

2017 Jean Bartel Scholarship for Military Awareness

Miss America 1943 Jean Bartel was known as the "Grand Dame" among her Miss America sisters, and she will forever be remembered for lighting the way for Miss America's scholarship mission. Her spirit of giving was evident to all who crossed her path.

Blessed with a beautiful soprano voice, Jean Bartel had an enormous desire to realize a girlhood dream of appearing on the Broadway stage. When she learned that Horace Schmid Lapp, the financial backer of the hit show *Oklahoma!*, was going to judge the Miss America Pageant, Jean decided to enter. In a whirlwind of events, she became Miss California, and then was off to Atlantic City singing Cole Porter's "Night and Day." This dramatic performance as a gifted soprano helped Jean to be crowned Miss America 1943.

Jean took on the commitment of a "war-time" Miss America to heart, as she embarked on a bond-selling tour that would result in her being honored by the United States Treasury Department as the individual who had sold the most Series E War Bonds that year. Jean raised \$2.5 million worth (approximately \$34 million in today's dollars), and, surprisingly, most of these twenty-five dollar bonds were sold to women.

It was on this tour at a tea, sponsored by her college sorority sisters, that Jean was inspired to create a college scholarship to be awarded to Miss America. "Opera singers get financial support from sponsors, so why not a college scholarship for Miss America," she is quoted as saying. This idea was discussed with the Board of Directors and was later adopted – in 1945, Bess Myerson of New York would become Miss America's inaugural scholarship recipient. Today, the Miss America Organization is the nation's largest provider of scholarship assistance for women.

A Legacy of Inspiring Others

Millions of Americans have answered the call to serve their country, and Jean Bartel was an ardent supporter of the Armed Forces. Established in Jean's memory, the Jean Bartel Scholarship for Military Awareness is a \$3,000 scholarship awarded to a qualified applicant who has demonstrated exemplary service to the men and women of our nation's military.

Applicants are considered based on a variety of criteria, including, but not limited to, grade point average (high school & college/university), class rank, extra-curricular activities, financial aid requirements, household income, level of participation within the MAO system, and an essay describing how the applicant has fulfilled a legitimate need in their community through the creation, development, and/or participation in a community-based project or event to support and raise awareness of the brave men and women who dedicate their lives to protect our freedom.



Guidelines for the Award

The scholarship is available to women who have competed on the local, state, or national level from 2007 to present, regardless of whether a title was won.

The Scholarship Committee will review all applications for this scholarship.

A new application must be submitted each year and previous recipients are eligible to apply.

Procedure

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETE, TYPED OR COMPUTER-GENERATED, AND SUBMITTED WITH ALL INFORMATION ATTACHED TO BE ELIGIBLE.

ANY INFORMATION MISSING FROM THE SUBMISSION LIST WILL RENDER THE APPLICATION INELIGIBLE AND WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Applications must be received by June 30, 2017, in order to be considered. Please make sure all of your information is complete before you apply. An incomplete application will not be accepted under any circumstances. Applications received after the June 30th deadline will be ineligible.

Applicants will be notified by the end of August whether they have been selected as a scholarship recipient. Scholarship winners will receive a letter in regards to potential tax implications of this award. Scholarship winners are encouraged to discuss inclusion of the scholarship in their income with their tax preparer.

Disbursement of funds will follow the Scholarship Rules & Regulations of The Miss America Foundation.

Please email Jamillah Hamilton at jamillah@missamerica.org if you have any questions.



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Application

FULL NAME: _____

CURRENT ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

PARENTS/SPOUSE OCCUPATION: _____

NAMES, AGES AND CURRENT
EDUCATIONAL STATUS OF
YOUR SIBLINGS/CHILDREN: _____

Please list all competitions in the Miss America system in which you competed, and the result (winner, runner-up, not in Top Ten, etc.):

DATE PAGEANT NAME RESULT

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL



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EDUCATION

HIGH SCHOOL

Name of High School: _____

Years Attended: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

List Clubs/Sports/Extra Curricular Activities: _____

Honors: _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Name of College/University: _____

Years Attended: _____

Major field of Study: _____

What is your minor? _____

Did you graduate? YES: _____ NO: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average _____

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Name of Graduate School: _____

