

CHAPTER #490

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

P.O. Box 1776

Des Moines, Iowa 50306

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT YOUR SIGNATURE

PERSONAL

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

MIDDLE NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

TELEPHONE

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

DATE OF BIRTH

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATION DATE

EDUCATION

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

NAME OF INSTITUTION

COLLEGE OR

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

AREA OF STUDY

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE

The processing of application and selection of award winners is within the sole discretion of Chapter #490, Vietnam Veterans of America and is not subject to appeal or review.

Signature

Date

SCHOLARSHIP HISTORY

In 1992, Chapter #490 of Vietnam Veterans of America established a scholarship fund to assist Vietnam Era Veterans or their families, with the costs associated with undergraduate studies at accredited educational or technical institutions. The fund was named the Kit Williamson Memorial Scholarship Fund following a generous gift by his family in 1996.

Two \$1,000 awards will be made in May 2021. These one-year awards will be paid directly to the institution for educational expenses, i.e. tuition or books.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Eligibility is based upon the following criteria:

- Be a Vietnam Era Veteran or a family member of a Vietnam Era Veteran.
- Be accepted by or registered to attend an accredited college or university, or post-secondary training institution.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The awards are competitive and will be based on consideration of the following factors:

- Academic standing for the last year of classes prior to application for the scholarship.
- College entrance exam scores (SAT and/or ACT).
- At least two letters of reference from current or former teachers, academic advisors, employers, community leaders, etc., attesting to the applicant's character.
- A resume with the applicant's academic accomplishments, extra curricular activities and employment history (if any). The resume must include current educational objectives and a statement of financial needs.
- A certified copy of the related veterans DD Form 214 (discharge form).
- An essay chosen from one of these topics:
 - 1) The Vietnam War - A Family Members Perspective
 - 2) Vietnam: Worth Fighting For?
 - 3) Who was the Vietnam Veteran?
 - 4) POW/MIA: What is the Truth About American Servicemen Unaccounted for in Vietnam?

HOW TO APPLY

- Applications must include the following and must be post-marked on or before April 30
- A completed application form.
- High school transcript.
- A copy of SAT and/or ACT scores.
- Letter of acceptance from college, university, or post-secondary institution.
- Two character reference letters.
- Student's resume
- Student's essay.
- Certified copy of Veterans DD Form 214.
- Letter of understanding from the applicant stating that if they do not complete the year of instruction for which they are receiving the scholarship, they will repay the scholarship.

Send the complete package to:

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ATTN: Scholarship Committee