



Dreamers, Visionaries & Leaders  
Legacy Scholarships  
GARNER C. MORRIS

APPLICATION PERIOD:  
January 8 through March 26, 2021

*All applications must be received by the High Desert Community Foundation no later than 5pm, March 26, 2021. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered by the Committee. Scholarship Award amount is \$500.00*

Prior to submitting your application, please read carefully all eligibility requirements for applying for the **GARNER C. MORRIS DVL LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP** at: [www.dvlproject.com](http://www.dvlproject.com), and the guidelines for writing the essay which are included with this application.

#### Eligibility Criteria

For the **Morris Legacy Scholarship**, student applicants will demonstrate a continuing commitment to service in aerospace, aviation, military science or other closely related fields. Because SMSGT Morris believed that we can enrich our communities by through community service and advocacy, the Selection Committee will take a strong interest in applicants that have a community or political involvement orientation.

**Letter of Reference:** Please attach **two** letters of reference that support your application. At least one reference letter should be from an individual who is in the industry. **Note: All letters must be typed and must not exceed 300 words. Letters not typed or those which exceed 300 words may not be read by the Committee.**

#### Essay

As part of the application for the **Garner C. Morris Scholarship**, you are required to write an original essay. (*Note: you are cautioned against simply "recycling" personal essays used for college applications or other scholarships.*)

In 500 typed words or less, describe the influences on your interests or choices in aerospace, aviation, military science or a related field. These influences—positive or negative—can be an event, an instructor, family members or other impactful sources. Your essay should provide insight into your current achievements, your expectations for future study and career choices, and **how you intend to give back to your community.**

After you have read the brief description of **Garner C. Morris** the *Legacy Honoree* as provided in the application, complete the application and combine it with the other required materials for submission and mail it to the Committee:

***Dreamers, Visionaries & Leaders Legacy Scholarships Committees***  
*c/o High Desert Community Foundation*  
**Post Office Box 2028 Apple Valley, CA 92307**

NOTE: Applications must be typed and completely filled out.  
Handwritten or incomplete applications will not be considered by the Committee.

**Garner C. Morris**  
**September 16, 1933-March 21, 2020**

Garner C. Morris was raised on his family's farm in Batesville, Mississippi. He joined the U.S Air Force as in 1954 where he provided maintenance support for the B-36, B-47, and F4 bombers, serving in Vietnam, Thailand, Korea, Taiwan, China, and Denmark. After 30 years of service (20 years at George Air Force Base), he retired as a SMSGT.

He embarked upon a second career with Northrup-Grumman for 17 years as a B-2 Flight Test System Safety and Human Factor's Engineer. While working full-time and supporting his family, he attended college, receiving his Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management from Southern Illinois University.

Fondly known as "Mr. Victorville", he passionately pursued community advocacy until his death in March 2020. In the mid-60s, he advocated against discriminatory practices occurring at George Air Force Base. He held charter memberships in the NAACP, High Desert Lodge #107, and the High Desert Flowers Chapter #93. He regularly attended the Victorville City Council Meetings, worked various political campaigns, served on a variety of community committees including Emmanuel Temple CME Church's Community Concerns Committee, counseled veterans on benefits entitlements, and mentored young adults. He served as a Field Representative for 1st District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, and later as a Community Liaison Officer for 1st District Supervisor Robert Lovingood. As a community representative, he sat on the San Bernardino County Treasury Oversight Committee for 15 years. He lived his life serving his Country, Community, Church, and Family.

**1. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_, CA Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ or Message phone \_\_\_\_\_

E--mail address \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. EDUCATION

Last high school attended \_\_\_\_\_

Dates attended (Month/ Year) \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate? Yes \_\_\_ (Month/Year) \_\_\_ No

School/Institution currently attending or planning to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Start date or proposed start date \_\_\_\_\_

Planned course of study, education or career goals \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Resume**. Include a resume of two (2) pages or less as part of this application. **Note: A resume that exceeds page requirements may not be considered by the Committee.**
4. **Letter of Reference** Please attach *at least one but no more than two letters* of reference that support your application. **Note: All letters must be typed and must not exceed 300 words. Letters not typed or those which exceed 300 words may not be read by the Committee.**
5. **Official Transcripts** are required of all students as part of the application package. Before the scholarship is awarded to the successful applicant, a final Official Transcript will be required to be submitted to DVL. Applicants graduating from high school also must include a "letter of acceptance" from the institution they plan to attend. Applicants currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution must present evidence of "academic progress" from an institutional official *at the counselor level or above from the institution in which they are enrolled.*
6. **Institution Accreditation.** *For applicants to be eligible for the Legacy Scholarship, all education institutions to be considered by applicants or in which they are enrolled must be "regionally accredited."* Accreditation information usually can be obtained from the Registrar of the institution.
7. **Original Essay.** Write an original essay as directed in the first part of this application.

### Applicant Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of information may result in termination of my application or of any scholarship award granted to me.

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_