Scholarships and Grants

Please read the instructions for all scholarships and grants on their websites for complete eligibility and submission requirements.

❖ AFCEA War Veterans Scholarships, Afghanistan and Iraq War Veterans (Undergraduate Only)

- **Application:**
  - Merit-based scholarships of $2,500 will be awarded to:
    - Persons on active duty in the uniformed military services
    - Honorably discharged U.S. military veterans (including Reservists and National Guard personnel) of the Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan or Iraqi Freedom Operations (years 2004-present)
  - Recipients must be currently enrolled and attending classes in an undergraduate program part time or full time in an eligible STEM major degree program at an accredited four year college or university in the U.S (see eligibility section paragraph 4 for list of acceptable STEM majors). Distance-learning or online programs affiliated with a major U.S. institution are eligible. Scholarship awards are subject to availability of funding. Scholarship awards are restricted to tuition and course-related expenses, such as fees, books, supplies and equipment that are required for the courses at the university. This information is in effect for the 2019-2020 school year.

- **Deadline:**
  - April 12, 2019

- **Award:**
  - $2,500

- **Contact Information:**
  - edfoundation@afcea.org

❖ The American Legion Legacy Scholarship

- **Application:**
  - Link: [http://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy](http://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy)
  - In order to qualify for this scholarship you must be the child or legally adopted child or a child of a spouse by a prior marriage or dependent child as defined by the United States Armed Services of active duty United States military and National Guard, and military reservists who were federalized and died on active duty on or after September 11, 2001. You must be a high school senior or have earned your high school diploma and going to attend an undergraduate institution within the United States.

- **Deadline:**
  - April 15, 2019

- **Award:**
  - Each needs-based scholarship provides up to $20,000 in aid

- **Contact Information:**
  - Charles Graybiel
    Program Coordinator
    (317) 630-1212
    scholarships@legion.org

❖ AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary (College Support Scholarship)

- **Application:**
The AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary College Support Scholarship has been established to assist high school seniors in furthering their education and to reflect the interest and involvement of a National Service Organization and its members. Applications will be judged and scholarships awarded at the National Convention held during the month of August. A possible total of two (2) $500 scholarships may be awarded at that time. The applicant must be a son, daughter, step-child, grandchild or step-grandchild of a current member of the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary and be a graduating high school senior who has been accepted to an accredited college or university.

- **Deadline:**
  - July 1st every year
- **Award:**
  - Two $500 awards
- **Contact Information:**
  - [http://amvetsaux.org/contact/](http://amvetsaux.org/contact/)

**AMVETS Scholarship Program (Dr. Aurelio M. Caccomo Family Foundation Memorial Scholarship)**

- **Application:**
  - Link: [http://amvets.org/scholarships/](http://amvets.org/scholarships/)
  - In order to be considered for this scholarship you must be a U.S. citizen, be a U.S. Veteran, demonstrate financial need, have a high school diploma or GED, be enrolled or accepted for enrollment to an eligible program, must not be in default on a federal student loan, must not be convicted under state or federal law of sale or possession of illegal drugs, and agree to authorize AMVETS to publicize your scholarship award, if you are selected. All candidates must provide a copy of your honorable discharge, official college transcripts, a completed and signed copy of your 1040 tax form, a copy of your FAFSA, a 50-100 word essay, an acceptance letter of proof of student status from accredited school, proof of college expenses, and résumé.

- **Deadline:**
  - Application cycle is January 21, 2019 – April 30, 2019
- **Award:**
  - $3000
- **Contact Information:**
  - [Lbonaparte@amvets.org](mailto:Lbonaparte@amvets.org)

**AMVETS National Scholarship Program (The Henry G. Huestis Memorial Scholarship)**

- **Application:**
  - In order to be considered for this scholarship you must be a U.S. citizen, be a U.S. Veteran, demonstrate financial need, have a high school diploma or GED, be enrolled or accepted for enrollment to an eligible program, must not be in default on a federal student loan, must not be convicted under state or federal law of sale or possession of illegal drugs, and agree to authorize AMVETS to publicize your scholarship award, if you are selected. All candidates must provide a copy of your honorable discharge, official college transcripts, a completed and signed copy of your 1040 tax form, a copy of your FAFSA, a 50-100 word essay, an acceptance letter of proof of student status from accredited school, proof of college expenses, and résumé.

