

AMVETS

Department of Alabama

Service Foundation Scholarship Program

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

AMVETS offers the following one-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 certificate or degree in the state of Alabama. \$500 will be awarded and must be used within 12 months of the award date. Any amount remaining unused within the 12 months 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 two scholarships will be awarded within the state of Alabama. Applicants must meet all of the eligibility requirements listed below and submit the completed application postmarked on or before April 15 (received NLT January 15 if planned use for summer semester). For questions regarding the application, required documents, or application process, please contact AMVETS Department of Alabama Service Foundation by email at alavetserv@gmail.com

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Must be a graduating high school senior entering at the college freshmen level in the upcoming fall semester, or already enrolled in college.
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 State 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. (Proof of Honorable Service required) 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 copy of the applicant's Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
5. Provide a short statement, entitled and addressing the theme of "What A Higher Education Means To Me" the statement must be written in space provided on page 5).
6. Acceptance letter from the accredited school you will attend.
7. Proof of college expenses (A copy of expenses out of the college publication will suffice).
8. A resume detailing extracurricular activities, volunteering 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 scholarship form. (The membership card or application must be that of the individual claiming veteran status on page 3).

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.

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 Department of Alabama 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 \$35, 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. (Proof of Honorable Service required)

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 Department of Alabama Service Foundation Scholarship Program Application

WHO IS CLAIMING VETERAN STATUS?

(Please check only one)

Father

Mother

Grandparent

Is the Veteran deceased?

(Applicant must provide proof: copy of DD Form 214 or NGB Form 22 & Death Certificate)

Signature of Veteran _____

Please type or print the following information

Applicant's full legal name: _____
(Last, First, Middle)

Permanent mailing address: _____
(Street 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 only one):

(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 Department of Alabama Service Foundation 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 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 Department of Alabama Service Foundation Committee and understand that all decisions rendered by the committee are final.

Students 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 program: \$ _____
Aid from parents or guardian: \$ _____
Aid from spouse: \$ _____
Loans: \$ _____
Scholarships (only scholarships you have received) \$ _____
Grants: \$ _____
Social Security: \$ _____
Veterans benefit: \$ _____
Welfare Aid: \$ _____

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 in the space below:

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