenses, the applicant is no longer eligible for the Rosemary Blades Honorary Scholarship.

### **Confirmation of Submission**

If you haven't received a confirmation of submission receipt in 5 business days, please contact [scholarshipdosc@gmail.com](mailto:scholarshipdosc@gmail.com) and CC [secretarydosc@gmail.com](mailto:secretarydosc@gmail.com).



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### Application Checklist

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Only completed applications in **one .pdf file** will be considered. There will be no allowances for late, incomplete, or multiple email applications and documents. Applications must be submitted via **EMAIL** by **March 15** of the award year by **8:00pm EST** to [scholarshipdose@gmail.com](mailto:scholarshipdose@gmail.com) AND Carbon Copy (CC) [secretarydose@gmail.com](mailto:secretarydose@gmail.com).
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Submit government orders showing sponsor's permanent change in duty station to or from Dahlgren, VA **AND** a Page 2 from DEERS. If the sponsor is deceased, provide proof of military benefits based on the family relationship to the deceased military member (Example DD Form 214 or 1300.) Please black out all social security numbers from orders, transcripts, etc. before submitting application.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Graduating high school seniors must submit an unofficial high school transcript showing completed coursework and GPA. Undergraduate students must submit an unofficial college transcript showing completed coursework and GPA. Spouses without college credit must submit an unofficial high school transcript showing completed coursework and GPA. Spouses with college credit must submit an unofficial college transcript showing coursework and GPA.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Copy of your ACT or SAT scores (not required for spouse applications).
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. List academic honors, awards, or special recognition you have received in the last five years.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Describe school activities in which you have been involved in the last five years.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Describe community activities in which you have been involved in the last five years.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Describe work experience including both paid and unpaid positions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Submit two letters of recommendation from a teacher, employer, coach, counselor, or other **non-related** adult. (Names will be blacked out before the letters are presented to the judges).
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. List colleges and universities that you have applied to or plan to apply to. Include a short paragraph about your intended field of study and your academic and professional objectives.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. In a 550-word essay describe your experience as a military kid/spouse. Consider the benefits and challenges. How has this experience impacted your life? Your essay will be scored on your ability to clearly state your ideas as well as its technical merit (i.e. punctuation, spelling, etc.).
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Before submitting your application, please remove (black out/white out) all social security numbers/PII from orders, transcripts, etc.



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### Rosemarie Blades Honorary Scholarship Application Cover Page

Application Type (check one):

- Category I: High School Senior  
 Category II: Undergraduate Student  
 Category III: Spouse Undergraduate Student

Personal Information (This page will not be seen by the judges):

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ (all applications due in **one .pdf file** by **March 15th** to [scholarshipdosc@gmail.com](mailto:scholarshipdosc@gmail.com) AND CC [secretarydosc@gmail.com](mailto:secretarydosc@gmail.com) by 8:00pm EST.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Last/First/Middle Initial)

Home Address:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Date of Birth: Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians or Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Rank/Rate of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Status (check one): \_\_\_\_\_ Active Duty \_\_\_\_\_ Retired \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_