



Montford Point Marine Association, Inc. Chapter 10 & Auxiliary



Mailing Address:
Post Office Box 928, Jacksonville NC 28541

2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. & MRS. ALMITA S. R. WOODS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Dear Applicant,

The Montford Point Marine Association, Inc. Chapter 10 and Auxiliary (formerly Ladies Auxiliary) 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, is located in Jacksonville, North Carolina. It is the military base that housed and trained approximately 20,000 Marines from 1942 to 1949. Camp Johnson is currently the home of Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools.

Montford Point Marine Association, Inc. 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 at least 90 days or have received an honorable discharge at the time of separation. Members of the Auxiliary must be the spouse, mother, sister, daughter or family member of persons that meet the above criteria.

The purpose of the Auxiliary is to increase awareness of the many notable contributions made by our original 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, Auxiliary members actively work to coordinate activities and community events that promote unity and goodwill. Similarly, our annual scholarship programs are open to all local high school seniors bound for an institution of higher learning (IHL) and students already enrolled in an IHL. We have also awarded saving bonds to young essay contest winners during African-American History Month.

In 1987, the Auxiliary established the "*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Award*," named after the great civil rights leader. This scholarship, further personified by the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Black and White Scholarship Ball, is only awarded to qualifying Onslow County high school seniors who are bound for an IHL.

In 1995, the Auxiliary established a second scholarship program, the "*Mrs. Almita S. R. Woods Scholarship Award*," to bestow the highest accolades on an exemplary Onslow County high school senior bound for an IHL OR for a student already matriculated in an IHL.

We offer these scholarship opportunities in hopes that they will facilitate your educational plans and assist you in achieving your educational goals. Thank you for your interest.

For applications go to the Montford Point Marine Association, Inc. Website:

www.mpmalejeune10.org



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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PACKAGE GUIDELINES

Please reread this notice before completing and submitting your package.

Dear Applicant,

Please ensure you read and closely adhere to the below guidelines before you complete and submit your package. Scholarship package **must be mailed** (do not email your package) and **post marked on or before March 15, 2021.**

1. To qualify for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.(MLK) or Mrs. Almita S. R. Woods(AW) scholarships, each applicant must be or have been an Onslow County high school graduate. Current high school seniors are eligible to apply for **both** scholarships, in accordance with guidelines below.
2. Graduating high school senior applicants must have at least a 2.8 GPA to qualify for the MLK scholarship and at least a 3.0 GPA to qualify for the AW scholarship.
3. Applicants currently matriculated in an institution of higher learning (IHL) must have at least a 3.0 GPA to qualify for the AW scholarship. Current IHL students may only apply for the AW scholarship.
4. Applicants must be involved in community service.
5. **Essay Requirements:** Each applicant must submit an essay conveying his/her thoughts on the **2021 Essay Question** included later in the application. Submit your 300-350 word essay, typed on 8 1/2x11-inch plain white paper, single-spaced and double-spaced between paragraphs. Please use Courier New and 12 Font. (See page 4 for 2020 Essay Question)
6. **Photograph:** Please submit a professional head and shoulders 3x5-inch or 4x6-inch photograph (graduation photo preferred), suitable for newspaper and other publications. Write your name on the back of your photograph and please **do not staple photograph to application!** Only one photograph is required.
7. **Transcripts:** Submit one official sealed copy of your transcript in the original envelope.
8. **Letters of Recommendation:** Three letters of recommendation are required; two from high school/IHL faculty members, and one from an individual in the community. Letters should be on official letterhead (if applicable) but do not need to be sealed in an envelope.

GUIDELINES CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE



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9. **Letter of Acceptance:** A Letter of Acceptance to IHL for high school seniors or Letter of Continued Enrollment for students in IHL is required.
10. **Application:** Submit one complete copy (original copy) of all requested items **plusthree additional copies of your completed scholarship package, collated and stapled separately.** (*Note: Include only one professional photograph and one official transcript still sealed in the original envelope.*)
11. **Letter of Hardship (optional):** If applicable, please submit a letter detailing your level of hardship. In addition, please include a substantiating letter from the Department of Social Services, your employer, or other supporting agency on official organizational letterhead if feasible.
12. To be eligible for consideration, **ALL requested documents MUST be included** in your package and **ALL guidelines MUST be met.** Please only submit requested documents.
13. **Completed scholarship application package with ALL requested documents MUST be received in our office or post marked NLT March 15, 2020 - NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
Mail packages to: MPMA Auxiliary, Attn: Scholarship Committee, PO Box 928,
Jacksonville NC 28541.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OUR MPMA, INC. SCHOLARSHIPS

To download a copy of the 2021 Scholarship Application, go to the Montford Point Marine Association, Inc. Chapter 10 Website: www.mpmalejeune10.org and click on the 2021 Scholarship Application.

