



AMVETS National Scholarship Program

(For Veterans)

(\$4,000 over four years)

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MAIL TO:
Programs Dept.
4647 Forbes Blvd.
Lanham, MD 20706

Selection is based on academic promise, financial need and merit. Funding for this scholarship is provided by the AMVETS National Service Foundation.

AMVETS offers the following scholarship for veterans. It must be used for full-time study in the pursuit of undergraduate studies, graduate studies or a certification/degree from an accredited technical/trade school. The purpose of this scholarship is to financially assist veterans who have exhausted government aid, or who might not otherwise have the financial means to further their education. \$1,000 will be awarded each year for a maximum of four years contingent upon maintaining the schools prescribed academic standards and showing evidence of enrollment. AMVETS will not make more than a \$1,000 payment per year even if the student is on an accelerated schedule. The scholarship must be used in its entirety within five years of the award date. Any amount remaining unused within five years will be forfeited. A total of three scholarships of this level will be awarded nation wide. Applicants must meet all of the eligibility requirements listed below and submit the completed application postmarked on or before April 15. For questions regarding the application, required documents, or application process, please contact AMVETS toll free at 877-726-8387.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Must be a United States veteran who is an AMVETS member.
2. Must be a United States citizen.
3. Must demonstrate financial need.
4. Must agree to authorize AMVETS to publicize your scholarship award, if you are selected.

Required Materials:

1. A copy of the veteran's honorable discharge or a letter certifying current service and eligibility for release from active duty prior to attending school.
2. Official college transcripts for all courses attempted and any degrees or certificates awarded. If post-secondary credits amount to less than 12 credit hours and high school diploma was awarded within the past five years, a high school transcript must be provided. Transcripts must be in the 4.0 grade scale, or if in a different system, translated to the 4.0 scale.
3. A complete and signed copy of the applicant's 1040 tax form must be enclosed. It will be used to verify financial need. If the applicant's name appears on anyone else's 1040 tax form, it too must be enclosed.
4. A copy of the applicant's Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
5. Essay (50-100 words) entitled and addressing the theme of **"What A Higher Education Means To Me"** (The essay must be written in the space provided on page 3).
6. Acceptance letter, or a letter stating current student status from an accredited school.
7. Proof of college expenses (A copy of expenses out of the college publication will suffice).
8. A résumé detailing military duty and awards, volunteer activities, community services, and jobs held during the past four years.
9. A copy of the veteran's AMVETS membership card or complete the application on page (2) and return application and payment with the scholarship form.

Privacy Act Advisory Statement

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In the spirit of The Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. & 552A, as amended, protecting your privacy is important to us. AMVETS will use the personal information you provide for the sole purpose of evaluating your scholarship application. It will not be shared, sold or otherwise made available to any individual, corporation or organization. Disclosure is voluntary. However, failure to provide information could preclude your consideration for this scholarship.

Completed application and required forms must be postmarked on or before April 15.

AMVETS Membership Application (For those not currently members)

Dear Veteran,

AMVETS applauds your decision to pursue a higher education. The commitment of time and money is a worthwhile investment in your future and we extend our best wishes.

In order for you to be considered for a scholarship you must be a member of AMVETS. If you are not yet an AMVETS member, please take this opportunity to join. Membership strength helps to make this scholarship available, as well as other outreach programs and services. It also gives us clout as we represent veteran's interests on Capitol Hill. For \$20, you will become an annual member of the fourth largest congressionally chartered veterans service organization. (For \$150 you can become a Life Member, never having to pay an annual membership registration again.) In addition, you will receive a membership card, a subscription to the AMERICAN VETERAN magazine, and other member benefits for which you may be eligible. So join today!



Yes, I want to join AMVETS! I certify that I meet the membership requirements –
I have served or am currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves, or as a Merchant Marine during World War II.

Name: _____ Male Female
(Last, First, Middle)
Address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone: (____)____-____ D.O.B.: ____/____/____ Branch of Service: _____
Date entered: ____/____ Date Discharged: ____/____ Type of discharge: _____
Payment Method: Visa/MasterCard Check/Money Order
Card Number _____ Expiration Date ____/____
Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

AMVETS National Scholarship Program Application

Please type or print the following information:

Applicant's full legal name: _____
(Last, first, middle)

Permanent mailing address: _____
(Stateside address only)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: (____)____-_____

Social Security Number: _____-_____-_____ Date of birth: ____/____/____ Age: ____
MM DD YYYY

List in order, beginning with the present year, all schools attended in the last four years:

Name of School	Location	Dates Attended	GPA
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Address and telephone number of the school you are currently attending:

(Street address) (City, state, zip)
Telephone(____)____-_____

College GPA: _____
(Must be on the 4.0 scale)

High school graduation date: ____/____/____ Date entering/entered college: ____/____/____
MM YYYY MM DD YYYY

Name, address and telephone of college/university accepted to (list one only):

(Name of college/university)

(Street Address)

(City, state, zip)

(____)____-_____

(Telephone)

Intended major course of study: _____

“What A Higher Education Means To Me”

Please write a short statement, (50-100 words), in the space below:

Financial Status Statement

This statement is to be used to demonstrate your financial resources and financial need.

Name of Applicant _____

Is the applicant independent (residing separately from parents/guardian and earning own living)? Yes No

How many months/years has the applicant been independent? _____

Ages of dependents being supported by the veteran: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5 ___

Family Income

	Name:	Occupation:	Annual Gross Salary:
Student:	_____	_____	\$ _____
Spouse:	_____	_____	\$ _____
Other:	_____	_____	\$ _____

Certification

In submitting this application, I hereby certify that:

- ✓ I am in need of this scholarship aid to continue my education.
- ✓ I will use the proceeds of any scholarship aid received for the payment of tuition, required fees, board, room, required materials or books.
- ✓ I will carry the hours necessary to qualify as a full-time student.
- ✓ The information submitted in this application is complete and correct, and I agree to inform the committee of changes in my financial circumstances.
- ✓ I agree to abide by the rules established by the AMVETS National Scholarship Committee and understand that all decisions rendered by the committee are final.

Veterans Signature _____ Date: ____/____/____

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Financial Status Statement *(continued)*

Yearly Estimated Income:

Tuition and fees from personal savings: \$ _____

Tuition and fees from job or work/study programs. \$ _____

Aid from parents or guardian: \$ _____

Aid from spouse: \$ _____

Loans: \$ _____

Scholarships (only scholarships you have received): \$ _____

Grants: \$ _____

Social Security: \$ _____

Veterans benefits: \$ _____

Welfare aid: \$ _____

Other resources: \$ _____

Yearly Estimated Expenses:

Please indicate living accommodations:

On-campus housing _____

Off-campus housing (specify) _____

Tuition and fees: \$ _____

Books and materials: \$ _____

Board: \$ _____

Room: \$ _____

Personal and recreation (including lunches, travel, etc.) expenses: \$ _____

Total estimated income: \$ _____ **Total estimated expenses:** \$ _____

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Total Estimated Income: \$ _____

Difference Needed: \$ _____

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