

John F. Wade Vietnam Veteran Memorial Scholarship Fund

(sponsored by The Dear Vietnam Vet Organization)

Requirements: Graduating senior who has been accepted and will be attending an accredited public college or university full-time, who is a U.S. citizen and legal resident of the USA.

The goal of this scholarship program is for the applicant to gain a deeper understanding of the service of a Vietnam Veteran and give them a proper thank you. Applicant must interview a Vietnam Veteran and write an essay based on the veteran and his/her service in the Vietnam War. Interviewee must be a US Military Vietnam Combat Veteran (any branch of the service) who served in country during the Vietnam War between 1965-1975. Applicant may focus on (but is not limited to) the veteran's military specialty (job), where they were stationed (they must have served in country in Vietnam), how the veteran feels about their service, and how that service has affected their lives today. Applicant must follow up the interview with a handwritten or typed thank you letter or card. Applicant may also be more creative in thanking the veteran and originality of that thank you enhances the application. *What the applicant learns from the interview and how he or she thanks the veteran is most important to the judging committee.* Essays will also be judged on originality, appearance and grammar.

To apply the applicant must submit:

1. Completed application
2. An essay that is:
 - A. Original
 - B. Typed, double spaced
 - C. Three to five pages in length
3. A copy of the hand-written or typed thank you letter or card to the veteran for his/her service. (If a more creative thank you is given to the Vietnam Veteran please detail along with the copy of the thank letter or card given. The more creative and unique the better but always must include a personal thank you card or note to the veteran).

Entries that do not meet these specific requirements will not be considered. Applicants can contact the local VFW, American Legion or the DAV to locate a Vietnam Veteran to interview (contact information provided).

4. Confirmation to the scholarship committee that the Veteran received the thank you. (This is the most important part of the scholarship. The thank you **MUST** be given prior to submitting application for this scholarship. If the veteran does not get a thank you prior to the scholarship deadline the applicant will be disqualified from being eligible for receiving the scholarship money). The scholarship committee will confirm the receipt of the thank you prior to judging.

Amount: \$500

How to apply: Completed application package must be submitted by email with a hard copy mailed to the addresses below. Must be postmarked before May 1, 2017.

Interview the Vietnam Veteran, write an essay based on the veteran and his/her service in the Vietnam War. Present the veteran with a personalized thank you letter or card, keeping a copy for your submittal. Put the package together including the application, the essay, and copy of thank you letter/card given to the veteran. Everything is to be scanned in (must be a clear copy) and emailed to dearvietnamvet@gmail.com. Then the original hard copy must be mailed to the address below before deadline.

Dear Vietnam Vet PO Box 1383, Bluffton SC 29910 dearvietnamvet@gmail.com www.dearvietnamvet.com

Due date for submission: May 1, 2017.

2017 JOHN F WADE VIETNAM VETERAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Dear Vietnam Vet Organization is offering a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior who has been accepted and will be attending an accredited public college or university full-time. Only one scholarship will be awarded each year. The successful applicant will be selected on the basis of a review of the essay, thank you to the veteran and completion of this application. Packets must be postmarked by **May 1, 2017**.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS (street, city, state & zip) _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE No: _____

SCHOOL YOU ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING: _____

1. UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND: _____

2. HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED TO THIS SCHOOL? _____ YES _____ NO

3. WHAT IS YOUR MAJOR? _____

4. INFO ON THE VIETNAM VETERAN YOU ARE INTERVIEWING AND THANKING
(If you do not know a Vietnam Veteran personally you can contact your local VFW Post (Veterans of Foreign Wars) or Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) chapter to ask to interview a Vietnam Combat Veteran):

Name of Vietnam Veteran: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Year(s) served in Vietnam (e.g. 1967-1968): _____

Rank: _____

Contact info for Veteran: (Address, phone number and email):

5. DATE INTERVIEW WITH VETERAN TOOK PLACE: _____

5. PLEASE ATTACH AN OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT WITH THIS APPLICATION.

6. THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH ESSAY ABOUT VETERAN, COPY OF THANK YOU CARD/LETTER, AND HOW VETERAN WAS THANKED BY APPLICANT. ALL INFO MUST BE EMAILED AND A HARD COPY MUST BE MAILED TO ADDRESS BELOW.

PACKETS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY, MAY 1, 2017 (no exceptions).

EMAIL TO:

dearvietnamvet@gmail.com

MAIL TO:

Dear Vietnam Vet

PO Box 1383

Bluffton, SC 29910

Dear Vietnam Vet (DVV) is a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit membership organization dedicated to thanking Vietnam Veterans. One of its objectives is to encourage young people to learn about the sacrifice that Vietnam Veterans made for this country and give them a proper thank you.

Any additional questions about this scholarship or Dear Vietnam Vet should be directed to Bonnie Wade Mucia at either the above address or via phone. 843-384-1477.

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