

Dear Members and Friends of the Association,

The National Montford Point Marine Association Inc. Maryland Chapter #17 (NMPMA MD Chapter #17) scholarships are awarded to Maryland high school seniors bound for an institution of higher learning (IHL) with a minimum 3.0 GPA and whose scholastic accomplishments, ingenuity and dedicated service to the community is found to be exemplary. We offer these scholarship opportunities to you in hopes it will facilitate your educational plans and assist you in achieving your educational goals. Moreover, this scholarship is available to current college students with a minimum 3.0 GPA, who graduated from a Maryland high school.

Scholarship funding will be provided directly to the institution in which you are enrolled. Guidelines for applying for and selection of the scholarships are included in the subsequent pages.

The NMPMA Inc. is a non-profit Veterans organization established to perpetuate the legacy of the first African-American Marine recruits to join the United States Marine Corps. Camp Johnson, formerly known as Montford Point Camp now located in Jacksonville North Carolina, is the military base that housed and trained approximately 20,000 African –American Marines from 1942 to 1949. Camp Johnson is currently the home of Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools.

The NMPMA is open to all members of the armed forces, regardless of race, creed, gender or national origin. Members can be on active duty, have honorably served in the armed forces for 90 days or have received an honorable discharge at the time of separation.

The purpose of the NMPMA is to increase awareness of the many notable contributions made by the Montford Point Marines; to support educational assistance programs; to support and promote community service; and to improve the social conditions of community veterans, local families, youth, and senior citizens.

Throughout the year, NMPMA members diligently work together and/or with our community to coordinate activities, events and various projects that create camaraderie, goodwill and esprit de corps. Our interest and desire to participate in community efforts have no boundaries. We look forward to receiving your submission.

Sincerely, Scholarship Chair National Montford Point Marine Association, Inc Maryland Chapter #17



Dear Applicant,

Please ensure you read and adhere to the below guidelines before you complete and submit your package. Scholarship packages <u>must be mailed (</u>do not email your package) and post marked on or before 30 May. These guidelines will rule in the case of a discrepancy.

- 1. A graduating high school senior with a minimum 3.0 GPA to qualify for the scholarship.
- 2. Applicants must be involved in community service.
- 3. Essay Requirements: Applicants must submit an essay that address the below statement in bold type.

The African-American men who trained at Montford Point Camp are considered trailblazers within the United States Marine Corps. What educational and career aspirations do you have that will impact others and how has the history of the Montford Point Marine influenced you?

- 4. Submit your 250 500 word essay using the American Psychological Association (APA) format for a 8 1/2x11-inch document
 - a. Typeface: The preferred typeface is Times New Roman, with 12-point font size
 - b. Line spacing: Double–space between all text lines of the essay. Double –space after every line in the title, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and figure captions.
 - c. Margins: Leave uniform margins of at least 1 inch at the top, bottom, left and right of every page.
 - d. Alignment: Do not justify lines; that is, adjust spacing between words to make all lines the same length. Instead, use the flush-left style, and leave the right margin uneven, or ragged.
 - e. Paragraphs: Indent the first line of every paragraph and the first line of every footnote. For consistency, use the tab key, which should be set at five to seven spaces, or ½inch.
 - f. Order of Essay: (Page 1) "Title" which contains the title of the essay, running head, author byline and current institution. (Page 2 and beyond) is the body of the 250 500 wordessay.

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- g. Transcripts: Submit one official (sealed) copy of your transcript still sealed in the original envelope.
- h. Letters of Recommendation: Two letters of recommendation are required. The first letter should be from your high school administration and the second from a local community advocate. Letters are highly recommended to be on official letterhead but do not need to be sealed in an envelope.
- i. Application: Submit one completed copy (original) of the essay, the two letters of recommendation, sealed transcript and completed application.
- j. To be eligible for consideration, ALL requested documents MUST be included in your package and all guidelines MUST be met. Please submit only requested documents.
- 5. Completed scholarship application packages with ALL requested documents must be received in our office or post marked NLT 30 May. NO EXCEPTIONS. Mail packages to NMPMA, Inc MD #17, PO Box 47295, Windsor Mill, MD. 21244.
- 6. The scholarship committee will review all completed applications during the month of June.
- 7. The Association will announce the recipients during the July monthly meeting in 2024.
- 8. Moreover, this scholarship is avaialible to current college students with a minimum 3.0 GPA, who graduated from a Maryland high school.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Contact the Scholarship Chair at: <u>MPM17MD@GMAIL.COM</u>