- **Deadline:**
  - Application cycle is January 21, 2019 – April 30, 2019
- **Award:**
$1000

Contact Information:

- Lbonaparte@amvets.org

◆ AMVETS Scholarship for Veterans, Active Duty, Guard/Reserves

- Application:
  - Link: http://amvets.org/scholarships/
  - In order to be considered for this scholarship you must be a U.S. citizen, be a U.S. Veteran, demonstrate financial need, and agree to authorize AMVETS to publicize your scholarship award, if you are selected. All candidates must provide a copy of your honorable discharge, official college transcripts, a completed and signed copy of your 1040 tax form, a copy of your FAFSA, a 50-100 word essay, an acceptance letter of proof of student status from accredited school, proof of college expenses, and résumé.

- Deadline:
  - Application cycle is January 21, 2019 – April 30, 2019

- Award:
  - $1,000 each academic year ($4000 for 4 years)

- Contact Information:
  - Lbonaparte@amvets.org

◆ AMVETS Scholarship for children/grandchildren of Veterans, Active Duty, Guard/Reserves

- Application:
  - Link: http://amvets.org/scholarships/
  - In order to be considered for this scholarship you must be a U.S. citizen, be a U.S. Veteran, demonstrate financial need, and agree to authorize AMVETS to publicize your scholarship award, if you are selected. All candidates must provide a copy of your parent or grandparent’s honorable discharge, official college transcripts, a completed and signed copy of your parent or grandparent’s 1040 tax form, a copy of your FAFSA, a 50-100 word essay, an acceptance letter of proof of student status from accredited school, proof of college expenses, and résumé.

- Deadline:
  - Application cycle is January 21, 2019 – April 30, 2019

- Award:
  - $1,000 each academic year ($4000 for 4 years)

- Contact Information:
  - Lbonaparte@amvets.org

◆ Folds of Honor Foundation Scholarships

- Application:
  - Link: https://www.foldsofhonor.org/resources/scholarships/
  - In order to be considered for this scholarship you must be a dependent or spouse of: an active duty or reserve soldier, sailor, airman, Marine or Coast Guardsman killed or disabled in the line of duty, an active duty or reserve soldier, sailor, airman, Marine or Coast Guardsman currently classified as a POW or MIA, a veteran who died of any cause after being classified as having a service-connected disability, a service member missing in action or captured by hostile forces in the line of duty, a service member forcibly detained or interned by a foreign power in the line of duty, or a service member who received a Purple Heart Medal. Please look at the website for more details about requirements for each individual scholarship.

- Deadline:
  - Applications will be accepted February 1, 2019 – April 1, 2019

- Award:
- Varies based on Financial Need

- **Contact Information:**
  - Folds of Honor Foundation: (918) 274-4700

- **Freedom Alliance Scholarships**
  - **Application:**
    - In order to be considered for this scholarship you must be a dependent child of an active duty service member who was killed or permanently disabled (100% VA rating) in an operational mission or training accident, or who is currently certified as POW or MIA. You must be a senior in high school, a high school graduate, or enrolled in an institution of higher learning, including colleges, universities, or vocational or technical schools. In addition to the application, you will need to submit a copy of a government issued ID, proof of dependency, Certificate of death or rating letter from the Veterans Administration disability, DD214 of servicemember, photo of applicant, photo of servicemember, official transcript, and 500 word essay as specified on website.
  - **Deadline:**
    - Applications are on a rolling basis while funds are available.
  - **Award:**
    - Varied scholarships are awarded annually to full-time students enrolled in undergraduate studies at an accredited educational/technical institution.
  - **Contact Information:**
    - wanda.cruz@freedomalliance.org
    - Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund: (800) 475-6620

