

Vietnam Veterans of America Westchester County Chapter 49 Scholarship Awards Program

Vietnam Veterans of America Westchester County Chapter 49 annually awards scholarships in the amount of \$700.00 for each of the following scholarships: the **Pete Lambert Memorial Scholarship**, the **Congressman Hamilton Fish Jr. Memorial Scholarship**, the **Peter T. McCauley Memorial Scholarship**, the **Anthony Shine Memorial Scholarship**, **Jonathan Shine Memorial Scholarship**, and the **William Suddereth Memorial Scholarship**. These awards are granted to assist students with a college/university or technical/vocational school education.

Eligibility: must be a high school student who is graduating this year, is a child or a grandchild of a veteran who served on active duty in any branch of the military during any war or peacetime, and will be attending an accredited college/university or technical/vocational school.

How to apply:

Students – 1) Must complete student section of application form and sign the authorization section where indicated.

2) Must have parent or guardian sign authorization section of application for the school to complete and provide requested information.

3) Must print or type a brief resume of extra curricular activities including school clubs, sports, art, music, student government, work experience, community activities, volunteer work and other interests.

4) Must print or type a statement, not to exceed two pages, on the topic "The affect (if any) of my parent's or grandparents military service on my attitudes toward life and country."

5) Must ensure that application is completed accurately, provide resume and statement (#3 and #4 above), provide a copy of DD214 from veteran parent/grandparent, provide copies of SAT/ACT Scores from Guidance Counselor or Principal, and forward complete package by **APRIL 1, 2020** to:

**Vietnam Veterans of America Westchester County Chapter 49
Scholarships Awards Committee
P.O. Box 224
Pleasantville, NY 10570**

Parent or Guardian – 1) Must complete Parent/Guardian and Military Service Information section of application including signing of Authorization section of application for the school to complete and provide requested information.

2) Must provide copy of parents'/grandparent's DD214 – military discharge papers to student to be forwarded with application and other required documents.

Guidance Counselor or Principal – 1) Must complete school section of application.

2) Must provide copy of students SAT/ ACT Scores to student to be forwarded with application and other required documents.

Selection of Awardees and Presentation of Scholarships: VVA Chapter 49's Scholarship Committee is solely responsible for the selection process. In late April the Committee will notify those selected for scholarships and their high schools. At that time the acceptance and enrollment of those selected in an accredited institution will be verified. Scholarship awards will be presented at the General Membership Meeting of VVA Chapter 49 in May. **The Scholarship Committee will not consider application packages that are not complete or do not include all of the required information and documents. All application packages received will be considered confidential and will not be returned.**

APPLICATION
VVA CHAPTER 49 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION, EXCEPT FOR SIGNATURES

LAST NAME – STUDENT

FIRST NAME

INITIAL

ADDRESS: STREET & NUMBER

CITY / VILLAGE / TOWN / STATE

ZIP

AREA CODE / PHONE NUMBER
BIRTH

DATE OF

PARENT/GUARDIAN and MILITARY SERVICE INFORMATION: VETERAN

*PARENT/GRANDPARENT MUST PROVIDE COPY OF DD214, MILITARY DISCHARGE PAPERS -
- REQUIRED*

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

INITIAL

ADDRESS: STREET & NUMBER

CITY / VILLAGE / TOWN / STATE

ZIP

Military Service: Branch:

From:

To:

AREA CODE/PHONE NUMBER

AUTHORIZATION: I authorize my high school/ my child's high school to complete/provide the information requested below on this application:

X:

APPLICANTS/STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

SCHOOL INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OR PRINCIPAL:

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL

CODE NUMBER

ADDRESS: STREET & NUMBER

CITY/VILLAGE/TOWN/STATE

ZIP

AREA CODE / PHONE NUMBER

NAME AND POSITION OF SCHOOL STAFF PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING:

IS THIS STUDENT A SENIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL THIS YEAR? _____

YES _____ NO

WHAT IS THE LATEST SAT/ACT SCORES FOR THIS STUDENT? VERBAL: _____ MATH: _____
WRITTEN: _____ TOTAL: _____

- PLEASE PROVIDE COPIES OF SAT/ACT SCORES FOR THIS STUDENT – REQUIRED
- SAT/ACT SCORES AND YOUR SIGNATURE BELOW IS OUR VERIFICATION THAT SCHOOL INFORMATION IS CORRECT

X:

SIGNATURE OF SCHOOL STAFF

DATE

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Westchester County Chapter 49
P.O. Box 224**

Pleasantville, NY 10570

(914) 682-4949, Website: www.vietnamvets49.org E-Mail: chapter49@aol.com

Who we are: A Congressionally chartered non-profit veterans organization dedicated to serving the needs of the veteran population and the communities in which we live.

What we do: Help foster, encourage and promote the improvement of the condition of Vietnam-era veterans. Assist members in need and their dependents.

Types of activities:

- Provide assistance with all veteran-related questions. Members actively work to promote the healing process associated with the war in Vietnam and assist with VA claims, war related injuries/disabilities and alcohol/substance abuse. Provide appropriate referral resources as needed.
- Sponsor monthly pizza parties and an annual Christmas party at the Stress Unit located at the VA Hospital in Montrose.
- Members participate on the Advisory Committee of the Stress Unit at the Montrose VA Hospital.
- Sponsor an annual **"Watchfire"** at the Montrose VA Hospital.
- Promote public awareness of veteran-related issues such as POW/MIA's, Agent Orange and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder ongoing.
- Distribute **\$4,200** in scholarships to college and/or vocational school bound children and grandchildren of Westchester County veterans annually.
- Along with other veterans' organizations and the County Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, oversee the Westchester County Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Trail of Honor located on the grounds of Lasdon Park in Somers, NY. (Lasdon Park is on Rt. 35, 3 miles west of Rt. 684).
- Provide guided tours, upon request, of the Trail of Honor, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the Veterans Museum for school classes, senior citizen groups and other educational/community organizations.
- Provide speakers, upon request, to local schools/community organizations in which we share our military service experiences.
- Hold annual chapter dinner dance and/or picnics for members and their families.
- Participate in community parades and ceremonies that honor and support veterans of all wars.
- Publish and distribute a Newsletter.
- Provide FREE computer training classes for members and veterans in need.
- Participate in a number of fund raising activities throughout the year including the sale of chapter products and VVA poppies.
- Operate the gift shop at the New York State veterans Nursing Home at Montrose.

Past Activities: Provided trips for Montrose VA Hospital patients to the Vietnam Memorial – "The Wall" in Washington D.C.

Held veterans encampments at Camp Smith in Peekskill, NY to bring together friends and families to share our experiences/emotions with each other and the public in 1989, 1990 and 1991.

Brought **"The Moving Wall,"** a half scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in our Nations capital to Westchester County three times.

We meet the first Thursday of each month at the American Legion Post 1097, 35 Bedford Road, Armonk, NY. 10504 The public is invited to attend. Meeting time is 7:30 PM.