



AMVETS/UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

AMVETS and University of Phoenix have established a relationship to offer this Scholarship Program. The program was created with the belief that members of our active military, veterans and their families wish to be successful and would like to have a better quality of life for themselves and their families, and it all starts with education.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates for the scholarship must demonstrate the following to be considered:

1. Applicants who reside in the United States must meet one of the following requirements: be a legal resident of the United States; have been granted permanent residency; have a valid visa that does not prohibit educational studies; have been granted temporary protected status along with approved Notice of Action issued by Citizen Immigration Services and verified through CIS Form g-845; or have been granted asylum along with the approved Notice of Action issued by the Citizen Immigration Services.
2. Applicant must be one of the below:
 - a. A current member of the active military (including National Guard and Reserves)
 - b. An honorably discharged veteran
 - c. Spouse
 - d. Child (under age 21, or full-time student under age 23)
3. Are not receiving 100% tuition reimbursement.
4. Are not employees or family members of employees of AMVETS, Apollo Group, Inc., University of Phoenix, Western International University, Institute for Professional Development or any other subsidiary of Apollo Group, Inc.
5. Submit a complete, signed application, together with all supporting documentation, if any, by the deadline date listed under the Selection Process section. The completion of the application form does not create an obligation to award a scholarship to applicant.
6. Submit an essay High importance will be placed on the applicant's desire to advance in their education, with an emphasis on furthering their careers, and their impact in the community for which they reside. To be considered, the essay must meet the following requirements:
 - a. Double spaced,
 - b. 12 point font,
 - c. 8 x 11 paper, and
 - d. Pages must be paper-clipped together (no staples)
 - e. Minimum of two (2) pages typed, maximum of four (4)

ESSAY QUESTION(S)

Submit a complete and comprehensive essay, reflecting the above criteria, on one of the following topics:

- What A Higher Education Means To Me
- My Long Term Career Goal Is...
- America Needs to Support Veterans and the Active Duty Military Because...

Privacy Act Advisory Statement:

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.



CHECK LIST

1. The AMVETS/University of Phoenix Scholarship Form complete and signed
2. Essay (see instructions above)
3. Letter from Command certifying active duty status or copy of Veteran's DD214
4. A complete and signed copy of applicants or parent(s)/guardian(s)' 1040 tax form (2008). Form will be used to verify financial need. The applicant's name must also appear on the tax form.
5. Resume covering the past four years
6. Letter of recommendation

SELECTION PROCESS

1. The recipient of this scholarship will be selected by the Scholarship Committee consisting of representatives from University of Phoenix and AMVETS.
2. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit a complete and signed application and all the supporting documentation in one package which must be received on or before the deadline date as set forth below. The Scholarship Committee accepts no responsibility for incomplete applications, applications not in proper form, lost applications, or any other submission in exception to the above instructions.
3. Scholarship selection shall be made without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, or disability.
4. The scholarship award will be based on the committee's scores of the overall quality of the application and the scholarship essay(s). The higher the average score, the higher the probability of selection.
5. **Applicants will apply directly to AMVETS (address listed on next page). AMVETS will select the top seventy-five (75) candidates and those applications will be reviewed by a joint committee comprised of AMVETS and University of Phoenix.**
6. The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final and not subject to a review process.

Deadline Date:

A complete application and supporting documentation, if any, must be received on or before July 1, 2009. Applications received after the designated deadline date will not be considered. No exceptions.

IMPORTANT: ONLY THE FIRST 300 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WILL BE CONSIDERED.

Award Date:

The Scholarship Committee will determine the recipients of the scholarship by the award date of November 9, 2009. You will be notified via email by award date regarding the status of the scholarship. If you would like to receive notification of your status regardless if you were selected as a recipient or not, there is a section on the application where you may provide an email address for updates.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

All materials must be submitted by mail to the following address and postmarked **on or before July 1, 2009**.

AMVETS National Programs Dept.
University of Phoenix Scholarship
4647 Forbes Blvd.
Lanham, MD 20706

For any additional information, please contact us in writing at the above referenced address or by e-mail at: scholarships@amvets.org.



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APPLICATION: 2009 AMVETS/University of Phoenix Scholarship

Full Name of Applicant _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ Work Telephone _____

Desired Degree Program _____

*Only recipients will be sent official letters announcing their application status. If you would like to be notified of your status regardless if you were selected as a recipient or not, please provide your email address below.

