## The Military Police Corps Excellence in Education MPRA Scholarship

Scholarship is not a competition held at any subordinate level. Any submission should be submitted directly to OPMG in accordance with the instructions below.

A. In 2019, the Office of the Provost Marshal General and the Military Police Regimental Association (MPRA) collaborated to recognize the importance of education for Noncommissioned Officers (NCO). The Military Police Corps Excellence in Education MPRA Scholarship was expanded to all enlisted ranks in 2023 and will provide a Soldier with additional resources to further their educational goals.

B. The recipient of this annual Scholarship is a MP Soldier who best exemplifies the Army's vision and influences others in shaping future leaders within the Military Police Corps; while practicing excellent stewardship of the nation's most precious resource - our Soldiers.

C. The scholarship is designed to allow Soldiers the opportunity to compete for an educational scholarship grant. This grant is intended to assist in achieving their educational goals. The Military Police Corps Excellence in Education MPRA Scholarship recipient will receive a \$2,000.00 check for tuition assistance, books, and educational fees connected with their educational expenses. Check is paid directly to the attending educational institution. The recipient will also receive a \$300 stipend towards the purchase of an electronic device of choice and a plaque from the MPRA.

- D. Specific eligibility criteria:
  - Must be in the Active Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard
  - 12 months of service
  - Hold a primary MOS of 31B, 31D, 31E, or 31K
  - Less than 18 years of active service
  - Must be in an indefinite status or have at least 3 years remaining inservice upon receipt of the scholarship
  - Is in good standing and not flagged

E. A supervisor's recommendation is required for the basis of the selection and is used by MPRA for publicity of the Scholarship and the Soldier. Supervisors' recommendation will address leadership traits to include responsibility, initiative, adaptability, competence, and resilience.

F. Recommendation memorandum must be signed by their First Sergeant or Commander in the nominee's chain of command. <u>Signature on recommendation letter</u> is verification nominee meets eligibility criteria.

## G. Essay topic: <u>Recommended changes within the Military Police Corps and</u> reasoning for the change.

H. Packet requirements:

- Essay- Minimum of 500 words
- Recommendation Letter
- Soldier Record Brief

I. In order to be considered, the Soldier must submit the application prior to the deadline (31 March 2025). The application will be submitted in one PDF Document and emailed to <u>usarmy.pentagon.hqda-pmg.mbx.award@army.mil</u>.

J. The selection panel will meet, and the winner will be announced in late April. Only one Soldier will be selected as the winner of the Scholarship. Presentation of the Scholarship will be coordinated with the selected individual.

K. Recipient of the scholarship can only receive the scholarship one time and the scholarship is not transferable.

L. The point of contact for this Scholarship is the Provost Marshal General Sergeant Major at 703-692-6848 or MPRA Beth Harmon at <u>MPRABeth@gmail.com</u>.

## Previous Winners

- 2019 SSG Jonathan W. Sanchez, USACIDC, Quantico, VA
- 2020 SFC Daniel A. Gotschall, I CORPS, Joint Base Lewis McCord, WA
- 2021 SFC Tori A. Smerling, 300th Military Police Company, Fort Riley, KS
- 2022 SFC Michael Jaimes, 197th MP Detachment, Fort Stewart, GA
- 2024 SSG Jeremy Calvin, 500<sup>th</sup> MP Detachment, Fort Leavenworth, KS