

Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana Chapter 1

Submission Deadline: January 1-March 31

The Camille Alyse Begnaud Military Scholarship for Educational Advancement - Big Dipper is awarded annually to retired, honorably discharged, active duty, or a member of the National Guard or Reserve. The scholarship is to provide financial assistance for service members, or veterans to aide in completing their educational goals without incurring excessive student loan debt. It's just another way to say "thank you" to those who deserve it the most.

Blinding the Application

All awards undergo blind review. Candidates must submit 2 copies of documentation. One copy must be void of all identifying information from the application form and all accompanying documentation to ensure anonymity and fairness. An original of the application and supporting documents must be sent with one (1) blinded photocopy. The Scholarship Committee recommends that applicants retain a copy of submitted materials.

Submission Deadline

Applications must be received at the BSM of Louisiana Chapter 1 office by March 31, 2018, to be considered for the award. Submissions received after the deadline will not receive consideration. The Scholarship Committee recommends that applications be sent via registered certified mail or email. The Scholarship Committee is not responsible for non-performance on the part of the mail. No faxed copies will be accepted.

Scoring of Awards

Each award application will receive an identification number when received at the Chapter office. The application will then receive blind review based on an objective point system. It will be scored by Scholarship Committee members in conjunction with other appropriate reviewers.

Notification of Awards

The President of Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana Chapter 1 Big Dipper will notify applicants of the award selection no later than May 2018. Further instructions for the award recipients will be provided at that time.

Incomplete Applications

Incomplete submissions and applications will not be considered.

Questions

Please address questions about the awards process to the BSM of Louisiana Chapter 1 President Big Dipper at bsmscholarship@bluestarmoms.net

**Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana Chapter 1
Camille Alyse Begnaud Military Scholarship
for Educational Advancement - Big Dipper
APPLICANTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility Criteria

1. Be a resident of Louisiana.
2. Be retired, honorably discharged, active duty, or a member of the National Guard or Reserve.
3. Participate in, be accepted to or currently enrolled in an approved two or four Year College or technical/trade program or school at an accredited institution.
4. Must submit a complete, signed application, together with all supporting documents, by the deadline listed.

Award

1. Scholarship(s) of up to \$5,000 dollars will be awarded to qualified applicant(s) based on the number of candidate submissions each year and funding. Minimum scholarship award is \$1,000 dollars.
2. Applications will be accepted January 1 through March 31.
3. Scholarships will be awarded in June of the same calendar year.
4. Scholarships will be submitted to the institution identified on the application and are restricted to tuition & fees.

Required Documentation

1. Complete application and one (1) blinded copy. 2 copies of all documentation must be submitted. One original and one blinded.
2. Submit a typed essay between 250-500 words addressing how you will use the scholarship funds to further your educational goals. Include one (1) blinded copy.
3. DD214 or active service papers for reservist.
4. Applications to be mailed or emailed only. ***NO FAXED COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.***
***Mail application to PO Box 86507 Baton Rouge, LA 70879 or email to
bsmscholarship@bluestarmoms.net.***

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The shaded areas indicate identifying information that should not appear on the blinded photocopies of the application. Other required documentation (personal statement and essay) must be included, with copy blinded per instructions.

SECTION A

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (home) _____ (cell) _____

Preferred email _____

SECTION B

Branch of Service:

- USMC Navy Army Coast Guard Air Force
 Retired Active Duty National Guard/Reservist

Rank in Service _____ Years in Military Service _____

MOS: _____

Combat Deployment Yes/No (if yes, explain)

Number of Tours in Combat _____

Commendations(list) _____

I certify that the statements made in this application are complete and accurate.

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail completed application to BSM of LA Chapter 1, PO Box 86507, Baton Rouge, LA 70879 or email to bsmscholarship@bluestarmoms.net.