Years Attended: _____

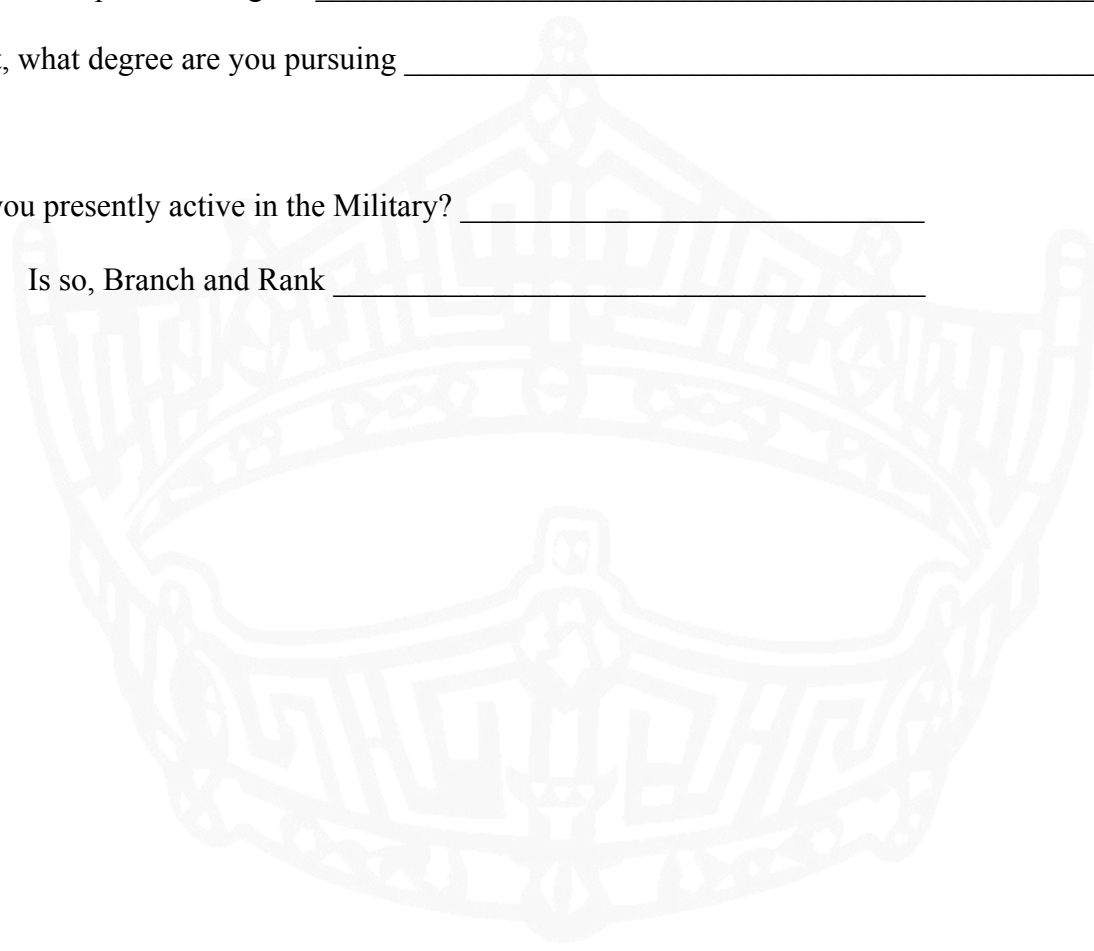
Did you Graduate? Yes _____ No _____

If so, List Diploma or degree _____

If not, what degree are you pursuing _____

Are you presently active in the Military? _____

Is so, Branch and Rank _____





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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. Annual income - applicant _____
*Attach current W-2 form

2. Household income - parents/spouse _____
*Attach current W-2 form

3. Total outstanding student loans as of this fall _____

4. Based upon the College, University or graduate school you plan to attend, list below the approximate expenses:
 - a. Annual tuition _____
 - b. Room and Board (if applicable) _____
 - c. Books and supplies _____
 - d. Total annual cost _____

5. List below the sources of income you anticipate to meet these expenses:
 - a. Savings and cash on hand _____
 - b. Earnings expected this summer _____
 - c. Earnings expected at school _____
 - d. Financial assistance from parents _____
 - e. Other scholarships _____
 - f. Other assistance _____
 - g. Total annual expected income _____

6. Family Status:

- a. Number of dependent children in parent's Household: _____
- b. Number of other family members attending college: _____
- c. Name of School _____
- d. Year _____
- e. Total annual cost _____

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

I certify that the foregoing facts set forth in this application are true and accurate. I understand that if any statements contained herein are false, I will not be considered for a scholarship or, if such a scholarship has been granted, that it is subject to forfeiture. I further authorize and give permission to The Miss America Foundation, the Scholarship Committee, or their duly authorized representatives to investigate the statements contained in this application, to contact any person or institution named herein, and to request any information it may desire with respect thereto.

Applicant

Date

Witness

Date



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Please attach the following and submit to:

The Miss America Foundation
1432 K Street, NW
Suite 900
Washington, DC 20005
Attn: Jamillah Hamilton

1. Completed typed or computer-generated application
2. Transcript from your College/University through the most recent semester you completed showing your grade point average.
3. High School transcript and letter of acceptance from University if you have applied, been accepted, but are not yet attending.
4. An essay of not more than 500 words which sets forth the following points.

How you have fulfilled a legitimate need in your community through the creation, development and/or participation in a community based project or event to raise the awareness of our proud military men and women who dedicate their lives for our freedom.

Describe your involvement. What did you do? What motivated your initial interest in this area? Did you develop this program? How did you become involved in this project? What has been your involvement? How did you involve others in the project? Explain the time frame in which you have been involved. What have been the effects of your service or project upon your community and/or individuals? Who benefited? What are the expected long-term results? How have you personally benefited from participation in this project?

5. Financial Information Sheet. The information requested will help the committee determine your financial status and need. Including FASFA Form.
6. You may provide in addition, a copy of the most recent financial aid application filed on your behalf with the college/university or graduate school.
7. Please attach two letter of reference including names addresses and telephone numbers from non-relatives that are familiar with your goals and ambitions.