LEADERSHIP SCHOLAR PROGRAM
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LEVERAGE THE POWER OF THE LSP

The Leadership Scholar Program (LSP) is a partnership between universities/colleges and the Marine Corps. Its purpose is to:

- Assist honorably discharging Marines with personalized attention and academic counseling to continue their pursuit of higher education.
- Assist Marines participating in the Staff Noncommissioned Officer Degree Completion Program (SNCODCP) and the Marine Corps Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP) in creating a competitive application package.
- Prepare Marines for the rigors of attending an elite institution.
- Bridge a connection between the Marine and our LSP partner schools.

Participation in LSP is not a guarantee to admission.
The mission of the Leadership Scholar Program (LSP) is to provide academically and professionally qualified Marines with assistance in academic preparation and application process to highly selective academic institutions throughout the country in an effort to offer the most expeditious route for attainment of their respective educational goals.

Successful candidates will receive individualized academic counseling and assistance reviewing appropriate application documents such as but not limited to, transcripts, letters of recommendation and personal statements.

For more information, contact the Voluntary Education Center nearest you.

**QUALIFYING ELEMENTS**

**PARTICIPANTS**
- Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP)
- Staff Noncommissioned Officer Degree Completion Program (SNCODCP)
- Transitioning Marines

**EDUCATION**
- Marines must be a high school graduate. Current holders of undergraduate degrees (Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.) or equivalent, or those seeking advanced degrees do not qualify for this program.

**POLICY**
- Participation must begin no later than 12 months prior to End of Active Service (EAS) and no earlier than 24 months prior to EAS.
- Must have an honorable discharge date or be in a terminal leave status.
- The payment of tuition and all other academic fees are the responsibility of each participant. The use of GI Bill education benefits, grants, scholarships, and student loans, are encouraged. The Marine Corps Tuition Assistance Program cannot be used to fund tuition while participating in the LSP.
- Applicants accepted for this program do not incur any additional obligated service. However, MECEP and SNCODCP candidates may have additional service requirements.