



LEADERSHIP SCHOLAR PROGRAM

A Marine Corps Partnership for Academic Excellence

WHAT IS IT?

A Leadership Scholar Program (LSP) is a partnership between your university/college and the U.S. Marine Corps. Its purpose is to:

- Help honorably discharging Marines continue their education;
- Identify those Marines that might qualify to apply to your institution;
- Present these young men and women to your Admissions Office; and,
- Because of the time and effort involved in the screening process, our partnership will ideally secure “guaranteed acceptance” for at least a couple of these qualified applicants at your institution.

WHY SHOULD YOU PARTICIPATE?

Your institution benefits. Add the presence of mature, travelled, dedicated, and disciplined leaders to the classroom, who will make an immediate, positive impact on the university culture and contribute greatly to the classroom experience. Rest assured that, financially, the tuition for these students is backed by the Post 9-11 GI Bill.

Your student body benefits. Demonstrate a new “diversity.” Embrace young people who have served their country and fought for our freedom, endured challenges unknown to most young people, and bring with them insights and life-experiences from foreign shores and differing cultures.

Our country benefits. Collaborate with us to become the vehicle for the transition to and introduction of college-educated and enormously productive citizens to our nation’s workplace.

WHO WILL WE PRESENT TO YOU?

We respect your standards. The academic requirements (e.g., HS graduate, ACT/SAT scores, GPA, etc.) your institution demands are completely respected. LSPs are in place at Ivy League Schools and State-wide systems and the academic requirements are, in every case, fully the institution’s determination.

We work with you. In addition to the academic requirements set by your institution, we pre-screen each candidate according to another 30 evaluation points to determine which applicants should be presented.



We assess to ensure success. Our desire is to bring forward prospective students who will thrive at and graduate from your institution. Key qualities and indicators include: leadership; maturity performance and conduct while on duty; efforts at self improvement via off duty education; and, the recommendations of their Commanding Officers.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Your institution:

- Enters into an agreement with the United States Marine Corps to commit to the foundation of an LSP with your institution;
- Dictates ALL academic criteria, along with residency and other requirements; and,
- Establishes ALL documentation (e.g., application for admission) deadlines, processing timelines, and reporting instructions, (e.g., date for freshmen orientation).

Of course, we want the applicants presented at the end of this process each year to be admitted. **The final decision, however, rests with your institution.**

Once established, our partnership will remain in place indefinitely. We'll conduct an annual review with you to ensure it is always improving with lessons learned, changes in requirements, improved screening techniques, and anything else which might arise to our mutual satisfaction.

THIS DOES WORK.

Schools with LSP programs have a 100% renewal rate. The young men and women being presented through LSP are meeting the expectations of the institution. No university or college that has set up an LSP has withdrawn from the program.

100% of LSP students are financially underpinned by the Post 9-11 GI Bill. While there is an epidemic of other students defaulting on loans for higher education today, all of the LSP students today currently use the benefits associated with the Post 9-11 GI Bill.

LSP students do not tend to drop out. He/she is a prime candidate to complete a degree in a timely fashion. These former Marines have demonstrated maturity and made it through an extremely rigorous screening process. These students will achieve a degree on time and without interruption. This offers schools the benefit of avoiding the mounting expense of an ever-growing dropout rate among underclassmen.

LSP students are graduating. Honorably discharged Marines are becoming valued and respected alumni of colleges and universities through the LSP.