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Dear Guidance Counselor,

Please excuse my using a form letter but this letter is simply to announce that the NE Iowa Detachment 1241 of the Marine Corps League is again offering a scholarship. There will be one (1) scholarship this year in the amount of \$500.00. I believe the enclosed criteria should help the high school senior to create his/her application without any undue problems. We in the Marine Corps League are looking forward to helping a deserving student in the high schools that are in our district. I am looking forward to receiving applications from your senior students. Thank you for letting your students become aware of the availability of this scholarship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stanley D. Whelchel". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Stanley D. Whelchel

Marine Corps League, NE Iowa Detachment 1241 Scholarship

The Marine Corps League, NE Iowa Detachment 1241, Waverly, Iowa is offering one (1) scholarship in the amount of \$500 to a worthy local student. A student who applies should be in the upper 1/2 of their class. He/She must be of sterling character (possess good morals, be honest, be free from drugs and tobacco) and be a dedicated student with a passionate desire to go to college. The recipient of this scholarship need not be the most outstanding student in the class, but one that the selection committee believes has the commitment and desire to go to college. The selection committee will consist of the members of the Marine Corps League, NE Iowa Detachment 1241.

The application will be typed (word processing) with a plain basic font of Courier, Geneva, or Helvetica with size 12 print and will be double spaced. The application will be neat and free from typographical errors and errors in grammar. A quality document reflecting the ability and care of the student is very important to the committee who will read the application and determine the selection of the recipient. **The application must be received by the Marine Corps League, NE Iowa Detachment 1241 by March 1 in the year it is to be awarded. Applications postmarked midnight March 1 will not be accepted.**

The application format will be as follows

- (1) Type the heading, Marine Corps League, NE Iowa Detachment 1241 Scholarship in **bold** print centered on the page.
- (2) Student's name, address, grade point average - class rank
- (3) a personal essay, word processed and double spaced, in which the student expresses his/her thoughts about the statement **"Freedom is not free."**
- (4) sign your name at the bottom of your essay:
- (5) a signed letter of recommendation from a faculty member
- (6) place your application, essay, and letter of recommendation in an envelope and mail to the following address: **Stanley D. Whelchel, Scholarship Chairman, Marine Corps League Detachment 1241, 2001 Merner Avenue, Cedar Falls, IA 50613.**

To assist the student in writing his/her essay the following background information may help the student focus his/her thoughts on the United States Marine Corps. Consider the following:

On 10 November 1775 the Continental Congress authorized the formation of 2 battalions of Marines. These Marines were to guard American ships and protect the officers and servicemen on board these ships during action against English forces. Thus the Marine Corps has been in existence longer than the United States of America. On July 4, 1776 the Declaration of Independence was written and published. For five long years, 1776 - 1781, the Marines fought for the cause of freedom against England, finally winning the war for Independence. Since then the Marine Corps has been involved in the following wars and conflicts: 1812 to 1814 - War with England, 1846 - War with Mexico, 1861 to 1865 - The Civil War, 1898 - Spanish American War, 1917 to 1918 - World War I, 1941 to 1945 - World War II, 1950 to 1953 - Korean War, 1959 - 1975 - Vietnam War, 1990 - Desert Storm (Operation Desert Shield), 2000 - present - Operation Enduring Freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan. Good luck on your essay **"Freedom is not free."**