

# Captain Jennifer J. Harris, USMC

## Memorial Scholarship Program 2019 Application Information

Applications must be received by: March 30, 2019



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## **CAPTAIN JENNIFER J. HARRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The purpose of the program is to provide \$1,000 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 2019.

These Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic merit, an original essay, awards and recognition, and extracurricular and 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 JR ROTC Program in Essex or Eastern Middlesex County. Applications and all supporting materials must be received or emailed by **March 30, 2019** and will be reviewed by the Honorable Few Scholarship Committee. This year we will award up to \$5,000.

### **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 shot down.

## 2019 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 and community service activities. The judges shall disregard race, sex, 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 should answer the question **"Why should I receive a Captain Jennifer J. Harris Memorial Scholarship?"** and be no longer than 300 words in length. Do not include any identifying names or references in the essay.

**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 March 30, 2019. 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.

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Electronically: Email to: [scholarship@honorablefew.com](mailto:scholarship@honorablefew.com)

**Awards:** The Guidance Departments of those students selected to receive Scholarship Awards will be notified by April 30, 2019. The awards will be presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Jennifer Harris Memorial Motorcycle Ride on August 10, 2019.

**Publicity:** By submitting an application, those receiving awards agree to have their names published in Honorable Few Det. #1302, Marine Corps League newsletters, web site, signs and news releases announcing the results at our discretion.

## APPLICATION COVER SHEET

<b>Student Name:</b>	
<b>Home Address:</b>	
<b>City, State, Zip:</b>	
<b>Telephone Number and Email:</b>	
<b>Parent/Guardian Name:</b>	
<b>Current School - Name and Address:</b>	
<b>School you plan to attend- Name and Address:</b>	

**List any awards and recognition:**


**List any extracurricular and community service activities:**


**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_