

Captain Jennifer J. Harris, USMC Memorial Scholarship Program 2023 Application Package

Applications must be received by: April 15, 2023
(No exceptions will be made)



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CAPTAIN JENNIFER J. HARRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The purpose of the program is to provide scholarships in Jennifer's name to students in their senior year of high school who will be attending a state or nationally accredited college or university in the fall of 2023.

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic merit, an original essay, awards and recognition, and extracurricular/community service activities. Additional consideration will be given to those eligible applicants from Swampscott High School (Jennifer's alma mater) or those enrolled in a JROTC Program in Essex or Eastern Middlesex Counties. Applications and all supporting materials must be received by **April 15, 2023**. No exceptions will be made. Four scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each will be awarded.

ABOUT JENNIFER J. HARRIS

Jennifer J. Harris was a 1996 graduate of Swampscott High and upon graduation from the United States Naval Academy in 2000 was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. She attended The Basic School in Quantico, VA, and then flight school in Pensacola, FL, earning her Aviator Wings of Gold on September 13, 2002. Jennifer was then assigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Training Squadron (HMMT-164) in Camp Pendleton, CA where she learned to fly the CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter and upon completion of training was assigned to the Purple Foxes Squadron (HMM-364) immediately deploying for Operation Iraqi Freedom. HMM-364 is a legendary squadron known since the Vietnam War for repeatedly answering the call of duty flying in and out of active combat areas where imminent danger was always present. During her time in HMM-364, Jennifer attended The Weapons and Tactics Instructor's Course (WTI), the Marine equivalent to Top Gun training. Captain Harris was the first female pilot in the Purple Foxes Squadron.

A commitment to serve others was a core value guiding Jennifer and was most evident in her decision to serve our country. As a Marine, she combined this commitment with her sense of compassion to be one of the best CH-46 pilots in the Marine Corps. She performed her duties as a Casualty Evacuation pilot flying in and out of combat areas for the emergency evacuation of injured soldiers and Iraqi citizens, saving countless lives.

Captain Harris served three tours of duty in Iraq and was killed in action on February 7, 2007, when the helicopter she was piloting was downed by enemy fire.

2023 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Judging:** Decisions will be based on a transcript of your high school grades for senior year (to date) and junior year (full year), an essay judged on the quality of writing, awards and recognition, and extracurricular/community service activities. The judges shall disregard race, gender, age, color of skin, and any other factor that may constitute discrimination. All Scholarship Committee decisions are final.
- Entry Criteria:** The student must be a graduating high school senior and be planning to attend a state or nationally accredited two or four year college or university.
- Essay:** The essay topic is "Pick a historic patriotic figure and write about why you admire them" and should be no longer than **300** words in length. **Do not include any identifying names or references on the essay document.**
- Rules:** All applications require a completed cover sheet and must be the original work of the student. Grammar, punctuation and spelling will be considered.
- Entries must be received by 5pm (EST) on April 15, 2023. All applications and supporting materials must be received by the deadline date and time. Any materials received after the deadline date and time will not be considered, regardless of the circumstances.
- Send to:** By Mail: Honorable Few-Capt. J.J. Harris USMC Det.1302
Marine Corps League
P.O. Box 3957
Peabody, MA 01961
- Electronically: Email to: scholarship@honorablefew.com
- Awards:** The Guidance Departments of those students selected to receive Scholarship Awards will be notified by May 15, 2023.
- Publicity:** By submitting an application, those receiving awards agree to have their names published, at our sole discretion, in Honorable Few-Capt. J.J. Harris USMC Det.1302, Marine Corps League newsletters, web site, signs and news releases announcing the results.

APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Student Name:	
Home Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Your Contact phone #:	
Your Contact email:	
Name/Address of current school:	
Name/Address of school you plan to attend:	
Parent/Guardian Name:	

List any awards and recognition:

List any extracurricular/community service activities:

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____