

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



The USS Silversides Submarine Museum has partnered with the Lorraine F. and Fred S. Bertsch Jr. Foundation to bring a scholarship opportunity to West Michigan Area. The foundation promotes service at the community, state, and federal level through education at a college or trade school.

The mission of the USS Silversides Submarine Museum is to honor the men and women of the military, preserve military history and provide experiences that educate the public about past and present military history and technology.

ELIGIBILITY

This scholarship opportunity is for any of the following individuals who:

- Have honorably served in the military
- Currently serving in the military
- A member of the ROTC Program
- A military dependent (child or spouse)
- Those pursuing a career in medical, teaching, or emergency services such as police, firefighting, or other EMTs.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Complete Application
- From the West Michigan Area
- Recommendation letter from an educator or program leader who is familiar with your service to the community
- Color head shot suitable for website and social media posting
- Attach a personal statement of 300-500 words in response to **one** of the following prompts:
 - What does the word "leadership" mean to you and how have you demonstrated your definition of leadership in you school, community, or the military?
 - Describe how being a child or spouse of a military service member has influenced your educational goals.
 - How has the military shaped your life?
 - What would you like civilians to know or better understand about the military **or** career field you are going into?
 - Why are you choosing the career field you are choosing?

COMPLETE APPLICATION ON NEXT PAGE

Complete the fillable PDF on the next page and email your completed application to began@silversidesmuseum.org. by August 5, 2023. Include "2023 Scholarship Application" in the Subject Line and attach your personal statement and recommendation letter.

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Applications are due by August 5, 2023. Recipients will be notified by August 14, 2023 and recognized at the annual USS Silversides Fundraiser on September 7, 2023.

Scholarship funds can be used for tuition, books, room and board, and other school-related expenses.

First Name: Application Date:

Last Name: Middle Initial:

Home Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Phone: DOB: (MM/DD/YYYY)

Email:

Please check all that apply and attach proof as necessary to the application email:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Honorably served in the US Military | <input type="checkbox"/> In/Going into the Medical Field |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Currently serving in the US Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Currently/Becoming a Teacher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A dependent of a US Military member | <input type="checkbox"/> Serving/Becoming a Police Officer, Firefighter, EMT, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A member of an ROTC program | |

Please list the school you will be attending and how you will use the funds:

By signing below, I acknowledge that all information provided is accurate and complete.

Signature: Date: