



Special Operations Fund  
2020 Phillips Exeter Academy Summer School Scholarship Application

**INTRODUCTION**

The Special Operations Fund (SOFund) in partnership with Phillips Exeter Academy (PEA) is proud to announce the continuation of a program that will provide an opportunity for daughters and sons of Special Operations Service Members to attend The Phillips Exeter Academy's 2020 Summer School Program in Exeter, New Hampshire. The dates for PEA's Summer School Program are **July 6 through August 8, 2020**. The PEA Summer School enrollment is 750 students, with a student to teacher ratio of 13:1. Students will live and attend all classes at the PEA. Academic credit will be given for completed course work, classes are designed for academic enrichment, however students will be evaluated for each course and award the following grades: With Honors, Satisfactory, or Unsatisfactory. The PEA Summer School curriculum includes academics, athletics, and a SAT Preparation Course. The SOFund / PEA Summer School Scholarship includes all tuition fees, books, room and board, as well as \$995 for SAT course, \$400 stipend on Lion Card, and up to \$1,000 travel stipend. The SOFund and PEA Summer School Scholarships provide a remarkable opportunity for our Special Operations families. The PEA Summer School curriculum is demanding, but the committed student, motivated to maximize the experience, will find it to be truly rewarding. Good Luck!

The SOFund PEA Summer School Scholarships are awarded annually and limited to qualified high school students between their junior and senior years.

The SOFund is a non-profit, tax exempt IRS 501(c)(3) organization. Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, or physical ability.

Read all instructions carefully before completing the application. You are required to provide documentation as requested by the SOFund Selection Committee. If you are not able to answer or provide specific information, you must explain why.

The deadline for submitting your application is **January 17, 2020**. Any applications or documentation received after that date will be ineligible.

Congratulations on your pursuit of higher education and good wishes to you in your future endeavors.

Carolyn M. Becker  
Programs Director  
Special Operations Fund



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**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APPLICANT**

The Applicant Information Section must be completed to determine your eligibility to apply for a SOFund/PEA Summer School Scholarship. **The deadline for receiving this year's completed application with all required information and documentation is January 17, 2020.** Applications will only be accepted in PDF format and emailed to [nfscholarship@nsa160.com](mailto:nfscholarship@nsa160.com) no later than **January 17, 2020**. The participating scholarship funds will assist the SOFund Selection Committee by facilitating and supporting the application process.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- Son or Daughter of a: SOF Service Member killed in action or in training, current SOF Service Member or Veteran SOF Service Member. The applicant's family member status must be valid through August 1, 2019.
- Currently enrolled as a high school sophomore or junior
- For academic year 2018-19 the applicant must possess a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (Unweighted 4 point scale)

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Eligibility Verification: Both applicant and sponsor/parent are required to read and complete the Statement of Certification in the Application Information Section. If the sponsor is deployed, include a statement to that fact.
- Grade Point Average-Transcripts: Submit your **January 1 - December 31, 2019** transcript that clearly states your cumulative GPA, class ranking, all courses completed, and grades earned. Indicate if you have a weighted score or raw score and the point scale utilized.

**HOW YOUR APPLICATION IS EVALUATED AND GRADED:** There are multiple categories on the application that the SOFund Selection Committee will evaluate. However, **you will receive zero points** for any category left blank and not explained.

If you are not involved in school activities, clubs, sports, work or unable to volunteer, please provide other information you feel would assist us in the evaluation.

The SOFund Selection Committee will consider all other information submitted with the application. The last section in the application provides you an opportunity to tell the SOFund Selection Committee anything you think they need to know about you in order to better evaluate your application. SOFund Selection Committee is not privy to personal identification or information.

**COMPLETED APPLICATION:** All scholarship applications and related documentation and information, must be converted to a PDF and emailed to [nfscholarship@nsa160.com](mailto:nfscholarship@nsa160.com) no later than **January 17, 2020**.

Additional information relevant to your application which you feel would be of assistance to the SOFund Selection Committee may be submitted.

It has been stated numerous times previously, and cannot be over emphasized, that you need to answer all questions. If you cannot provide the requested information then please offer an explanation as to why. Do not send photos or resumes. No portion of the application will be returned to you.



