



AMVETS

National Scholarship Program

(Entering College Freshmen)

(\$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 four-year scholarship. It must be used for full-time study at either an undergraduate college or university or an accredited technical/trade school leading to a certification or degree. \$1,000 will be awarded each year for a maximum of four years contingent upon maintaining a 2.0 grade point average or equivalent 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. The purpose of this scholarship is to make the goal of post secondary education more attainable for the children and grandchildren of veterans by assisting deserving students who might not otherwise have the financial means to achieve their educational goals. A total of six scholarships of this level will be awarded nationally, one per each of the six National Districts of AMVETS. 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 graduating high school senior entering at the college freshmen level in the upcoming fall semester.
2. Must have a minimum high school grade point average (GPA) of 3.0. (Or documented evidence of extenuating circumstances that caused a lower GPA.)
3. Must be the child **or** grandchild of a United States veteran who is an AMVETS member, or if deceased, would have been eligible for AMVETS membership.
4. Must be a United States citizen.
5. Must demonstrate academic promise and financial need.
6. 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. (Form DD 214) Dependents of current military personnel must submit a letter from the base commander certifying the active duty status of the parent.
2. Official high school transcripts including the first grading period of the senior year in high school. Transcripts must be in the 4.0 grade scale, or if in a different system, translated to the 4.0 scales.
3. SAT and/or ACT scores.
4. A complete and signed copy of the parent(s)/guardian(s)' 1040 tax form must be enclosed. It will be used to verify financial need. The applicant's name must also appear on the tax form.
5. A copy of the applicant's Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
6. 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).
7. Acceptance letter from the accredited school you will attend.
8. Proof of college expenses (A copy of expenses out of the college publication will suffice).
9. A résumé detailing extracurricular activities, volunteer activities, community services, and jobs held during the past four years.
10. A copy of the veteran's AMVETS membership card or complete the application on page (2) and return application and payment with scholarship form. (The membership card or application must be that of the individual claiming veteran status on page 3).

Privacy Act Advisory Statement

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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 actively support your family’s pursuit of a higher education. The commitment of time and money is a worthwhile investment in our future leaders, and we extend our best wishes. We believe in America’s youth, and this is one reason AMVETS has awarded scholarships to deserving students for nearly 50 years.

In order for your children and/or grandchildren to be considered you must be a member of AMVETS. For your convenience, we have included this application as part of the scholarship application. The completed membership application and required documents must be returned to the AMVETS National Headquarters along with the scholarship application.

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 \$25, you will become an annual member of the fourth largest congressionally chartered veterans service organization. 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

WHO IS CLAIMING VETERAN STATUS? (Please check only one)

- Father
 - Mother
 - Grandparent
- Is the veteran deceased?
(Applicant must provide proof)

Signature of Veteran _____

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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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

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

Cumulative/unweighted high school GPA: _____ SAT/ACT Score: _____
(Must be on the 4.0 scale) (highest received)

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

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Financial Status Statement

This statement is to be used to demonstrate the financial resources and financial need of the AMVETS National Scholarship applicant and the applicant's family.

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? _____

Father's name and address: _____

Mother's name and address: _____
(If different from father's) _____

Name and address of guardian: _____
(If applicable) _____

Ages of dependents being supported by parents: 1 ____ 2 ____ 3 ____ 4 ____ 5 ____

Family Income

	Name:	Occupation:	Annual Gross Salary:
Student:	_____	_____	\$ _____
Father:	_____	_____	\$ _____
Mother:	_____	_____	\$ _____
Guardian:	_____	_____	\$ _____
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.

Student's Signature _____ Date: ____/____/____

(If applicant is under 18 years of age, the applicant's parent or legal guardian must also sign.)

Signature of parent/legal guardian _____ Date: ____/____/____

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Financial Status Statement (continued)

Yearly Estimated Income:

Yearly Estimated Expenses:

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: \$ _____

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: \$ _____

“What A Higher Education Means To Me”

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

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