- **Hero’s Legacy Scholarship**
  - **Application:**
    - Link: [http://www.militaryscholar.org/legacy/how.html](http://www.militaryscholar.org/legacy/how.html)
    - In order to be considered for this scholarship you must be a dependent unmarried child under the age of 23 of an active duty personnel, Reserve/Guard and retired military members, or survivors of service members who died while on active duty. The applicant must also meet one of the following: one of their parents died while serving on active duty on or after September 11, 2001 in any branch or component of the U. S. Armed Forces, one of the parents, while serving on active duty on or after September 11, 2001, became disabled, or one of the parents, who was on active duty on or after September 11, 2001, received a permanent and total compensation rating of 100% from the Department of Defense or Department of Veterans Affairs. All applicants must provide a transcript or copy of grades, documents that verify the death, eligibility to receive Service members Group Life Insurance (TSGLI), or disability of the sponsor, the DD214 that shows the sponsor's dates of service, signature of military member parent/guardian or other parent/guardian signature on application, and an essay.
  - **Deadline:**
    - February 15th, 2019
  - **Award:**
    - $5000 (non-renewable)
  - **Contact Information:**
    - Fisher House Foundation Scholarship Managers
      militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com

- **Iowa State University Veterans Grant**
- **Application:**
  - None (automatically qualify when offered admission and complete FAFSA prior to March 1st and demonstrate financial need).
- **Deadline:** March 1st (FAFSA and Admission Acceptance)
- **Award:** $500 - $2000
- **Contact Information:**
  - Iowa State University’s Office of Student Financial Aid
  - 210 Beardshear Hall
  - studentscholarships@iastate.edu
  - (515) 294-5627

◆ **Non-Traditional Student Scholarship**

- **Application:**
  - Link: [https://www.alaforveterans.org/Scholarships/Non-Traditional-Student-Scholarship/](https://www.alaforveterans.org/Scholarships/Non-Traditional-Student-Scholarship/)
  - In order to be considered for this scholarship you must be a member of The American Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion and have paid your dues for the two preceding years and for calendar year in which the application is made. You must be pursuing training in a certified, trade, professional, or technical program, or a two-year or four-year degree program. You must be a non-traditional student returning to the classroom after some period of time in which his/her formal education was interrupted or a non-traditional student who is just beginning his/her education at a later point in life. No Unit may enter more than one candidate in the Department competition. Each Department is restricted to submitting one candidate to the Divisional competition.
- **Deadline:**
  - March 1st every year
- **Award:**
  - $2000
- **Contact Information:**
  - Please contact your American Legion Auxiliary Unit for more information.
  - alahq@alaforveterans.org

◆ **Pat Tillman Foundation Military Scholars**

- **Application:**
  - In order to be considered for this scholarship you must be an active duty servicemember, a Veteran, or their spouse and be pursuing an undergraduate, graduate, or post-graduate degree, full time at an accredited public or private institution. With the application you must submit two essays as indicated on the website, electronic documentation of military service (DD214 or personal service record), and must have completed the FAFSA.
- **Deadline:**
  - Application cycle is February 1, 2019 – February 28, 2019
- **Award:**
  - Approximately $10,000
- **Contact Information:**
  - scholarships@pattillmanfoundation.org

◆ **Sports Clip’s Help A Hero Scholarship**

- **Application:**
In order to be considered for this scholarship you must be a U.S. citizen, be an active duty, retired or honorably discharged, or a member of the National Guard or Reserve, must have completed Basic Training and follow-on training, must have a military rank of E-5 or below, must demonstrate financial need, must participate in, be accepted to or currently enrolled in a VA approved program or school at an accredited post-secondary institution, and authorize Sports Clips and the VFW to use information on your application for promotional purposes if awarded scholarship. On the application you will need to upload your DD214 and your FAFSA Student Aid Report and have to complete an essay in fewer than 500 words.

- **Deadline:**
  - Applications are on a rolling basis while funds are available. Application available Jan 1st - Apr 30th for fall semester and Aug 1st - Nov 15th for spring semester.

- **Award:**
  - Tuition and fee awards of up to $5000

- **Contact Information:**
  - HelpAHero@vfw.org

**Other Opportunities**

- **Link:**