

\$1,200 SCHOLARSHIPS*

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA SOUTH BAY CHAPTER 53



2026 SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY PROGRAM FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Requirements for Applicants

Interview and report on a Vietnam Era Veteran (defined as a Veteran who served in the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty, other than for training purposes, in the Republic of Vietnam between November 1, 1955 and May 7, 1975 or in any duty location between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975. NOTE: Verification of the Veteran's military service may be required.)

Submit an essay of at least 1,000 but not more than 1,500 words with

1. a brief biography of the Veteran including the Veteran's Branch of Service, Military Unit, dates of active military service, AND
2. what you feel are the most important things you learned from your interview of the Veteran and why.

Include, separate from the essay, a short biography highlighting your school and community involvement, scholastic achievements, and future goals.

NOTE: Spelling, grammar, and punctuation will be considered.

* Vietnam Veterans of America South Bay Chapter 53 will award scholarships of \$1,200 to selected college- or technical-school-bound South Bay area high school seniors.

Entries must be received before
11:59 p.m. on Sunday, April 5, 2026.

EMAIL ENTRIES TO:

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(Microsoft® WORD® or pdf file format required)

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