



HATS OFF FOR VETERANS | 2025-2026 HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEERS HELPING VETERANS!

Are you a current or former service member pursuing your first higher education degree? This scholarship is designed to support and recognize your academic ambitions. While the GI Bill offers valuable educational benefits to service members, veterans, and their families, the Hats Off for Veterans Scholarship goes a step further by providing additional financial support to honor and advance your educational journey.

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

I am applying for the \$2,000 HOFV Higher Education Scholarship.- *To apply for this scholarship, you must be entering college for the first time in 2025 as an undergraduate. Postgraduates are not eligible to apply.*

I am applying for the \$1,000 MSG JQ Scholarship.- *To apply for this scholarship, you must be entering college for the first time in 2025 as a freshman.*

APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full Name: _____ Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____ Telephone: _____
County of Residence: _____

MILITARY BRANCH INFORMATION:

Military Branch(es) Served: _____

Are you currently Active or a Reservist? Yes- No- If yes, how long: _____ *This application requires a copy of your Military ID. If you are not currently active, list your discharge date from service. _____*

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

I have a copy of my DD-214. Yes- No- *(A copy of your DD214 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 will be my first undergraduate- associate- degree.

Student Status in Fall 2025: Full-Time- Part-Time- I will be enrolled as an online student. Yes- No-

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

School Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

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

Current classification Year: Freshman- Sophomore- Junior- Senior-

Current GPA: _____ N/A (Check if entering as a Freshman)- Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

PLEASE LIST ANY CURRENT SCHOOL-SPONSORED ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERSHIPS, OFFICES HELD, OR SIMILAR ACTIVITIES YOU ARE INVOLVED WITH AT YOUR CURRENT INSTITUTION. PROOF OF PARTICIPATION, SUCH AS A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION OR CERTIFICATE, WILL BE REQUIRED. (NOTE: HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED.)

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

PLEASE LIST ANY MILITARY-RELATED AWARDS AND HONORS YOU HAVE RECEIVED THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE.

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PLEASE LIST ANY NON-SCHOOL RELATED CIVIC AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING HONORS, AWARDS, OR OFFICES HELD, THAT YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN.

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***PERSONAL ESSAY** (See page 3 under Requirements.)

DISCLAIMER: BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION, YOU CONSENT TO ALLOW HATS OFF FOR VETERANS TO USE YOUR NAME AND PHOTOGRAPH FOR PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES RELATED TO THE ORGANIZATION.

Check the Box to Agree

Signature

Date:

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for a \$2,000 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.
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 Microsoft 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 750 WORDS ADDRESSING THE FOLLOWING:**
 - a. Why did you join the military and what were your primary duties?
 - b. Please provide a detailed explanation of how you plan to utilize the scholarship funds. Be sure to include specific goals or objectives that the funding will help you achieve, such as tuition, educational resources, or personal development.
 - c. Explain why you believe you deserve this award, highlighting your achievements, dedication, and how receiving the scholarship will impact your academic and professional aspirations. *Keep in mind that the scholarship committee will primarily evaluate this essay, so it's important to present a thoughtful and compelling response.*
2. Application must include a copy of your school's registration to prove enrollment in the school year you are applying for.
3. **THREE (3)** letters of recommendation including their current contact information 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 **March 31, 2025, 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 March 31, 2025**. Applications stamped after the closing date will not be accepted. No exceptions! Mail to: **HOFV Scholarship Department, P.O. Box 1689, Kyle, TX 78640.**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR SCHOLARSHIPS:

1. **Do I need to be a full-time student to qualify?** Applicants must be enrolled as part-time students for at least 20 hours.
2. **Can my spouse or dependent apply?** No, these scholarships are exclusively for service members.
3. **Do I have to be a Texas resident?** Yes, applicants must reside in Texas to qualify.
4. **What documents are required?** Applicants must submit a copy of their DD214 and proof of Texas residency. If disclosing disability status, appropriate supporting documentation is also required. If you are currently an active member of the military, a copy of your military ID card will be required.
5. **When will the award be disbursed?** Scholarship funds will be issued after the submission of valid proof of registration, which must include official college documentation.