



TWENTY-PLUS

Scholarship Award Committee
Post Office Box 46 Mount Holly, NJ 08060

2025 Twenty Plus Retirement Club Scholarship

Dear Applicant:

For the year 2025, the Twenty (20) Plus Retirement Club will present three (3) \$1000 scholarships to outstanding students within the local community as follows:

- 1) CMSgt James A. Cotten Jr. Memorial Scholarship which honors the late James A. Cotten Jr. who was a Tuskegee Airman and member of the 20 Plus. Scholarship given to a student who will attend a four-year College or University.
- 2) Dwayne Cotton Memorial Scholarship which honors the late Dwayne Cotton, a family member of a 20 Plus Member. Scholarship given to a student who will attend a four-year College or University.
- 3) A Scholarship given to the student who plans to attend a two-year Junior/Community College or a Trade School.

All of our scholarships are given to deserving students who possess a powerful desire to further their formal education. It is our hope that financial assistance will enhance the student's ability to attain established career goals and meet the future challenges that lie ahead. The following are minimum requirements to be completed for this award: An applicant must be in their senior year, attending high school in Burlington County NJ., and possess a minimum combined grade point average of 2.0 for his/her sophomore and junior years and the first quarter of their senior year. All applicants **must** have an immediate family affiliate serving, served in, or retired from the United States Armed Forces and must show

physical proof of the immediate family's affiliation. Applicants also must complete all parts of the application and return it to the Scholarship Award Committee **no later than June 6, 2025** at the address above. Additional applications can be emailed upon request.

The Scholarship Committee, consisting of unbiased Club members, will review all applications and select the winners. The award winner's high school and parents/guardians will be notified by the Club President in July 2025 and a formal presentation will be made in the calendar year 2025.

The award winner is responsible for contacting the College/University/Trade School to obtain proof of enrollment and must provide it to the scholarship committee prior to the check being issued. Proof of enrollment must be mailed to the address listed above. **Enrollment must commence no later than the fall semester of 2026.** Requests for deferment of payment until the next semester must be submitted in writing along with supporting documentation. The Committee reserves the right to approve/disapprove deferment requests. Disapproval of the deferment request will result in the forfeiture of the scholarship award.

Shirley Parrish, President

Twenty-Plus Retirement Club

Encl: 2025 Twenty Plus Application

Twenty Plus Retirement Club 2025 Scholarship Application



Name: (last, First, Middle Initial)		
Address: (Street, City, State, Zip Code)		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Email Address:
Parent/Guardian Name:		
U.S. Armed Forces Affiliate's Name:		Branch of Service & Grade:
Affiliate's Address: (Street, City, State, Zip Code)		Relationship:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Email Address:
GPA: (Unweighted)	GPA: (Weighted)	Class Rank:
Name of University/College/Trade School: (You will attend) Major:		University/College/Trade School Address:
Applicant's Signature:		Date:

In accordance with the Privacy Act as related to the release of school records, I, hereby, authorize release of my dependent's high school transcript to the Twenty Plus Scholarship Selection Committee. I under-stand that good citizenship qualities and grade point average will be verified by

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the high school principal or representative. I have read this entire application and certify that all information contained herein is true and correct.

Parent Signature:	Date:
Parent Signature:	Date:

Distinctions/Activities

Distinction and Honors: <i>List all academic distinctions or honors and the grade level at which received (i.e. NHS induction, Science Fair Award, etc.)</i>	
Distinctions/Honors:	Grade/School Year:
Community Service: <i>List all distinctions or honors you earned through community service or activities (i.e., Eagle Scout, environmental or cultural enrichment projects, projects to help the disadvantaged, etc.)</i>	
Community Service:	Grade/School Year:

Extracurricular Activities in School: <i>List all school organizations in which you participated. Indicate office held or currently hold. (i.e., school government, clubs, organized sports, Toastmasters, etc.)</i>		
Extracurricular Activity:		Grade/School Year:

Note: Continue on a separate page, if needed.

Distinctions/Activities *(Continued)*

Extracurricular Activities Outside of School: <i>List all participation in non-school sponsored activities (i.e., church, AYA, CYO, Boys/Girls State, etc.)</i>	
Extracurricular Activity Outside of School:	Grade/School Year

Note: Continue on a separate page, if needed)

High School Guidance Counselor Certification

(To be completed by your assigned high school counselor)

I certify that the information provided below is true and accurate for:

Student Name: _____

Grade Point Average *(Unweighted)* _____

Grade Point Average *(Weighted)* _____ SAT

Scores:

Reading: _____

Math: _____

ACT Composite Score: _____

Guidance Counselor's Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone Number: _____

Guidance Counselor's Signature _____

The Twenty Plus Retirement Club is a non-profit club of military retirees and do not discriminate on the basis of an applicant's race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, physical or mental disability or any other characteristic protected by state or federal law. The information provided in this application will be utilized only by the Scholarship Committee.

Twenty Plus Scholarship Application Checklist

Note: Applicants must attend a four-year or two-year institution of higher learning or an accredited trade school to be awarded this scholarship. Please attach the following documents to the Twenty Plus Scholarship Application prior to submission. If you have any questions concerning your application, feel free to call Dr. Jennifer Noble-Slaton (Twenty Plus Retirement Club Education Committee Chairperson) at 609-351-0423 or email at jdnslaton@gmail.com

1. A short, typewritten essay (no more than one page) entitled "My Career Aspirations"
2. A current biography and photograph of yourself.
3. A short, typewritten essay (no more than one page) of one of the following:
 - a. What do you expect to gain by attending college/trade school?
 - b. Do you think a college education is as important to women as it is to men?
 - c. Are you proud of your parents and why?
 - d. In your opinion, what is America's worst social problem?
 - e. Would you consider a military career and why?
 - f. What public figure do you admire most and why?
 - g. What is your opinion of the American political system and how would you change it for the better?
4. A copy of your military affiliate's DD-214 (Honorable Discharge Form) or other evidence of military service. A military affiliate must be an **immediate** family member (*i.e. parent, grandparent, or sibling*). If you have a question concerning an affiliate's eligibility, contact Dr. Jennifer Noble-Slaton, at number/email above.
5. A letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor from your high school.
6. A copy of your current high school transcript.
7. Mail your application and all required documents to:

Twenty Plus Retirement Club (Attn: Scholarship Committee)
Post Office Box 46, Mount Holly, New Jersey 08060

Make certain to fill in the entire application, including all required signatures. Incomplete applications or late submissions will not be considered. Your application must be received by the Twenty Plus Retirement Club no later than June 1, 2025.