

North Carolina Scholarship for the Children of Wartime Veterans

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North Carolina Scholarship for Children of War Veterans

This Scholarship Program was created to show the State's appreciation for the service and sacrifices of North Carolina's war veterans. A four-year scholarship program at approved North Carolina schools has been established for the qualifying children of certain class or category of deceased, disabled, combat, or POW/MIA veterans.

Over 20,000 scholarships have been awarded since its inception.

The scholarship program ONLY applies to institutions that participate in the North Carolina scholarship program. The list of approved schools are listed on www.milvets.nc.gov/services/scholarships website.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be under the age of 25 at the time of application
- Veteran parent/guardian was a legal resident of North Carolina at the time of the veteran parent/guardian's entrance into that period of service in the Armed Forces during which eligibility is established, OR
- The applicant is a child, as that term is defined in 37 U.S.C. § 401 who was born in North Carolina and has been a resident of North Carolina continuously since birth.

Scholarship Classes

Class IA

Veteran parent/guardian killed or dies in wartime service or dies as a result of service-connected condition incurred in wartime service as defined by law.

No limit – awarded to all who qualify on or about January 1st and July 1st

Nature of Scholarship

Public * Tuition and all mandatory fees
 * Room and board allowance

Private * \$7000 per 9-month academic year

Scholarship Classes

Class IB

Veteran parent/guardian rated by USDVA as 100% disabled due to wartime service as defined in the law, and currently or at time of death drawing compensation for such disability

No limit – awarded to all who qualify on or about January 1st and July 1st

Nature of Scholarship

Public * Tuition and all mandatory fees

Private * \$2800 per 9-month academic year

Scholarship Classes

Class II

Veteran parent/guardian rated by USDVA as much as 20% but less than 100% disabled due to wartime service as defined in the law, or was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received

No more than 100 awarded per year – must be submitted on or before February 14th; awarded on or about July 1st

Nature of Scholarship

Public * Tuition and all mandatory fees
 * Room and board allowance

Private * \$7000 per 9-month academic year

Scholarship Classes

Class III

- A.** Veteran parent/guardian is or was at time of death drawing pension for total and permanent disability as rated by the USDVA, or
- B.** Veteran parent is a deceased war veteran who was honorably discharged and who does not qualify under any other provision within this statute, or
- C.** Served in a combat zone or waters adjacent to a combat zone and received a campaign badge or medal and who does not qualify under any other provision with this statute.

No more than 100 awarded per year – must be submitted on or before February 14th; awarded on or about July 1st

Nature of Scholarship

Public * Tuition and all mandatory fees
 * Room and board allowance

Private * \$7000 per 9-month academic year

Scholarship Classes

Class IV

Veteran parent/guardian was a Prisoner of War or Missing In Action

No limit – awarded to all who qualify on or about January 1st and July 1st

Nature of Scholarship

Public * Tuition and all mandatory fees
 * Room and board allowance

Private * \$7000 per 9-month academic year

Competitive Scholarship Classes

There are 100 scholarships awarded annually for Class II and Class III (200 total).

The department follows NC Administrative Code (01 NCAC 26B .0106) for selection of applicants for Class II/III scholarships. Recommendations are based on the following criteria, and importance attached in the order of need, scholastic ability, and character.

For Class II and III scholarships, a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA is required to continue receipt of the scholarship

NC DMVA supports statutory language that would require participating institutions to provide graduation data on all students enrolled in the program to the department on an annual basis.

Veterans Affairs Commission

The Veterans Affairs Commission promulgates rules and regulations concerning the awarding of scholarships for children of North Carolina veterans.

The Veterans Affairs Commission delegates to the Assistant Secretary for Veterans Affairs the responsibility for obtaining information and making recommendations of applications for scholarship awards which the Commission administers.

The department presents all selected applicants for all classes to the Veterans Affairs Commission for approval.

The commission reviews quarterly all Class II/III applicants with a cumulative GPA below 2.0 for possible revocation.

Scholarship Data

		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Total Active Scholarships		2,700	2,404	2,463	2,532	2,341
New Scholarships Awarded		344	369	408	419	458
Participating Public Universities		16	16	16	16	16
Average Award		12,035	13,196	13,076	13,266.71	13,266.71
Participating Private Universities		34	34	35	30	42
Average Award		4,500	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
Participating Community Colleges		39	36	38	32	38
Average Award		2,044	3,135.44	3,367.66	3,530	3,530

Scholarship Data

Scholarship Award by Race/Ethnicity		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
White		180	171	203	200	209
Black or African American		133	150	154	161	184
Hispanic or Latino		5	18	19	22	25
Native American		4	9	11	11	8
Indian		1	0	0	0	0
Asian/Pacific Islander		7	3	4	6	14
Other		14	18	17	19	18
Scholarship Award by Gender						
Male		127	148	172	156	189
Female		217	221	236	262	268

Questions?

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