

NWFMOA Scholarship Fund, Inc.
ROTC Scholarship Application (Revised Feb. 2026)
(Academic Years 2026-2027 and beyond)

Scholarship Policies and Instructions for Completing Application

The Northwest Florida Military Officers Association (NWFMOA) is a local chapter of the national Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). The NWFMOA Scholarship Fund, Inc. will offer and award ~~two~~ scholarships in the amount of \$4,000.00 each to qualified ROTC cadets of any U.S. military services attending an accredited college or university program for Academic Year 2026-27 and beyond. The number of scholarships to be awarded each academic year will be determined annually by the Scholarship Fund Board of Directors dependent on the Fund's financial posture. To be eligible for the scholarship, the ROTC cadets must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a full-time student enrolled in an accredited college or university and an active junior or senior ROTC cadet in good standing. NOTE: Scholarship awardees may elect to use the scholarship in either their junior or senior year of ROTC provided he/she has completed summer training (see para 4 below).
2. Be a high school graduate from one of the following high schools in Okaloosa, Walton, or Santa Rosa counties in Florida:
 - a. Baker School
 - b. Choctawhatchee High School
 - c. Collegiate High School
 - d. Crestview High School
 - e. Destin High School
 - f. Fort Walton Beach High School
 - g. Freeport High School
 - h. Laurel Hill School
 - i. Navarre High School
 - j. Niceville High School
 - k. Paxton High School
 - l. Rocky Bayou Christian School
 - m. South Walton High School
 - n. Walton High School
 - o. Home School graduate who resided in Okaloosa or Walton County at time of high school graduation.
3. Have completed a minimum of 60 credit hours and earned an overall GPA of 3.0 or greater in their college/university studies.

4. Have successfully completed AFROTC Field Training, Army Cadet Summer Training Advanced Camp, or Navy/Marine Corps Summer Training Cruises. (NOTE: This training does not have to be completed prior to application and award of the scholarship. However, the scholarship payment will be withheld until after this training has been completed as verified by the ROTC unit.)
5. Applications must be in the prescribed format for this scholarship. Do not merely use a format or document order that other scholarship programs use. Failure to comply can eliminate the applicant from consideration or reduce scoring points.
6. Attach documents in the following order: (1) **Cover Sheet** for NWFMOA ROTC Scholarship Application AY 2026-27; (2) **Statement of Understanding**; (3) **Resume** with the eight (8) listed factors in sequence (i.e., Education; Activities & Leadership; Honors and Awards; Community Service; Work Experience; Other Scholarships, Grants, and/or Monetary Awards; Statement of Financial Need; and, Statement of “Why I Should Be Selected For This Scholarship”); (4) **Letter of Recommendation** from your ROTC Detachment Commander (required); and, (5) **Second Letter of Recommendation**, if desired. (Limit items (4) and (5) to 1 page each).
7. Cadet applicant and his/her ROTC Detachment Commander must sign the “Statement of Understanding”.
8. Fill in the top section of the “**Resume**” page and provide the requested information (in sequence) for Items 1 through 8. (Part of the selection criteria is based on financial need. The cadet needs to address these needs. Further, the cadet needs to provide information on any other scholarships or monetary awards they have been awarded or applied for. This information needs to be current as of the date of application. NOTE: If the applicant is receiving financial aid from the University that would be offset by receiving this scholarship, tell us that in this section.)
9. Include a maximum of two (2) letters of recommendation. One of the letters must be from the ROTC Detachment Commander. In that letter of recommendation, the Detachment Commander should verify the applicant’s overall GPA and assess the cadet’s standing in the unit, moral character, demonstrated leadership, and potential for future military service. The second letter of recommendation can be from any individual the cadet chooses. Suggestions include: college advisor, professor, minister, or commissioned officer. Limit each letter of recommendation to one page.
- 10.. **Completed Application** must be received by the NWFMOA Scholarship Fund **no later than March 1 of the year of application**. Mail the completed application (in **eight (8) copies**) to: NWFMOA Scholarship Fund, C/O Major Dave Parisot, 56 11th Street, Shalimar, FL 32579. (Contact for Major Parisot is (850) 613-6545 or via email at nwfmof@gmail.com).

11. Recipients/Selectees of scholarships will be notified in April of each applicant year. If the scholarship selectee is available, our formal scholarship presentations will be held on the first Thursday of May in conjunction with the NWFMOA Scholarship Luncheon at the Fort Walton Yacht Club, 180 Ferry Road, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547. More information will be provided prior to the event.

12. Approved by the NWFMOA Scholarship Fund Board on Oct 8, 2025.

Original signed.

Original Signed

Dave Parisot, Maj, USAF, Ret., President

George Colton, Lt.Col., USAF, Ret. Treasurer.

The NWFMOA Scholarship Fund, Inc. Statement of Understanding (Rev. Feb. 2026)

(Please read carefully and sign)

I, _____, in applying for and accepting this ROTC scholarship, agree to the following conditions:

1. I understand the award of this scholarship is for the academic year specified, or within two semesters following completion of AF Field Training, or Army Advanced Camp, or Navy/Marine Corps Summer Training Cruises. The scholarship will be used solely for payment of tuition and other expenses paid through my college or university Office of Financial Aid (or equivalent). Funds will be disbursed to the college or university Office of Financial Aid on the student's behalf. (Please have the college or university Office of Financial Aid or Registrar provide back to the NWFMOA Scholarship Fund, Inc. whom to make the check payable to and the address to mail the check). The scholarship awardee is responsible to request their Office of Financial Aid to submit a request for funds to the NWFMOA Scholarship Fund, Inc. point of contact: Major Dave Parisot, USAF, Ret., at nwfmoasf@gmail.com.
2. I understand I may apply for and be selected for this scholarship prior to successfully completing Field Training / Advanced Camp / Summer Training Cruises. I further understand, the disbursement of scholarship funds from NWFMOA Scholarship Fund, Inc. to my college or university Office of Financial Aid is contingent upon my successful completion of Field Training / Advanced Camp / Summer Training Cruises and meeting all other stated criteria.
3. I understand any scholarship funds not used during the specified academic year will be returned to the NWFMOA Scholarship Fund, Inc. I further understand refunds of any portion of this scholarship to the recipient is prohibited. This is the student's responsibility.
4. If I disenroll or otherwise become not in good standing as a cadet in the ROTC program, I understand any scholarship funds will be returned to the NWFMOA Scholarship Fund, Inc.
5. I have NOT received a full (tuition, room, board, books, etc.) athletic, academic, ROTC scholarship or award. Should I receive any such scholarships or awards, I will notify NWFMOA Scholarship Fund, Inc. and any payments paid under this scholarship will be returned to NWFMOA Scholarship Fund, Inc. This is the student's responsibility.
6. I agree to the use of my name and picture concerning this award in purposes to promote any fundraising activities for this scholarship so as to assist future ROTC cadets. Upon notification of my selection, I will email a photo (head and shoulder) of myself in Service Dress uniform.
7. I understand the NWFMOA Scholarship Fund, Inc. reserves the right to correspond with the college/university Office of Financial Aid and/or Registrar and the ROTC offices concerning the appropriate use of this award.
8. I certify that the information presented in this scholarship application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I have read and agree to abide by the rules of eligibility stated in this Statement of Understanding.

Cadet Applicant Signature

ROTC Detachment Commander Signature

