



**VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.
WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL
RICHARD T. NUSKE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2026/2027**

Page 1

TO: GUIDANCE COUNSELOR, STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

**SUBJECT: SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
AND ALL CONTINUING EDUCATION STUDENTS**

Three (3) \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded in the fall of 2026. The award is to be used for continuing education at an accredited school.

TO BE ELIGIBLE THE STUDENT MUST:

Write an original essay based on an interview with a US Vietnam Veteran*
**Return the essay, application form, proof of veterans service and
Student transcripts.**

Entry must be postmarked no later than 14 February 2026.

**Mail to: Virginia Nuske, Chair
VVA Wisconsin State Scholarship
N5448 Broder Road
Shawano, WI 54166**

***Applications will be scored as follows:**

Direct Descendant of a Vietnam Vet (child/grandchild)	10 pts
Relative of a Vietnam Vet (niece, cousin)	5 pts
Essay	<u>35 pts</u> <u>35 pts</u>
Maximum points possible	40 pts 45 pts

**Please contact me with any questions.
My telephone number is: (715) 524-2487**

Sincerely,

**Virginia Nuske, Chair
VVA Wisconsin State Council Scholarship Committee**

***VVA DEFINES A VIETNAM VETERAN AS ANY U.S. VETERAN WHO SERVED IN ACTIVE DUTY
DURING THE VIETNAM WAR (1 JANUARY 1959 TO 7 MAY 1975) ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.
RELATIVES OF VIETNAM VETERAN MUST PROVIDE PROOF**

ENCLOSURES:
These Forms may be copied

**STUDENT LETTER
APPLICATION FORM
FAQ's**

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC. Page 2
WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL

TO: Scholarship Applicant – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!
FROM: Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. Wisconsin State Council
SUBJECT: Richard T. Nuske Memorial Scholarship
Dear Student:

Thank you for applying for this scholarship. We hope this will be a learning experience for you and an opportunity to win \$1,500 for your education. Three (3) scholarships will be awarded in Wisconsin. To be eligible you must interview a United States Vietnam Veteran, who was on active duty during the Vietnam War (1 January 1959 to 7 May 1975). The Veteran may have served in any branch of service, anywhere in the world; *serving in the country of Vietnam is not a requirement.*

These scholarships are funded by Vietnam Veterans of America, Wisconsin State Council. We want you to gain a deeper understanding of the U.S. military veteran from the Vietnam Era. You could focus on (but not limited to) the veteran's job, where they were stationed, how the veteran feels about their service, and how that service has affected their lives today.

THE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP ARE:

- *Interview a U.S. Military Veteran (any service branch) who served anywhere in the world between 1 January 1959 to 7 May 1975.
- *Write an essay based on the interview.
- *The essay must be: original, typed, double spaced and three(3) to five(5) pages in length.
- *The essay, application, school transcripts and proof of veteran's service, must be mailed and post-marked no later than 14 February 2026.

Note: Veterans proof of service can be a copy of DD214 or verification of service from the County Veteran Service Office (CVSO) or any other official document.
Entries that do not meet these requirements will not be considered.

What you learn from the interview and how you express your ideas is most important to the judging committee. Your entry will be scored based on originality, appearance and its elements of grammar.

High School Scholarship recipients will be notified according to the policies of their respective school's May awards/scholarships program. A check for \$750 will be issued before the fall 20226 semester, upon receiving a copy of the fall course registration. *At the end of the fall semester, satisfactory grades(2.00 GPA or better) and spring course registration must be submitted for the release of the \$750 scholarship balance for the spring semester.* Winning students and their parent(s) will be invited to the Wisconsin State Council's quarterly meeting(s) to read their essays, at their convenience, dates and time to be determined.

Address questions and complete applications to: Virginia Nuske, Chair
VVA Wisconsin State Scholarship
N5448 Broder Road
Shawano, WI 54166

Phone: (715) 524-2487

**VVA SCHOLARSHIP
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)**

Page 3

What is a Vietnam Veteran?

A Vietnam Veteran is any U.S. military veteran who served on active duty between and including 1 January 1959 to 7 May 1975.

Can I interview someone who did not have a combat role?

Yes, most military jobs do not involve direct combat actions.

Can I interview a Vietnam Veteran who did not serve in South Vietnam?

Yes, the VVA believes that all U.S. veterans who served during the Vietnam War share a common bond and experience.

Can I interview one of my parents?

Yes, you may interview anyone who meets the criteria of U.S. Vietnam Veteran.

One of my step-parents is a Vietnam Veteran, can I interview that parent?

Yes

What proof do I need to provide that I am related to a Vietnam Veteran?

A copy of your birth certificate and the veteran's proof of service.

Can I interview someone who was in the National Guard or Reserves?

If the Veteran served more than six(6) months in active duty, you may interview them.

What kind of document is needed to prove that the person I interviewed is a Vietnam Veteran?

You need to provide proof of service for the person you interviewed. In any case, most veterans have a copy of their DD214(service record) or they may have a copy of their discharge orders. If the veteran does not have proof of service they can contact the county Veteran Service Officer (CVSO), all Wisconsin Counties have one who will be able to recreate the veteran's service record.

Will I be notified if I do not win?

No, due to the large number of entries, we cannot let everyone know their status. However, if you want to be notified that we received your entry, you may include a self-addressed envelope with your entry, and we will notify you that your entry was received.

I am a Wisconsin resident, but not attending school in Wisconsin this year, am I eligible?

No, the scholarship is for Wisconsin high school seniors and Wisconsin continuing education students attending accredited Wisconsin schools only.

I am not attending a college or university, will I be eligible for the scholarship?

Yes, you may attend any accredited Wisconsin school.

**APPLICATION
VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.
WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL
STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP – 2026/2027**

Page 4

PERSONAL DATA

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

C o u n t y _____ Telephone _____

EDUCATIONAL DATA

High School (s) Attended and Dates

(1) _____ (2) _____

What is your intended major or present educational goal?

Which campus do you plan to attend? _____

VIETNAM VETERAN INFORMATION*

If PARENT/GUARDIAN/RELATIVE*

I _____ SERVED IN THE

(BRANCH) FROM _____ TO _____
(DATE) (DATE)

MY SERVICE # _____

DD214 COPY ATTACHED: _____

MY BIRTH DATE _____

I HEREBY AUTHRIZE THE RELEASE OF THE
ABOVE INFORMATION FOR IDENTIFICATION
PURPOSES ONLY.

(VETERANS SIGNATURE)

Only if DD214 is not attached:
TO CVSO OR VSO: PLEASE CHECK DATES AND OK

(SIGNATURE)

INTERVIEWEE

I _____ SERVED IN THE

(BRANCH) FROM _____ TO _____
(DATE) (DATE)

MY SERVICE # _____

DD214 COPY ATTACHED: _____

MY BIRTH DATE _____

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF THE
ABOVE INFORMATION FOR IDENTIFICATION
PURPOSES ONLY.

(VETERANS SIGNATURE)

Only if DD214 is not attached:
TO CVSO OR VSO: PLEASE CHECK DATES AND OK

(SIGNATURE)

*You must provide proof if you are a descendant/relative of a United States Vietnam Veteran and you must provide proof that the person interviewed is a Vietnam Veteran.

For Committee Only: Region _____

A Non-Profit National Service Organization