



Alabama Veterans Affairs Association is the oldest nonprofit organization of its kind, founded in 1974, dedicated to serving our educational professionals that serve our military students and their families. The school certifying officials, administrators and affiliated educators believe in education and providing for our Veterans, Service Members and their dependents. AVAA developed this scholarship opportunity to provide additional funds in support of those individuals as they maneuver the financial challenges of education.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- A completed Alabama Veteran Affairs Association scholarship application.
- Must be U.S. citizen and resident of the State of Alabama.
- Unconditionally admitted to an Alabama college or university and in pursuit a certificate, undergraduate or graduate degree.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from a school/college official (school certifying official, veteran administrator, counselor or instructor) or an employer.
- A 500-word essay explaining the need for a college education, your career goals and how you will use your prior experiences as a Veteran, Service Member or dependent of Veteran to give back to your community or organization.
- The School Certifying Official or Veteran Administrator at the institution you are or will attend will evaluate each application to ensure eligibility as a Veteran, Service Member, or Dependent based on the criteria of this scholarship and documentation of status as a Veteran, Service Member or dependent.
- The School Certifying Official or Veteran Administrator at the institution you are or will be attending will submit the completed application packet to the (Point of Contact) as appointed by the Board of Directors of the Alabama Veteran Affairs Association by the established deadline each conference year.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Stars & Stripes Scholarship is designed to provide financial assistance with tuition, fees, books, or supplies and is provided to the institution on your behalf. All unused funds are refundable to the student when all financial obligations are met. The scholarship committee will evaluate each application for completeness, documents required to accompany the application, content of the essay and letters of recommendation. Students will complete Section 1 and a school representative will complete Section 2.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

1. All scholarship recipients must maintain a minimum overall G.P.A. of 2.0/4.0 scale and must be in good standing with the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy of their Institution of attendance for consideration.
2. Scholarship funds may be used in the current semester or the concurrent semester of attendance.
3. Scholarship funds must be utilized in the current academic year of awarding.
4. Each recipient must submit a photo/headshot along with a brief summary to include:
 - o Institution of attendance
 - o Program of pursuit
 - o Any information that can be presented about yourself to the entire membership at the annual conference and on the AVAA website at the annual conference.



SECTION 1: STUDENT APPLICATION

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____
 _____ Institution: _____
 _____ Student ID#: _____
 Email: _____

MILITARY ASSOCIATION

Veteran Service Member Spouse Dependent

VETERANS ONLY

Branch(es) of Service: _____
 Service Start Date: _____ Service End Date: _____
 Rank at Discharge: _____ Type of Discharge: _____
 If other than honorable, please explain:

EDUCATION

High School: _____ City: _____
 Graduate: Yes No State: _____
 College: _____ City: _____
 Degree: _____ State: _____
 From: _____ To: _____
 College: _____ City: _____
 Degree: _____ State: _____
 From: _____ To: _____
 College: _____ City: _____
 Degree: _____ State: _____
 From: _____ To: _____

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I, the Applicant, understand that this is a non-renewable scholarship. All funds are to be utilized in the current academic year at a college or university located within the state of Alabama and will be refunded to the student when all financial obligations to the institution are met based on the institution's refund policy. If the scholarship dollars are not utilized in the current academic year, a request for extension must be submitted to the Board of Directors of the Alabama Veteran Affairs Association for consideration. All unused scholarship funds must be returned to the Alabama Veteran Affairs Association to be awarded to another applicant by vote of the scholarship committee.

I, the Applicant, certify that my answers are true and honest to the best of my knowledge.

Handwritten (by pen or stylus)

Signature: _____
 Print: _____ Date: _____



SECTION 2: ADMINISTRATOR CERTIFICATION

The School Certifying Official at the institution you are/or will be attending must complete this page and must complete the submission of the full application packet to the Chair of the Scholarship Committee as appointed by the Board of Directors of the Alabama Veteran Affairs Association on or before the established deadline each conference year.

Failure to submit by the established deadline will forfeit consideration of this scholarship for the award year.

This section is to be completed by the SCO or associated Veteran educational administrator.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Title: _____ Email: _____
 Institution: _____

Mailing Address for the Scholarship Check:

ATTN (Individual/Position): _____
 Student's Name: _____
 Student's ID: _____

Document(s) used for verification of Veteran/Dependent Status:

PLEASE VERIFY THE FOLLOWING

Completed application included	Yes	No
500-word essay included	Yes	No
Two (2) letters of recommendation included	Yes	No
Student meets satisfactory academic progress	Yes	No
Student meets minimum GPA of 2.0 on 4.0 scale	Yes	No
Verify institutional evaluation of official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities/JST	Yes	No
Student is an Alabama Resident	Yes	No
Bio, Picture, and Media Release Form Provided	Yes	No
Completed Administrator Certification Form	Yes	No

I have reviewed and do certify the true/accurate responses with required documentation is included in this scholarship application packet.

Handwritten (by pen or stylus)

Signature: _____
 Print: _____ Date: _____