

APPLICATION PACKET

Thank you for your interest in the James H. Fearns Memorial Scholarship. This grant seeks to encourage and financially assist cadets enrolled in the Orange High School MCJROTC who wish to further their education beyond high school. A maximum of \$5,000 is available each year to be awarded towards tuition and expenses, which may be distributed among several applicants in the discretion of the Scholarship Board.

- <u>Who is eligible</u>: Graduating senior cadets currently enrolled in the Orange High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) who plan to go on to college or pursue a vocational school certification. Cadets receiving scholarships are eligible and encouraged to apply for continued post-graduation funding so long as they are successfully pursuing a college degree or vocational certification. Award authorization and annual recertification are at the discretion of the SMI and the Scholarship Board.
- <u>Scholarship Inspiration</u>: Master Gunnery Sergeant James FEARNS (USMC, Ret.), was instrumental in the establishment of the Orange High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC unit. As a retired Marine and Orange Unified School District Board Member, he personally lobbied the Commandant of the Marine Corps to establish a JROTC unit at Orange High School. His love for the Corps and for the students of Orange High is legendary and memorialized in the establishment of this fund, which is supported and administered by the Orange High Marine Corps JROTC Association.
- <u>Award Criteria</u>: Amounts awarded will be at the discretion of the SMI in consultation with the Marine Instructor (MI) and a Scholarship Board which will conduct a personal interview with each candidate. Academic achievement, personal motivation and commitment to excellence as well as financial need will be the primary criteria in awarding funds.
- <u>When funds are distributed</u>: Funds will normally be distributed directly to the educational institution in which the cadet is enrolled. Scholarship funds will be paid by the Orange High School Marine Corps JROTC Association upon presentation of a bill for books, fees, or tuition charged to the cadet.
- <u>Announcments</u>: Scholarship selections will be publically announced at the Orange High School Awards Assembly as well as the Cadet Award and Graduation Ceremony. Additionally, the names and photographs of the cadets selected will be featured in a congratulatory announcement made in the Orange City News.

To apply for the scholarship, please submit the attached Application Form along with a current copy of your OHS transcript to the Senior Marine Instructor (SMI) before 15 February.

JAMES FEARNS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

CADET APPLICATION

Name (Last, First):	Phone:				
Address:					
Email Address:	Counselor:				
High School GPA:	(Please attach a copy of your transcript)				
Colleges/Vocational Schools you are considering:					

College/School	Applied?	Accepted?

Planned Major/Course of Study? _____

High School/Community/Athletic Activities & Awards

Activity/Award	School Year	Description of Your Participation
Marine Corps JROTC		

Work Experience – Please list any paid or unpaid work experience

Job/Internship & Duties		School Year(s)

Personal Essay:

Please attach a brief statement (no more than 1 page) of your educational and career goals, and the motivation that underlies those goals. You may also include any other information which you believe would be relevant to your consideration for this scholarship.