



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.
- 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.
- Must be U.S. citizen and resident of the State of Alabama.
- 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 Alabama Veteran Affairs Association 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.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. All scholarship recipients must maintain a minimum overall G.P.A. of 2.0/4.0 scale and be meeting satisfactory academic progress based on the institutional policy of the college or university of attendance for consideration.
2. Scholarship funds may be used in the current semester or the concurrent semester of attendance. Scholarship funds must be utilized in the current academic year of awarding.
3. At notification of awarding, each recipient must submit a photo/headshot along with a brief summary to include:
 - Institution of attendance
 - Program of pursuit
 - 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.



Student Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____
Institution of Attendance: _____
Student ID: _____

Military Association

☐ Veteran ☐ Service Member ☐ Spouse ☐ Dependent
Branch of Service: _____
Veteran Only: Dates of Service: From: _____ To: _____
Rank at Discharge: _____ Type of Discharge: _____
If other than honorable, please explain:

Education

High School: _____	City/State: _____
Graduate: Yes [] No []	
College: _____	City/State: _____
From: _____ To: _____	Degree/Certification: _____
College: _____	City/State: _____
From: _____ To: _____	Degree/Certification: _____
College: _____	City/State: _____
From: _____ To: _____	Degree/Certification: _____
College: _____	City/State: _____
From: _____ To: _____	Degree/Certification: _____

Disclaimer

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.

Signature: _____

Print: _____ Date: _____



Administrator Certification

The School Certifying Official at the institution you are/or will be attending is to complete the certification of eligibility and complete the submission of 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**.

To be completed by the SCO or associated veteran educational administrator:

Date: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Institution: _____

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

Submission Includes:

Meets satisfactory academic progress	Yes	No
Meets minimum GPA of 2.0 on 4.0 scale	Yes	No
Completed Application	Yes	No
500-word essay	Yes	No
Two (2) Letters of Recommendation	Yes	No
Receipt of official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities/JST	Yes	No
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.

Signature: _____

Date: _____