

HATS OFF FOR VETERANS | 2024-2025 Scholarship Application

Community Volunteers Serving Texas Veterans.

Thank you for applying for the Hats Off For Veterans (HOFV) Higher Education Scholarship. Our mission is to provide financial assistance to Veterans who are seeking to obtain their *first* higher educational degree. This includes four and two-year degrees. The purpose of our Scholarship Fund is to demonstrate our commitment to the veterans in their endeavors toward attaining their degree. The Scholarship Committee uses available funds to award Veterans who are honorably discharged from the military. HOFV is dedicated to improving the quality of life for those who have served our country.

Today's Date: _____ I've applied for this scholarship before. Yes- No- Year Applied: _____ No-

APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Applicant's Full Name: _____ Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

Texas County of Residence: Caldwell- Comal- Hays- Guadalupe- Travis- Other County-

MILITARY BRANCH INFORMATION:

Military Branch Served: _____

Are you currently Active or a Reservist? Yes- No- If yes, how long: _____ (Please provide a copy of your Military ID.) If not, what's your discharge date: _____

I was honorably discharged. Yes- No- If no, please explain: _____

I have a copy of my DD-214. Yes- No- A copy must be provided with this application.

I am a Disabled Veteran. Yes- No- I am recognized at _____ % Disability. (Proper documentation must be provided to verify your military disability status.)

CURRENT EDUCATION INFORMATION:

This is my first Undergraduate degree- This is my first Associate Degree-.

I am a Full-Time- Part-Time- Student.

School, College, or University you are currently enrolled in: _____

School Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Course of Study (Major): _____ Minor (if applicable): _____

Classification Year: 1st- 2nd- 3rd- 4th- (Graduate students do not qualify for this scholarship.)

Briefly explain how you plan to utilize the funds. Awardees receive \$500 per semester for the academic year they apply for.

Please list *current* school-sponsored organizations, memberships, offices held, or similar accomplishments, that you are involved with at your current place of study. Proof of participation will be required such as a letter of recommendation. (This does not include High School achievements.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Military-related awards and honors achieved you would like to share.

1. _____
2. _____
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4. _____
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Non-School related civic and volunteer activities, honors, awards, offices held, etc.

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Essay (See page 3 under Requirements.)

Any additional information you would like to share with the Scholarship Committee, please list here.

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ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship, the applicant must:

1. Be pursuing your first higher education degree. Graduate degrees are not eligible.
2. Enrolled at least part-time at a university or college.
3. Provide a copy of your DD-214 documentation.
4. Provide a copy of a valid Driver's License.
5. Provide a copy of a valid Military ID Card if currently active.
6. Reside in the state of Texas. Valid ID must be provided.
7. Be able to attach a copy of your school's registration to prove enrollment and proof of acceptance.

REQUIREMENTS:

Use additional paper for the following requested information. If emailing your application, be sure to save your essay in a MS Word or PDF format.

1. **Applicant must TYPE an essay using 12-point font, 1.5 line spacing or double spacing, and no less than 500 words addressing the following:**
 - a. Why did you join the military and what were your primary duties?
 - b. What are your career goals? Be specific when you explain what your future looks like with this degree once accomplished.
 - c. How do you plan to utilize the funds once awarded? Awardees receive \$500 per semester for the academic year they apply for.
2. Application must include a copy of your school's registration to prove enrollment in the school year you are applying for.
3. Please provide a picture of yourself that you would like us to use as a promotion, if awarded.
4. **THREE (3)** letters of recommendation are required. All three letters of recommendation must be from non-family members. Examples include recommendations from individuals who can highlight your military career, your present employer, a teacher, a past leader or mentor.

RULES:

Follow the requirements including the instructions for the essay. Pay attention to your essay's formatting.

- ***Email Submission:** The application must be time-stamped and dated no later than April 30, 2024, 11:59 PM (CST). Applications received after the closing date and time will not be accepted. No exceptions! Email to: Lisa@HOFV.org.
- ***Hard Copy Submission:** The envelope must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2024. Applications stamped after the closing date will not be accepted. No exceptions! Mail to: **HOFV Scholarship Department, PO Box 1689, Kyle, TX 78640.**

***DISCLAIMER:** If you are awarded a scholarship, your name, picture, and bio will be used for HOFV promotional purposes including on the HOFV website, social media, and all printed material platforms.