



DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA  
MILITARY ORDER of the PURPLE HEART  
AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)

To be eligible for a Department of California Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary Scholarship, the student must be:

An MOPHA/MOPH, Department of California, member.

**And**

A student with at least a 2.5 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) based on a 4.0 Grading system.

**And**

A graduate or upcoming graduate (Senior) of a High School; **AND/OR**, has been accepted or enrolled as a student at an accredited Community College, State College, University or Trade School at the time the Scholarship is awarded.

\*\* The student is to complete and sign the upper part of the attached application, and submit a 350-450 word (approximately one page, double-spaced) typed essay titled:

**“What Freedom Means to Me”**  
**(See details on Application Checklist Page)**

\*\* The student’s Counselor or School Administrator is to complete and sign the bottom half of the attached application and return it to the Scholarship Chairman or direct the student to do so. The Scholarship Chairman address appears on the “Declaration of Scholarship Applicant” form. (NOTE: If counselors are not available due to pandemic, see checklist page for options.)

**NOTE: PREVIOUS MOPHA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS MAY ONLY APPLY ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS**

Member # \_\_\_\_\_



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AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

*The purpose of this Scholarship is to reward academic achievement and  
community service that exhibits Americanism.*

Top half is to be completed by the student.  
Bottom half is to be completed by a school official (Counselor or Administrator).

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City ZIP

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Cell Other

SCHOOL OF ATTENDANCE: \_\_\_\_\_

Activities, Volunteer Work and Community Service. See "Application Check List" of this packet.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**Below is to be completed by a school official (Counselor or Administrator) who has knowledge of the students' academic standing at the time of application and can recommend said student as an appropriate candidate for this scholarship. (NOTE: An e-mail is also accepted. If no counselor is available due to pandemic, you may request a waiver.)**

I confirm that the above-named student attends our school with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher and has been, or will be accepted as a student to a Community College, State College, University or Trade School; or is currently attending an Accredited Institution with a G.P.A., as stated above, at the time the scholarship is awarded,

COLLEGE ENROLLED TO: \_\_\_\_\_ CUMULATIVE GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Counselor or Administrator) TITLE

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



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**DECLARATION OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT**

I have read and understand the enclosed information regarding the Department of California Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary Scholarship Program.

During the 2022-2023 academic year, I plan to attend an accredited State Community College, State College, University or Trade School as a student. I certify that the information included in my application and all supporting documents is, to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate and complete.

I authorize the Department of California Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary, to request and receive information regarding my academic records and enrollment status at my designated State Community College, State College, University or Trade School. I agree to abide by the rules and criteria established by the Department of California Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary Scholarship. The decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final.

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

(If the applicant is under the age of 18 years)

**E-mail (preferable), or Postal Mail** the completed Application, signed Declaration, and all supporting materials to:

MOPHA, Department of California Scholarship Program  
Vicky Manjarrez [vmanjarrez2013@gmail.com](mailto:vmanjarrez2013@gmail.com) or call  
Vicky at 209-295-1611 to obtain mailing address.

**DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS IS April 30, 2021**

(This applies to all required documents and materials. Any required items received after the deadline date will disqualify the applicant. The postmark date is irrelevant.) **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE GRANTED**

## **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

**Please make sure that the following items are submitted by the due date of April 30, 2022 no exceptions. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

- **Completed Application and School information.**
- **Membership number, OR a copy of the Membership application.**
- **Activities, Volunteer Work and Community Service:**  
In a short paragraph (5-7 sentences) describe an activity, interest or responsibility in your life (not counting homework). How does this activity help you grow as a person, or help your family, school or community? This can be a sport or club at school, or outside of school, an activity you enjoy doing on your own, a responsibility you have at home, an after-school job or volunteer/community service work.  
**Examples:**  
Helping senior citizens, Veterans, Veteran Organizations/events, the homeless, caregiving; environmental care; theatre, arts, literature; outdoor activities whether for personal or competition, 4-H; just to name a few.  
**Please be specific. Include dates.**
- **Signed Counselors', or School Administrators' verification form.** If not available, counselor may send e-mail, or you may request a waiver.
- **Essay no less than 350 words and not more than 450 words entitled:**  
**“What Freedom Means to Me”**
- **Signed Declaration of Scholarship Application.**



## **PROCEDURES FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP**

**(Information for Units and Chapters only)**

Applications for the Department of California MOPHA Scholarship will be sent to all MOPH Chapters and MOPHA Units in the State of California.

If the applicant is not a member, they **MUST** join, no exceptions (**A Membership number OR a copy of the Membership application MUST be submitted at time of application**). If the applicant is unable to pay the enrollment fee, then we encourage the Chapter and/or Units to consider covering the entire cost, or 50% of the \$50.00 membership fee (\$25), on a case-by-case basis. The application for membership can be done through the Chapter/Unit or if they are enrolling in MOPH they may apply online through the MOPH website: [www.mophhq.org](http://www.mophhq.org) or by calling (703) 642-5360.

Also, the MOPHA and MOPH membership application is now available online at the Department of California website: [capurpleheart.org](http://capurpleheart.org), select warrant and forms. The scholarship application will also be available on the same website path.

A letter will be sent stating the results as to whether an applicant did or did not win the scholarship. Applications that are incomplete, or are not received by the deadline, **APRIL 30, 2022**, will be disqualified and will not be submitted to the Scholarship Committee for evaluation.

A Scholarship committee, who will be selected by the current President of the Department of California MOPHA, will read all the essays and verify that the applicant has fulfilled all the requirements. The Committee will consider the applicant's academic achievement, as well as activities, volunteer or community service and finally, the content of the essay when making their final determination on the winner of the Scholarship.

MOPHA Scholarships may not be applied to summer school, or to a special program or research projects.

If selected to receive the MOPHA Scholarship, the applicant will be notified in May 2022. At that time, the applicant may be asked to submit a color photo and biographical information, as well as information regarding the Community College, State College, University or Trade School he or she plans to attend. Once the information is received, a representative will present a check, made out to the winner, from the local Chapter or MOPHA Unit.

**The Department of California  
Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary Scholarships**

**FIRST SCHOLARSHIP TO BE AWARDED WILL BE:**

**Debbie Sweet Memorial Scholarship**

Beginning in 2018, the Department of California, Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary will award one (1) \$1,000.00 Scholarship each year in honor of Past Unit 106 President, Department of California President and Past Region VI President Debbie Sweet. Preference will be given to an Auxiliary member to receive this award.

Debbie Sweet was willing and able to tackle any job needed within the Unit, Department, National and her community in which she lived. She was a good role model to young people in how to live their lives. Debbie was a longtime supporter of the Auxiliary and volunteered many hours.

**SECOND SCHOLARSHIP TO BE AWARDED WILL BE:**

**THE PETRINI SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is named after Joe and Diane Petrini. Both are active members of Chapter and Unit 49 of San Diego as well as the Department of California MOPH and MOPHA. Diane Petrini started the Department of California Scholarship program when she was Department President in 2014. Diane is also 2018 Past National President. Patriot Joe Petrini has been very instrumental with donations from the Haehn Foundation in San Diego since 2016. Joe and Diane put their heart and soul into the MOPH and MOPHA and continue to do so every day.

A “General Scholarship” will be awarded to additional applicants that qualify.