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**FINAL CHECKLIST**

- ✓ Applicant Information Section completed (Note: Both applicant and sponsor/parent portions)
- ✓ Statement of Certification completed (Note: If your sponsor is deployed and unable to sign please explain the circumstances)
- ✓ Completed Evaluation Section (*ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS*)
- ✓ School Transcripts/Documentation
- ✓ Convert the completed application and associated documents into PDFs
- ✓ Email completed application and supporting documents in PDF format no later than **January 17, 2020** to: [nsfscholarship@nsa160.com](mailto:nsfscholarship@nsa160.com)

**Application related questions may be addressed directly to:**

Wesley Komulainen; at [nsfscholarship@nsa160.com](mailto:nsfscholarship@nsa160.com)

**Good Luck**



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**1. Applicant Information Section**

Applicant's Full Name (Last, First, Middle): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Applicant Current Academic Year: [Choose an item.](#)

What is the academic degree and area of study that you intend to pursue? [Click here to enter text.](#)

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Mailing Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

City: [Click here to enter text.](#) State: [Click here to enter text.](#) Zip Code: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Home Phone: [Click here to enter text.](#) Cell Phone: [Click here to enter text.](#) Work Phone: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Email Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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Gender (M/F): [Choose an item.](#)

Date of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Applicant's relationship to their Sponsor: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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**2. Sponsor / Parent Information Section**

Sponsor's Full Name (Last, First, Middle): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Parent's Full Name (Last, First, Middle): [Click here to enter text.](#)

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Sponsor's / Parent's Mailing Address (*If different from applicant*): [Click here to enter text.](#)

City: [Click here to enter text.](#) State: [Click here to enter text.](#) Zip Code [Click here to enter text.](#)

Home Phone: [Click here to enter text.](#) Cell Phone: [Click here to enter text.](#) Work Phone: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Email Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)



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**3. Statement of Certification**

I certify the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand failure to provide full documentation or falsification of credentials could result in disqualification of this application. I agree to provide, if requested, official documentation to verify information reported on this application. In the event I receive a 2020 scholarship award and elect not to attend PEA Summer School (2020) I will immediately notify the scholarship fund. I also understand the decision of the SOFund Selection Committee is final.

Applicant's Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's / Parent's Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Sponsor's / Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Both applicant and sponsor/parent signatures are required. If unable to obtain sponsor's / parent's signature, please provide an explanation here. [Click here to enter text.](#)*

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**4. Evaluation Section**

List all high schools that you are currently or have previously attended:

Institution: [Click here to enter text.](#)

City: [Click here to enter text.](#) State: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Dates Attended (yyyy/mm): [Click here to enter text.](#) Graduation date: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Institution: [Click here to enter text.](#)

City: [Click here to enter text.](#) State: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Dates Attended (yyyy/mm): [Click here to enter text.](#) Graduation date: [Click here to enter text.](#)

1. Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) earned during the period **January 1 - December 31, 2019**:  
Cumulative Un-Weighted GPA: [Click here to enter text.](#) Cumulative Weighted GPA: [Click here to enter text.](#)  
Indicate point scale used: [Choose an item.](#)

***NOTE: For questions 2 through 5, copy and paste tables if more entries are needed.***

2. List any clubs/organizations in which you have participated during the period **January 1 - December 31, 2019**. Include school, professional, civic and/or social organizations, etc.

Activity Name:
Activity Purpose:
Your Position (s):
Awards and Honors:
Membership Dates:
Total Hours Invested Per Year:

3. List any volunteer activities and/or community service in which you have participated during the period **January 1 - December 31, 2019**.

Activity Name:
Activity Purpose:
Your Position (s):
Awards and Honors:
Dates of Service / Volunteer Activity:
Total Service Hours Performed:



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4. List leadership positions held during the period **January 1 - December 31, 2019**, to include any awards or honors earned. (*Examples: Team Captain, Scouting, ROTC, Coach, Teacher, Shift Manager Mentor, Student Government, Honor Roll, Rotary Youth Leadership Award, Eagle Scout, etc.*).

Leadership Activity:
Your Leadership Position (s):
Awards and Honors:
Dates For Leadership Positions Held:

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5. List athletic participation in organized sports, physical fitness activities, or other similar events during the period **January 1 - December 31, 2019**. (*Examples: Basketball, Cheerleading, Drill Team, Marching Band, Coaching, Youth League, Recreation League, intramural, JV and/or varsity sports.*)

Athletic Activity:
Your Position (s):
Awards and Honors:
Dates of Athletic Participation:

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6. List any additional information for consideration (*Examples: Home Schooled, Special Needs Student or Family Members, Single Parent Home etc.*). Please list Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and college-level courses, etc. [Click here to enter text.](#)

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