

The Lt John J. Griffin /USS Emmons Memorial Scholarship

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USS Emmons Association

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Northampton, Pa 18067

"By her own aggressiveness and the courage and skill of her officers and men, the USS EMMONS achieved a record of gallantry in combat reflecting the highest credit upon herself and the United States Naval Service." - Excerpt from the Navy Unit Commendation awarded the USS Emmons.

Purpose: To provide supplemental educational opportunities beyond high school to direct descendants of those who served aboard the USS Emmons from the date of her commissioning (December 5, 1941) to her final day of glory (April 6, 1945) so as to preserve, maintain and promote the legacy of 60 courageous men who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of their ship and their shipmates against overwhelming numerically superior enemy forces on April 6, 1945 during the Battle of Okinawa. Their fighting spirit and that of the surviving Emmons crewmembers led by Lt John J. Griffin was in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Navy and must be preserved for the benefit of future generations of Americans.

Eligibility: Any senior or graduate of secondary school, any full time college student or student of other institutions of accredited higher education such as Graduate School, who has a parent, grandparent, or great grandparent who served aboard the USS Emmons may submit an application for the scholarship.

Amount Of Award: A \$1,000.00 one-year award made payable directly to the award recipient by the USS Emmons Association Inc. Disbursement of funds will be contingent upon verification of full time enrollment in the accredited institution of higher education. In the event no applicants meet the criteria or provide the necessary documentation required herein, no scholarship would be awarded.

Availability: July 31. All applicants will be notified by July 31 of that year of the Scholarship Committee's decision.

Procedure: Complete and submit the enclosed scholarship application and associated essay with supporting documentation noted below, postmarked no later than May 15, to the following address:

USS Emmons Association Scholarship Committee
c/o Thomas Hoffman, Chairman
3136 Northampton Street
Bethlehem, PA 18020

Additional copies of the application and instructions may be obtained by either writing to the address above, emailing your request to griffin.emmons.scholarship@gmail.com, or downloading it from the USS Emmons Association website located at <http://ussjpkennedyjr.org/emmons457/emmonsmen.html>.

Supporting Documentation: Please attach the following documentation to your application:

1. A certified copy of your academic transcript. (High School, College, Graduate School as applicable) Home-schooled students are to provide a transcript signed and dated by a parent or guardian.
2. Evidence in the form of an Enrollment Verification Form provided by the Office of the Registrar of your full time enrollment in, or acceptance by the accredited educational institution to which the scholarship will be applied.
3. Copy of your birth certificate or other legal documentation that will help the Committee verify your relationship to an Emmons crewmember.
4. A family tree diagram tracing your direct family ancestral lineage as related to the Emmons crewmember. This will be used to verify your direct lineal relationship to a crewmember.
5. A double-spaced essay of 500 to 750 words stating what the Emmons legacy means to you as a direct descendant of a USS Emmons crewmember and what relevancy the Emmons legacy has in today's society.
6. Two sealed letters of reference, one of which must be from a current or former teacher, mailed either directly to the address in this application or forwarded as an accompanying enclosure of supporting documentation.

All documentation must be postmarked by May 15.

Essay Judging Criteria: Evaluation of essays will be done by a seven-member Scholarship Committee led by the Treasurer of the Emmons Association and six members of the Emmons Association. Members of the Scholarship Committee will be nominated and selected by vote annually at the USS Emmons Association meeting. It shall be the responsibility of the Emmons Association Treasurer to screen all documents submitted by applicants and verify their eligibility. The Treasurer in turn shall screen all essays to the extent that the identity of each essay's author remains anonymous, and subsequently forward the essays to the other six members for unbiased evaluation and ranking. In the event a relative of a Scholarship Committee member submits an application, the Treasurer will eliminate that member of the Committee from participation in the scholarship selection process. The members of the Scholarship Committee will judge essays using the rubric below, while considering:

- Originality. Treatment of the theme should show imagination and human interest, and
- Content. Clearly express your ideas in an organized manner; fully develop your theme and use transitions to move from one idea to another.

A rubric used by the judges in evaluating the essays is provided below. Each criterion is judged based on a point value of 4 (best) to 0 (worst).

