



**Montford Point Marine Association, Inc.
Chapter 10 & Auxiliary**

**Mailing Address:
Post Office Box 928, Jacksonville, NC 28541**



2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

Dear Applicant,

Montford Point Marine Association, Inc. Chapter 10 and 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 Montford Point Camp, in Jacksonville, North Carolina—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 armed forces members, 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 family members of persons who meet the above criteria.

The purpose of the Auxiliary is to increase awareness of the many notable contributions made by the original Montford Point Marines. It also helps to support educational assistance programs, support and promote community service, and 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 education, unity, and goodwill.

In 1987, the Auxiliary established the “*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Award*,” named after the great civil rights leader. This scholarship is awarded to qualifying Onslow County high school seniors bound for Institute Higher Learning (IHL). In 1995, the Auxiliary established the “*Mrs. Almita S. R. Woods Scholarship*” to award to outstanding Onslow County high school seniors bound for an IHL or to students already enrolled in an IHL.

The Auxiliary offers scholarship opportunities to assist students in pursuing their educational goals. Thank you for applying.

**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 guidelines below before completing and submitting your package. Scholarship packages must be mailed (do not email your package) and **postmarked on or before March 15, 2025.**

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 the 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 enrolled 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 **2025 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 2025 Essay Question)
6. **Photograph:** Please submit a professional head and shoulders 3x5-inch or 4x6-inch photograph (graduation photo preferred), suitable for newspapers and other publications. Write your name on the back of your photograph, and please **do not staple the photograph to the 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 should not be sealed in an envelope



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9. Letter of Acceptance: A Letter of Acceptance to IHL for high school seniors or a Letter of Continued Enrollment for students in IHL is required.
10. Application: Submit one complete copy (original copy) of all requested items plus three 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 the requested documents.
13. Complete the scholarship application package with ALL requested documents. **MUST** be received in our office or postmarked **NLT March 15, 2025.** - 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 Scholarship Application, go to the Montford Point Marine Association, Inc. Chapter 10 Website: www.mpmalejeune10.org and click on the **2024 Scholarship Application**.

Points of Contact

Scholarship Chair • Renea Lewis (301) 996-9952 (mezmriz33@hotmail.com)
Scholarship Co-Chair • Lynn Harvey (843) 452-4187 (harveylynn@gmail.com)
Auxiliary President • Gwendolyn Maddox (910) 381-1230 (gmaddox1@ec.rr.com)

After the application has been filled in, it must still be PRINTED and MAILED with the complete package.



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APPLICATION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST:

____ **Completed Application**

____ (1) Letter of Acceptance

____ (3) Letters of Recommendation

____ (1) 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. (Contact the Scholarship Chair if you have any problems, questions or concerns.)

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

2025 ESSAY QUESTION

The Montford Point Marines endured many challenges, obstacles, and hardships, yet persevered and overcame them successfully. They accomplished much and left behind an amazing legacy that we can all emulate. Can you select one of these challenges and relate it to a challenge, obstacle, or hardship that you encountered in your life and explain how you overcame it?



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Applicant Information Scholarship(a) for which you are applying:

_____Dr. Martin L. King _____Mrs. Almita S. R. Woods

Applicant's Name: _____

Last 4 of SSN: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Number: _____ Secondary Number: _____

Are you currently enrolled? 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 Honor/Awards Received (Brief Details)

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

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College Major/Area of Study:

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Applicant's Initial _____

Date _____



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Employment History, Extracurricular Activities and Volunteer Service History

Employment History

Employer Name & Address	Job Title	Start Date	End Date	Awards Received
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Extracurricular Activities

Name of Activity	Position	Start Date	End Date	Awards Received
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Volunteer or Community Service

Employer Name & Address	Job Title	Start Date	End Date	Awards Received
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*If more space is needed, please continue on plain white paper.

Applicant's Initials _____ Date _____



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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, more recently 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 raise \$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."