



**Montford Point Marine Association, Inc.**  
**Atlanta Chapter 5**  
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Dear Prospective Applicant,

I am pleased to announce that the National Montford Point Marine Association, Inc. (NMPMA), through its Atlanta Chapter 5, is now accepting applications for our annual scholarship program. In our ongoing commitment to education and community service, we will be awarding multiple scholarships of \$1,000 each to exceptional high school seniors.

This scholarship opportunity is open to students who are on their way to an institution of higher learning (IHL) and have demonstrated a remarkable combination of academic achievement (minimum 3.0 GPA), creativity, and a strong commitment to community service. We seek individuals whose endeavors reflect the values and legacy of the Montford Point Marines.

Atlanta Chapter 5 of The NMPMA Inc. is a non-profit Veterans organization established to preserve and honor the legacy of the first African-American Marine recruits. These brave individuals served our nation with distinction at a time when their contributions were often overlooked. Our mission extends beyond remembrance; we are dedicated to educating the public about the sacrifices and valor of the Montford Point Marines and to ensuring the recognition of the nearly 17,000 Montford Pointers who have yet to be identified and honored with the Congressional Gold Medal.

As an organization, we are committed to inclusivity, welcoming members of all races, creeds, genders, and national origins. Our members, whether active-duty, honorably discharged, or honorably served veterans, embody the spirit of service and community engagement that was exemplified by the Montford Point Marines.

We are excited to support the next generation of leaders and change-makers. If you embody the spirit of excellence and service, we encourage you to apply for this scholarship. Together, we can continue the legacy of bravery, honor, and commitment.

We eagerly await your application and look forward to the possibility of supporting your educational journey.

Regards,

Johnny L. Higdon Jr  
President, Atlanta Chapter 5  
National Montford Point Marine Association, Inc  
SgtMaj USMC (Retired)

## Montford Point Marine Association, Inc. Atlanta Chapter 5

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- A graduating high school senior with a minimum unweighted 3.0 GPA
- College-bound high school senior.
- Applicants must be involved in community service.

### SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION:

#### The Scholarship will be awarded, based on the following criteria:

- Grade Point Average: Verified by **Official Transcript (sealed)** attached to application.
- Community Service and School Activities
- The essay should be **250 – 500 words**, using the American Psychological Association (APA) format for an 8 1/2x11 document.
- Explain your Goals and Future Career Plans in 60 words or less on a separate sheet.
- Content, grammar, punctuation, and spelling will be judged.
- Recommendations: The applicant must submit two letters of recommendation. The first letter should be from your high school teacher, counselor or principal. The second from a community leader, employer, coach, or other professionals.
- Neatness/presentation
- Recent photograph - head and shoulders, appropriate for newspaper release.

**Essay Requirements:** Applicants must submit an essay that addressed the following statement:

**The African American men who trained at Montford Point Camp are considered trailblazers within the United States Marine Corps. What educational and career aspirations do you have that will impact others and how has the history of the Montford Point Marine influenced you?**

- Typeface: The preferred typeface is Times New Roman, 12-point font size.
- Line spacing: Double-space between all text lines of the essay. Double-space after every line in the title, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and figure captions.
- Margins: Leave uniform margins of at least 1 inch at the top, bottom, left, and right of every page.
- Alignment: Do not justify lines; that is, adjust the spacing between words to make all lines the same length. Instead, use the flush-left style, and leave the right margin uneven, or ragged.
- Paragraphs: Indent the first line of every paragraph and the first line of every footnote. For consistency, use the tab key, which should be set at five to seven spaces, or ½ inch.
- Order of Essay: (Page 1) “Title” which contains the title of the essay, running head, author byline, and current institution. (Page 2 and beyond) is the body of the 250 – 500-word essay.

**NOTE: To be eligible for consideration, ALL requested documents MUST be included in your package and all guidelines MUST be met. Please submit only the requested documents.**

Ensure you read and adhere to all guidelines before you complete and email your completed package to [scholaratmpma@gmail.com](mailto:scholaratmpma@gmail.com) on or before **Monday, March 18, 2024**.

The scholarship committee will announce the recipient(s) in **April 2024** and the recipients will be recognized at our Chapter meeting on April 20, 2024 and at the school's Awards Night.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Current Unweighted Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ Highest ACT/SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) and location(s) of Colleges (or other institutions of higher learning) to which you have applied for admission

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_

Planned Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you or your relative affiliated with the NMPMA or the U.S. Armed Forces? Please explain.

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**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Please list all activities in which you have participated in during high school and circle the year(s) of participation. If you were an officer or captain for any activity, make a notation beside the activity, and indicate the position you held.

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List awards and honors received in or outside of school: (ATTACH COPIES)

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**EMPLOYMENT (enter N/A if none)**

| Employer Name | Address | Job Title | Start Date | End Date |
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Applicant Signature

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Date

## Media Release Consent Form

Winners of National Montford Point Marine Association Scholarships may be announced in the local media. Please provide the following information as you would like it to appear for publication. Thank you.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Mother resident city: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Father's resident city: \_\_\_\_\_

College applicant plans to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's major/minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Future Goals and Career: (100 words or less)**

## Scholarship Checklist

- Photo
- Completed application information
- Transcript
- Explain your goals and future career plans in 100 words or less
- Essay 250-500 words
- Letters of recommendations (2)
- School Activity/Community Service sheet
- Awards/College acceptance letters
- Newspaper waiver signed
- Turned in by March 18<sup>th</sup> deadline