Points of Contact

Scholarship Chair: Fran Martin (910) 539-9692

President: Ms. Gwendolyn E. Maddox (910) 381-1230 gmaddox1@ec.rr.com



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APPLICATION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- _____ Completed Application (1)
- _____ Letter of Acceptance (1)
- _____ Letters of Recommendation (3)
- _____ Sealed Transcript (1)
- _____ Essay (1)
- _____ Photograph (1)
- _____ Letter of Hardship (Optional - If included, please explain hardship.)

Submit one complete scholarship application package with all requested items **PLUS** three additional copies of your completed scholarship application package, collated and stapled separately.

(Note: Include only one professional photograph and one official transcript still sealed in the original envelope.)

2020 ESSAY QUESTION

The Montford Point Marine Memorial (located in Lejeune Memorial Gardens) was dedicated in July 2016 to hallmark the many challenges the Montford Point Marines endured and overcame. What aspect of the Montford Point Marine Memorial inspires you the most and how will that inspire you in your future endeavors?



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Applicant Information:

Scholarship(s) for which you are applying:

_____ Dr. Martin L. King _____ Mrs. Almita S. R. Woods

Applicant's Name: _____

Last 4 ofSSN: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip Code

Contact Number: _____ Secondary Number: _____

Are you currently enrolled in? ___ High School ___ College ___ Technical School ___ other

Name of current school: _____ Latest unweighted GPA: _____

School Address: _____

City State Zip Code

Years attended current school (dates) From: _____ To: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

Scholastic Honors/Awards Received (Brief Details):

Name of school/college/university where you plan to attend next year:

College Major/Area of Study:



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Date

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Employment History, Extracurricular Activities and Volunteer Service History

<u>Employment History</u>				
Employer Name & Address	Job Title	Start Date	End Date	Awards Received
<u>Extracurricular Activities</u>				
Name of Activity	Position	Start Date	End Date	Awards Received
<u>Volunteer or Community Service</u>				
Employer Name & Address	Job Title	Start Date	End Date	Awards Received

*If more space is needed, please continue on plain white paper.



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_____ Applicant is a Student OR

_____ Applicant is a Parent/Head of Household (Skip parental information)

Students please provide below parental information:

Mother's Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Address: _____

City

State

Zip Code

Current Place of Employment: _____

Father's Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Address: _____

City

State

Zip Code

Current Place of Employment: _____

Household Information:

Number of household family members currently enrolled intrade school, college, or university: (List relationship/institution)

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MRS. ALMITA S. R. WOODS -AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Mrs. Almita S. R. Woods, a native of Eastover, South Carolina, graduated cum laude from Benedict College located in Columbia, South Carolina, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree. She attended Atlanta University School of Social Work where she received a Master of Social Work Degree and further completed studies at the University of Texas.

Mrs. Woods served as a psychiatric social worker with the First Staff Force of the Onslow County Mental Health Association. She founded the Onslow Sickle Cell Association, currently known as the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc. Eastern North Carolina Chapter. The Almita S. R. Woods Award was established in recognition of her outstanding contributions to these organizations. This award is given annually to an Onslow County student who has achieved academically and who has made noteworthy contributions to the community.

Mrs. Woods was the Director of the Southeastern Area Community Action Program, Chairperson for the Salvation Army Advisory Board and a member of the Onslow County Counsel on the Status of Women. She also contributed significantly to the establishment of the Onslow County Human Services Counsel.

Mrs. Woods was a life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). While holding the position of Recording Secretary for the state NAACP, she had the privilege of working with Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, who was then the attorney for the NAACP. Mrs. Woods also assisted Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in organizing the first International Ministerial Alliance in Atlanta, Georgia, as well as participated in the famous "March on Washington" in 1963, where Dr. King made his renowned "I Have a Dream" Speech.

Mrs. Woods proposed and organized the Ladies Auxiliary of the Montford Point Marine Association, Chapter 10 and was the founder of the National Ladies Auxiliary. She was the first African-American woman from Onslow County to run for the North Carolina State House of Representatives. She was the only woman to head one of four City of Jacksonville teams and helped raised \$25,000 for the Beirut Memorial.

Mrs. Woods has been honored as "Woman of the Year" by Omega Psi Phi and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternities. The Montford Point Marine Association, financed by the Carolina Power and Light Company, bestowed on her the prestige of naming a scholarship in her honor, the "*Almita S. R. Woods Scholarship Award.*" Amid her many other accolades, her name is listed in "Who's Who Among Black Americans," and last but certainly not least, Mrs. Woods was awarded North Carolina's highest civilian award, the "Order of the Longleaf Pine."