



CAROLINA CLASSIC



Golf Tournament

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Dear Friend:

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation (MCSF) is currently seeking sponsors and players for our 20th Annual "Carolina Classic" Golf Tournament scheduled for October 20 - 21, 2018 at MCAS Cherry Point and MCB Camp Lejeune. Players will play 18 holes at either Cherry Point or Camp Lejeune on Saturday and another 18 holes at the alternate installation on Sunday. Although there have been but nineteen tournaments in North Carolina, the Foundation has provided financial assistance to deserving students for over fifty years.

The mission of the Scholarship Foundation is to *Honor Marines by Educating Their Children*. Throughout the tournament, you will often hear our committee members say "**IT'S FOR THE KIDS**" and they mean it. Since 1962, the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation has provided more than 40,000 need-based scholarships valued at nearly \$120,000,000 to children of Marines and Navy Corpsmen attending accredited colleges, universities, and vocational/ technical institutions, with particular attention given to those whose parent has been killed or wounded in combat, or who have demonstrated financial need. In the 2017-2018 academic year, the Scholarship Foundation has awarded \$7.4 million in scholarships to over 2,300 students from all 50 states, Washington, DC, and overseas. Here are some staggering facts: 50% of recipients are first-generation college students; 45% are science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) majors; 90% graduate from college, more than double the national average; the average family income among our families is \$59,000 and the average cost of a four-year education is \$94,000. Last year the Scholarship Foundation awarded \$1,065,500 to 317 North Carolina Scholarship Recipients. So as you can see, funding provided by our generous supporters like you helps to transform the lives of thousands of deserving young people and their families, paving the way for the sons and daughters of Marines to achieve their educational dreams.

In the past 19 years our tournament has raised well over \$1.7 million! We invite your participation in our 20th tournament and hope that we can count on you to make this year's event even more outstanding. This is truly a one-of-a-kind tournament!

In addition to being a corporate sponsor and playing in the tournament, you can further help us by donating cash or prizes. We are sincerely grateful for your support in whatever manner you wish to participate.

The "**Carolina Classic**"
Golf Tournament Committee