

Grant Title: Central Valley Veterans Day Parade (CVVDP) Student Grant Program

Mission Statement:

In honor of the service and sacrifices made by veterans and their families, the Central Valley Veterans Day Parade (CVVDP) is proud to offer an annual \$1,000 grant to support the educational goals of a Veteran Student or Veteran Dependent Student who is currently utilizing VA educational benefits. This grant aims to lessen the financial burden of higher education and reinforce our commitment to empowering those who serve and their families.

Eligibility Requirements:

To qualify, applicants must meet **all** of the following:

- Be a **current Veteran Student**
 - Be enrolled at an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school.
 - Be actively utilizing **one of the following VA education benefit chapters**:
 - Chapter 30 – Montgomery GI Bill®
 - Chapter 31 – Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E)
 - Chapter 33 – Post-9/11 GI Bill®
 - Chapter 1606 – Montgomery GI Bill® Selected Reserve
 - Chapter 1607 – Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)
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Grant Amount:

- **\$1,000** awarded to **one eligible recipient** annually.
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Application Requirements:

Applicants must submit the following:

1. Completed **CVVDP Grant Application Form**.
2. Proof of enrollment in an accredited institution.
3. Verification of current use of VA education benefits (e.g., Certificate of Eligibility or recent VA award letter).

4. A **personal statement (500-750 words)** addressing:
 - Educational and career goals.
 - How utilizing this VA benefit has supported their educational journey.
 - Impact of military service (or service of their veteran sponsor) on their life.
 - How this grant will help them achieve their goals.
 5. **One letter of recommendation** from a professor, academic advisor, employer, or community leader.
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Grant Timeline:

- **Application Opens:** August 1
 - **Application Deadline:** October 15
 - **Award Notification:** November 1
 - **Award Presentation:** Annually at the **Central Valley Veterans Day Parade** (November 11)
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Reporting Requirements (Post-Award):

The grant recipient must:

- Submit a **thank-you letter** or video to the CVVDP Committee within 30 days of award.
 - Provide **proof of continued enrollment** and use of VA education benefits for the semester/term in which the grant is awarded.
 - Agree to be publicly recognized in CVVDP materials and potentially share their story to inspire others.
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Selection Process:

Applications will be reviewed by the **CVVDP Scholarship Committee**, composed of veterans, educators, and community leaders. Final selection will be based on eligibility, personal merit, and alignment with the values of the Central Valley Veterans Day Parade.

Contact and Submission:

All materials should be submitted via email or mail to:

Central Valley Veterans Day Parade

Attn: Student Grant Committee

[Insert Mailing Address]

[Insert Email Address]

[Insert Website, if applicable]

References:

Chapter 30: Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB)

This program provides educational benefits to eligible veterans who have served on active duty. It offers up to 36 months of benefits for various educational pursuits.

Chapter 31: Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E)

This program, formerly known as Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, assists veterans with service-connected disabilities in preparing for, finding, and maintaining suitable employment.

Chapter 33: Post-9/11 GI Bill

This program provides financial support for education and training to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service after September 10, 2001, or those discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days.

Chapter 1606: Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)

This program provides educational assistance to eligible members of the Selected Reserve.

Chapter 1607: Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)

This program provided educational assistance to members of the reserve components called to active duty in support of contingency operations or specific declared emergencies.