CRITERION I: WHAT DOES THE EMMONS LEGACY MEAN TO YOU AS A DIRECT DESCENDENT?
<p>4: Addressed effectively with clarity and precision; effectively synthesizes writer's thoughts with Emmons history</p> <p>3: Addressed with clarity and precision; adequately synthesizes writer's thoughts with Emmons history</p> <p>2: Addressed but with some problems in clarity and precision; somewhat synthesizes writer's thoughts with Emmons history</p> <p>1: Unclearly and imprecisely addressed; poor synthesis of writer's thoughts with Emmons history</p> <p>0: Not addressed; no synthesis of writer's thoughts with Emmons history</p>
CRITERION II: WHAT RELEVANCY DOES THE EMMONS LEGACY HAVE IN TODAY'S SOCIETY?
<p>4: Addressed effectively with clarity and precision; effectively synthesizes writer's thoughts with Emmons history</p> <p>3: Addressed with clarity and precision; adequately synthesizes writer's thoughts with Emmons history</p> <p>2: Addressed but with some problems in clarity and precision; somewhat synthesizes writer's thoughts with Emmons history</p> <p>1: Unclearly and imprecisely addressed; poor synthesis of writer's thoughts with Emmons history</p> <p>0: Not addressed; no synthesis of writer's thoughts with Emmons history</p>
CRITERION III: MECHANICS
<p>4: Sentences are clearly worded and vary effectively in length and complexity; averages two or fewer grammatical, spelling/usage, and typographical errors per page</p> <p>3: Sentences are usually clearly worded and usually vary effectively in length and complexity; averages 3-5 grammatical, spelling/usage, and typographical errors per page</p> <p>2: Sentences are sometimes awkwardly worded and are sometimes choppy or too long/short; averages 6-9 grammatical, spelling/usage, and typographical errors per page</p> <p>1: Sentences are often awkwardly worded and are usually choppy or too long/short; averages more than 10 grammatical, spelling/usage, and typographical errors per page</p> <p>0: Very difficult to understand; too many grammatical, spelling/usage, and typographical errors</p>

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2010 – 2011 Academic Year

Date: _____ For School Year Beginning: _____

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Current Address:

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: M _____ F _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

U.S. Citizen: ____ (Yes) ____ (No)

Name of Emmons Crewmember to which you are directly related:

Your relationship to Emmons Crewmember: (Must be a direct, lineal relationship, e.g., grandson, granddaughter, etc.)

(Son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, etc.)

Parent related to Emmons Crewmember: (Full name, including maiden name if applicable)

Parent's relationship to Emmons Crewmember:

(Son, daughter, etc.)

Name and address of Educational Institution to which the scholarship will be applied:

FAMILY DATA

Father and/or Legal Guardian

Mother

Name: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Phone Number: _____

E - Mail Address: _____

ORIGINAL ESSAY: (500-750 words)

What does the Emmons legacy means to you as a direct descendant of a USS Emmons crewmember and what relevancy does the Emmons legacy have in today's society?

Please Attach Essay to Application

Disclaimer: By virtue of my free and voluntary submission of this application and all accompanying documentation, I hereby authorize the USS Emmons Association unrestricted use of the contents of this application and any photo opportunities that may result for promotion of the Lt. John J. Griffin/USS Emmons Memorial Scholarship Fund.

I also understand that disbursement of funds is contingent upon verification of full time enrollment in an accredited institution of higher education during the academic year for which the scholarship is awarded.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

Application Checklist

(see pages 2 – 3 for required documentation)

Before submitting your application, did you...:

- ...complete all sections of the two-page application and sign/date it?
- ...include a certified copy of your academic transcript or, for home-schooled students, include a transcript signed and dated by a parent or guardian?
- ...include evidence of acceptance by or current full-time enrollment in the accredited educational institution to which the scholarship will be applied? If you're currently enrolled, include an enrollment verification form from the Office of the Registrar. If you are accepted, but not yet enrolled, include evidence of your acceptance by the institution (if you are later selected as the recipient of the scholarship, evidence of your actual full-time enrollment will be requested before any funds are disbursed).
- ...include a copy of your birth certificate or other legal documentation that will establish your identity to help verify your relationship to an Emmons crewmember?
- ...include a simple family tree diagram tracing your direct family ancestral lineage to the Emmons crewmember?
- ...include the double-spaced 500 to 750 word essay on what the Emmons legacy means to you as a direct descendant of a USS Emmons crewmember and what relevancy the Emmons legacy has in today's society?
- ...include the two sealed letters of reference? They may be mailed directly to the address below by the individual providing the reference, or included with this application.
- ...mail your application and supporting documentation postmarked no later than May 15 to the address below?

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Please email any questions to the USS Emmons Association Scholarship Committee at:

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