



Col. Phillip DeLong Detachment Marine Corps League 2026 Leadership Scholarship Application Form

The Marine Corps League Detachment #1267 Leadership Scholarship Program Award is intended to provide academic assistance to those students who demonstrate sound leadership abilities and are Detachment #1267 family members. A qualifying MCL Detachment 1267 member is a man or woman who is a regular or associate member of the Colonel Phillip DeLong Detachment #1267 MCL **in good standing**. They must be the parent (step-parent), spouse or grandparent of the person they intend to sponsor. ***No nieces, nephews or neighbors.***

Requirements

- All applicants must have a MCL#1267 sponsor in good standing.
- Any Senior Student in good standing who has demonstrated sound leadership and excelled in academics, community service, good citizenship, and patriotism as a member of the student body of their High School.
- Acceptance letter (intent) to a two- or four-year institution of higher education.

Scholarship Amount

- A scholarship will be awarded each year to a Senior Student(s) of a family member currently in MCL Detachment #1267 in the amount of at least \$500.00 to be used towards the pursuit of higher education.

Instructions

- Complete application form. Do NOT skip any question.
- Ensure your ***sponsor*** (an MCL#1267 member in good standing) **completes PART A** prior to final submission.
- Answer all questions on Parts B, C & D (Essay).
- **All applications will be typed in 12 point font.**
- Do not make any changes to the application.
- Complete the leadership essay in Part D using the format prescribed.
- Letters of recommendation ARE NOT REQUIRED nor will they be considered.
- **Application must be postmarked by midnight Friday, February 13, 2026**
- All Scholarship Committee decisions are final.
- The Scholarship Committee Chairman will notify applicants of AWARD or NON-AWARD by March 19, 2026.

Attachments (please attach the following)•

- Letter of acceptance from a 2- to 4-year institution of higher education. If you do not have your letter of acceptance by the date this application is due, your Scholarship coordinator can provide a letter of verification listing the schools you have applied to.

Application Submission

Completed application (and attachments) should be mailed to:

Ron Hunter

% MCL 1267 Leadership Scholarship Program

1234 Augustine Drive

The Villages , FL 32159

- **Deadline:** Application must be received by midnight **Friday, February 13, 2026**
- **Questions:** For more information, please email Ron Hunter, crimedoc@comcast.net, or call 352-430-7199.

Part A – Sponsor Eligibility and Relationship to Applicant

This section must be completed and signed by the sponsor. It must then be verified and signed by the MCL #1267 Detachment Officer in the next section. Should it occur that you are the sponsor and one of the indicated officers, then, you must appoint a qualified substitute to verify your eligibility as a sponsor.

Relationship to Applicant (Check One)

Father_____ **Mother**_____ **Grandparent**_____ **Spouse**_____ **Self**_____

Sponsor Name: LAST_____ FIRST_____ MI_____

Membership # _____ or PLM #: _____

Dues Expiration Date _____ (If Applicable).

Email Address _____ Phone # _____

Sponsor Signature _____ Date _____

Must be verified by Scholarship Committee Chairman or Designee. They will certify that the sponsor is a member in good standing in The Villages Colonel Phillip DeLong Detachment #1267 of the Marine Corps League.

Part B – Student Information

Student Name: LAST _____ FIRST _____ MI _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

College(s) applied to and cost to attend:

1) _____ Cost per semester: \$ _____

2) _____ Cost per semester: \$ _____

3) _____ Cost per semester: \$ _____

Part C – Narrative

Please respond to each item below clearly and concisely (Continue on an additional page(s) if necessary).

1. **Career Choice:** Please describe your career and educational plans.

2. **Interests:** Summarize your interests, and how they have contributed to your development as a person.

3. **Community/School activities:** Describe one or more community service or school activities in which you are or have been involved. Give examples of the ways in which this participation was valuable to you.

4. **Leadership Experience:** Summarize your leadership experiences. Highlight key accomplishments and learning experiences. Describe how the experience of being a student leader has enhanced your personal growth.

The information provided on this form is accurate and complete. I authorize the Marine Corps League Scholarship Committee responsible for the selection process to have access to my Grade Point Average and disciplinary records. I further authorize the Marine Corps League Scholarship Committee Chairman to discuss any matters pertaining to this award with my High School Principal or Guidance Counselor throughout the selection process.

NAME (signature)_____DATE_____

Part C – Leadership Essay

In 500 words or less, please clearly and concisely complete your leadership essay. Within your essay, answer the following questions: Why do you feel leadership in the younger generation (High School through College) is important? How will it impact the future? What defines a good leader? Historically speaking, who do you consider the best leader (Past or present)? Why?

Format is typed, single-spaced with double space between paragraphs. Please do not exceed the 500-word limit.

Sign and date your essay prior to submission.

Mail TO:

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1234 Augustine Drive
The Villages, FL 32159**

REMEMBER!

The latest acceptable POSTMARK is midnight, Friday, February 13, 2026