Dear Applicant,

On behalf of the University, I am writing to invite you to apply for the 2021 USC Summer Scholarship for High School Students of Military Families. Highly-motivated high school students of active families in the military can apply to receive a full scholarship to participate in the rigorous USC Summer Programs, 4-Week For-Credit, Online Program. The Summer Programs Office will cover the entire tuition for the student to participate in the 4-week college credit program.

Last summer our 2020 program was delivered exclusively online and students had a phenomenal USC Summer experience. This summer, our next class of Summer Trojans can explore their academic interests while beginning their journey to USC through an even more enriched 2021 online program.

We’ve designed a supportive and engaging online community where students from around the world can come together to experience diverse ideas in classes taught by USC faculty. Classes are a combination of lectures, hands-on workshops and labs with guest speakers and virtual field trips that transport students to LA-based businesses and local attractions. Students develop life-long connections with peers from around the world.

**Application Eligibility:**
1. Applicants must be currently in high school grade 10th or 11th.
2. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher.
3. Applicants must be the son or daughter of an active U.S. military service member, reservist, or guard.
4. Applicants must demonstrate academic ability, maturity, and a commitment to education and developing community.

**How to Apply:**
1. Register at [https://usc.smapply.io/](https://usc.smapply.io/), complete the Eligibility Quiz and Online Application.
   - If currently living abroad, you are not considered an international student.
2. Request two letters of recommendations:
   - One from a teacher/mentor.
   - One from your school counselor, who will upload a copy of your transcript to their recommendation.

*The completed online application with supporting documents must be submitted by Friday, March 26, 2021, at 4:00 pm PDT. Incomplete applications cannot be considered. It is your responsibility to confirm all parts of the application have been “Marked Complete” and to “Review & Submit” the application. We will notify applicants once an application is complete via email.*

*Final decision notifications to all applicants will be emailed by mid-April.*

We look forward to receiving your application. If you have any questions, please contact our office at summer@usc.edu, **SUBJECT: MILITARY SCHOLARSHIP.**

Best Regards,

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About the USC Summer Programs
The University of Southern California is one of the world’s leading private research universities and home to an outstanding liberal arts college, an integrated academic medical center, and some of the best professional and arts schools in the country.

USC Summer Programs offers 4- & 2-week online courses in a variety of subjects from which students choose one course for intense study. Courses are interactive, engaging and challenging, and students receive 3 units of transferrable USC elective credit upon successful completion of the 4-Week program. Students can choose from over 15 courses in the following subject areas:

- Architecture
- Global Studies
- Pre-Health/Science
- Business
- Journalism
- Pre-Law
- Engineering & Info Tech
- Performing Arts
- Writing & Critical Thinking

Students can discover what summer could be through the Summer Connection.

Scholarship Overview
Through the scholarship, the USC Summer Programs Office sponsors approximately 30 scholars full-ride tuition. USC Summer Programs seeks to enhance, motivate, and inspire students to achieve higher academic, social, and ethical standards. The program is based on the following core values; which Scholars are expected to exemplify:

- A commitment to the value of education
- A commitment to developing community

The 4-week program offers students the chance to preview “freshman year” on a college campus, opening a “window to the world” beyond their own environment. Students will have the opportunity to:

- Enrich their educational experience and explore post-secondary opportunities.
- Strengthen their interpersonal skills by interacting with culturally diverse students from around the world.
- Develop life skills that will enhance their personal and educational success.

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Late applications cannot be considered for the scholarship.
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