



AMVETS/UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP

AMVETS and the University of Phoenix have established a relationship to offer this Scholarship Program. The program was created with the belief that members of our active military, veterans and their families all wish to be successful and they would like to have a better quality of life for themselves and their families, and it all starts with education.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Candidates for the scholarship must demonstrate the following to be considered:

1. Applicants who reside in the United States must meet one of the following requirements: be a legal resident of the United States; have been granted permanent residency; have a valid visa that does not prohibit educational studies; have been granted temporary protected status along with approved Notice of Action issued by Citizen Immigration Services and verified through CIS Form g-845; or have been granted asylum along with the approved Notice of Action issued by the Citizen Immigration Services.
2. Applicant must be one of the below:
 - A current member of the Active Military (including National Guard and Reserves)
 - An honorably discharged veteran
 - Spouse, child or grandchild of one of the above two groups
3. Are not receiving 100% tuition reimbursement.
4. Are not employees or family members of AMVETS National Headquarters, Apollo Group, Inc., University of Phoenix, Western International University, Institute for Professional Development or any other subsidiary of Apollo Group, Inc.
5. Submit a complete, signed application, together with all supporting documentation, if any, by the deadline date listed below. The completion of the application form does not create an obligation to award a scholarship to applicant.
6. Submit a complete and comprehensive essay on one of the following topics.
 - What A Higher Education Means To Me
 - My Long Term Career Goal Is...
 - America Needs to Support Veterans and the Active Duty Military Because...

*High importance will be placed on the applicant's desire to advance their education, emphasis on furthering their careers, their service record (if applicable), and their impact on the community.

7. To be considered the essay:
 - a. must be a minimum of two full pages not to exceed a maximum of four pages. Essays not meeting the minimum or exceeding the maximum page numbers will not be considered;
 - b. must be double spaced;
 - c. must be 12 point font;
 - d. must be on 8 x 11 paper; and
 - e. must be paper-clipped together - please no staples.

SELECTION PROCESS:

The recipient of this Scholarship will be selected by the Scholarship Committee consisting of representatives from University of Phoenix and AMVETS.

It is the student's responsibility to submit a complete application and all the supporting documentation in one package which must be received on or before the deadline date as set forth below. The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final and not subject to a review process. Scholarship selection shall be made without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, or disability.

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Applicants will apply directly to AMVETS (address listed on next page). AMVETS will select the top fifty (50) candidates and those applications will be reviewed by a joint committee comprised of AMVETS and University of Phoenix.

The scholarship will be based on the overall quality of the application, and the committee's scores for the scholarship essays. The higher average score, the better chance you have of receiving a scholarship.

Deadline Date: July 1, 2007

A complete application and supporting documentation, if any, must be postmarked on or before July 1, 2007. Applications received by any other method of delivery will not be considered. Applications received after the designated Deadline Date will not be considered. **IMPORTANT: ONLY THE FIRST 300 APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.**

Award Date: November 9, 2007

The Scholarship Committee will determine the recipients of the scholarship by November 9, 2007. Only recipients of this scholarship will be sent an official letter notifying them of their award. If you would like to receive notification of your status regardless if you were selected as a recipient or not, there is a section on the application where you may provide an email address for updates.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS:

By applying for the scholarship and/or accepting the award, you agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. The Scholarship is a non-cash credit to your University Account in the amount of four thousand dollars (\$4,000). No check or other cash monies will be given and/or refunded to student(s) at any time.
2. The Scholarship may be applied to tuition and fees only (registration, **AXCESS**[™], and **resource**).
3. Should you withdraw from or otherwise fail to complete a course for which you are registered and for which the Scholarship or a portion of the Scholarship has been used to pay, any refund due shall be only applied to your University Account as a non-cash credit. In no event will any cash refund be given at any time. No exceptions.
4. You will remain responsible for all tuition, fees and costs incurred in excess of the Scholarship amount.
5. All application submissions shall become the property of Apollo Group, Inc. regardless if you are awarded the Scholarship.
6. Student must be fully registered and attending classes no later than thirty (30) days following the Award Date.
7. Student must stay in attendance as a full time student with no more than a thirty (30) day break between classes or a total of 60 days break over the calendar year.
8. Student must maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. .
9. The recipient will relinquish all unused scholarship credits should recipient fail to meet the above terms and conditions for any reason. Determinations of failure to meet the stated terms will be made by the Scholarship Committee and/or University officials in their sole discretion. Any unused portion of the Scholarship will be returned to the University.
10. Students will be evaluated on the overall quality of their application and content of their essay as set forth above.
11. Upon the award of the Scholarship and your acceptance, Apollo Group, Inc. and/or AMVETS shall have the right to use and republish your application and any of its contents to reference and acknowledge Your name and authorship of the application for any purpose, whatsoever. In addition, you agree to cooperate with the Apollo Group, Inc. and AMVETS in executing a consent and release form if requested.
12. These terms and conditions are in addition to any other terms and conditions set forth in any other part of this document. Any necessary determination or clarification as to the interpretation or to the application of a particular term shall be made by the Scholarship Committee and/or University officials in their sole discretion.
13. Only twenty-five (25) scholarships will be awarded.
14. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this Scholarship will result in termination of the Scholarship.

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SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

All materials must be submitted by mail to the following address and postmarked **on or before July 1, 2007**.

AMVETS National Programs Dept.
University of Phoenix Scholarship
4647 Forbes Blvd.
Lanham, MD 20706

For any additional information, please contact us in writing at the above referenced address or by e-mail at: scholarships@amvets.org.

Deadline extensions will not be granted. The Scholarship Committee accepts no responsibility for incomplete applications, applications not in proper form, lost applications, or any other submission in exception to the above instructions.

Privacy Act Advisory Statement:

In the spirit of The Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. & 552A, as amended, protecting your privacy is important to us. AMVETS will use the personal information you provide for the sole purpose of evaluating your scholarship application. It will not be shared, sold or otherwise made available to any individual, corporation or organization. Disclosure is voluntary. However, failure to provide information could preclude your consideration for this scholarship.

REQUIRED APPLICATION SUPPLEMENTS/CHECK LIST

1. The AMVETS/University of Phoenix Scholarship Form complete and signed.
2. Essay (see instructions above)
3. Letter from Command certifying active duty status or copy of Veteran's DD214.
4. A complete and signed copy of applicants or parent(s)/guardian(s)' 1040 tax form (2006). Form will be used to verify financial need. The applicant's name must also appear on the tax form.
5. Resume covering the past four years.
6. Letter of recommendation.

*Remember to keep a copy of the entire packet for your records.