*Email: _____

Please Check One:

Active Duty

Honorably Discharged Veteran

Spouse or child

*If Active Duty:

Name of Unit: _____

Name of Unit Commander: _____

If you are a child of an active duty serviceman or honorably discharged veteran, which of the following is their relation to you?

- Father
- Mother
- Deceased Veteran (Applicant must provide copies of death certificate and DD214)



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TERMS, CONDITIONS AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

By applying for a University of Phoenix scholarship and/or accepting the scholarship award, the applicant/recipient agrees to the following terms, conditions, and the distribution of scholarship funds.

1. All application submissions shall become the property of Apollo Group, Inc. and University of Phoenix regardless if applicant is awarded the scholarship. In addition, you agree to cooperate with the Apollo Group, Inc. and/or University in executing a consent and release form if requested.
2. Upon the award of the scholarship and applicant's acceptance, Apollo Group, Inc. and/or University of Phoenix shall have the right to use and republish submitted application and any of its contents to reference and acknowledge applicant's/recipient's name and authorship of the application for any purpose, whatsoever. In addition, applicant/recipient agrees to cooperate with the Apollo Group, Inc. and/or University of Phoenix in executing a consent and release form if requested.
3. Scholarship award is a non-cash credit to your University account in the amount stated by scholarship. No check or other cash monies will be given and/or refunded to student at any time. No exceptions.
4. Scholarship may be applied to tuition and all fees only; education supplies and living expenses are not included.
5. Applicant/recipient must meet all University of Phoenix admissions requirements for selected program and campus. Information available in the University of Phoenix Catalog.
6. Applicant/recipient must enroll at University of Phoenix no later than thirty (30) days following the scholarship award date, unless otherwise determined by the Scholarship Committee and/or University officials in their sole discretion.
7. Applicant/recipient must stay in attendance as a full time student with no more than a twenty-nine (29) day break (or 21 days if attending a Georgia campus) between classes.
8. Applicant/recipient must maintain the minimum grade point average for selected degree program, make satisfactory progress towards completing selected degree program (satisfactory progress is measured as successfully completing a minimum of 16 credits during each 24 attempted credits), and complete selected degree program within the maximum time frame allowed according to federal regulations (The maximum time frame allowed is based on the required number of credits for graduation from the degree program, less any transfer or assessed credits, times 150%).
9. Should recipient withdraw from or otherwise fail to complete a course for which registered and for which the Scholarship or a portion of the Scholarship has been used to pay, any refund due shall be only applied to recipient's University Account as a non-cash credit. In no event will any cash refund be given at any time. No exceptions.
10. If recipient wishes to re-take a course, recipient must pay the entire cost of the course. No scholarship award will be given on a re-taken course. A "re-take" of a course means scholarship recipient has completed the course to a point of earning a letter grade of A–F and has been scheduled to repeat the same course.
11. Recipient will relinquish all unused scholarship credits should recipient fail to meet the above terms and conditions for any reason. Determinations of failure to meet the stated terms will be made by the Scholarship Committee and/or University officials in their sole discretion. Any unused portion of the Scholarship will be returned to the University.
12. These terms and conditions are in addition to any other terms and conditions set forth in any other part of this document. Any necessary determination or clarification as to the interpretation or to the application of a particular term shall be made by the Scholarship Committee and/or University officials in their sole discretion. Furthermore, the University reserves the right in its sole discretion to make any changes or modifications to the scholarship, including but not limited to, the criteria, the selection process, the deadline dates, and the terms and conditions.
13. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the scholarship will result in termination of the scholarship.
14. In the event that any provision of the terms and conditions of this Scholarship shall be held void, voidable, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of shall remain in full force and effect.



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. I have read and agreed to the stated Terms and Conditions of the scholarship and I understand the nature of the Scholarship and the extent of my obligations.
2. I certify to the best of my knowledge and ability that the above statements are true and correct. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission of fact is cause for disqualification and my application will not be considered.
3. This application is subject to the policies and procedures set forth in the applicable University catalog in the event of a conflict between the terms of the scholarship and the catalog, the terms of the scholarship will control.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

If signatory/applicant is under the age of 18, the Parent or Legal Guardian must also sign below. By signing below said Parent or Legal Guardian represents that he/she has the legal right to and does consent to the terms and conditions of this scholarship. Said Parent or Legal Guardian further certifies to the best of his/her ability that the information contained in this application is accurate.

Printed name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Address (If different from child's): _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____ **Evening:** _____