



AMVETS SCHOLARSHIP



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The University of Phoenix is pleased to partner with AMVETS to offer a scholarship program. AMVETS was originally founded in 1944 to support the needs of World War II veterans. Since being founded, AMVETS now assists individuals who are currently serving, or who have honorably served, in the U.S. Armed Forces from World War II to the present. As part of their commitment, AMVETS supports those who desire to finish their education.

University of Phoenix understands the importance of making higher education highly accessible for students of all ages and backgrounds. As the largest private university in North America, we take very seriously our social responsibility to our students and the communities we serve. University of Phoenix is particularly adept at aiding non-traditional students complete their education by designing programs around their busy lives.

Through this scholarship program, fifty (50) scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$7,000. The scholarship can be used towards an undergraduate or master's program. Recipients may choose to take courses at a University of Phoenix on-ground campus or University of Phoenix online.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants 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. Applicants must be one of the below:
 - a. A current member of the active military (including National Guard and Reserves)
 - b. An honorably discharged veteran
 - c. A spouse of a current military service member or honorably discharged veteran
 - d. A child (under age 21 or full-time student under age 23) of a current military service member or honorably discharged veteran
3. Applicants must meet all [University of Phoenix admission requirements](#).
4. Applicants, once enrolled, must not receive a total of 100% tuition reimbursement from any source(s) including but not limited to: corporate reimbursement, other scholarships and/or private grants with the exception of Veteran's Administration GI benefits or Veteran's Administration Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits and Title IV financial aid funding.
5. Applicants must not be an employee or family member of an employee of AMVETS, Apollo Group, Inc., University of Phoenix, Western International University, Institute for Professional Development or any other subsidiary of Apollo Group, Inc.
6. Applicants must submit a complete, signed application, together with all supporting documentation by the deadline date listed under the Selection Process section. The completion of the application form does not create an obligation to award a scholarship to an applicant.
7. Applicants must submit a completed essay. High importance will be placed on the applicant's desire to advance in their education and their potential impact on challenges facing the global environment.



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SELECTION PROCESS

1. This scholarship opportunity is in partnership with AMVETS, a non-profit organization and the scholarship process is managed by a staff member at AMVETS. The process includes but not limited to application creation, application submission, forming selection committee and finalizing recipient list. The application and any additional information submitted by applicant will be subject to AMVETS privacy and confidentiality policies, if any.
2. The recipient of this scholarship will be selected by the Scholarship Selection Committee consisting of representatives from University of Phoenix and/or AMVETS. Non-staff members may assist in the selection committee process.
3. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit a complete and signed application and all the supporting documentation in one package which must be received on or before the deadline date as set forth below. The Scholarship Selection Committee accepts no responsibility for incomplete applications, applications not in proper form, lost applications, or any other submission in exception to the above instructions.
4. The scholarship award will be based on the Committee's scores of the overall quality of the application and the scholarship essay(s). The higher the average score, the higher the probability of selection.
5. Scholarship selection shall be made without regard to age, race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or disability.
6. The decision of the Scholarship Selection Committee is final and not subject to a review process.

Deadline Date:

A complete application and supporting documentation must be received on or before **August 11, 2010**. Applications received after the designated deadline date will not be considered; no exceptions. Only the first 300 applications received will be considered.

Award Date:

The Scholarship Committee will determine the recipients of the scholarship by the award date of November 11, 2010. You will be notified via email by the award date regarding the status of the scholarship. You will receive a notification email regardless if you were selected as a recipient or not.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

All materials must be submitted by mail to the following address and received on or before the deadline date of August 11, 2010.

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

For any additional information, please contact AMVETS by email at scholarships@amvets.org.



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full legal name of applicant: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone number: _____ Evening: _____

Email address: _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION/EDUCATIONAL PLANS

Highest level of school completed: _____

Name of last school attended: _____

Degree program of interest: _____

Current standing (as of the date of this application):

- Not enrolled
- High school senior (must have graduated by award date)
- Undergraduate student
- Graduate student

APPLICATION TYPE

Please check one:

- Active duty
- Honorably discharged veteran
- Guard/Reserve
- Spouse
- Child

If active duty:

Name of unit: _____

Name of unit commander: _____

If child of an active duty service member or honorably discharged veteran, which or the following is their relation to you?

- Father
- Mother
- Deceased veteran (applicant must provide copies of death certificate and DD214)



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ESSAY COMPONENT:

Answer the following questions in paragraph format on a separate document; submit a complete and comprehensive two-four page essay. Please be sure to label each section in your essay. To be considered, the essay must meet the following requirements:

- a. Two – four pages in total length
 - b. Double spaced
 - c. 12 point font
 - d. 8 x 11 paper
 - e. Pages must be paper-clipped together (no staples)
- **Degree Choice**
 - What degree program and/or career field are you interested in pursuing at University of Phoenix?
 - **Life Goals**
 - How do you envision your future with a degree?
 - How will additional education through the University of Phoenix contribute to your vision of your future?
 - **Major Accomplishments**
 - What accomplishment(s) are you proudest of?
 - How have they impacted your life? (do not limit yourself to recognized/celebrated accomplishments, but include those which may have seemed small at the time they occurred but became crucial when placed in the context of your life.)
 - **Community**
 - Why do you believe that America should support veterans and the active duty military?
 - **Why you should be awarded the scholarship?**
 - What is the one factor that makes you most deserving of this scholarship with University of Phoenix and AMVETS?

CHECK LIST

- _____ University of Phoenix AMVETS Scholarship application completed
- _____ University of Phoenix Terms and Conditions completed and signed
- _____ Essay questions
- _____ Keep a copy of entire packet for your records



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UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX: TERMS & CONDITIONS

By applying for a University of Phoenix scholarship and/or accepting the scholarship award, the applicant and/or recipient agrees to the following terms and conditions. Failure to abide by any of the following terms and conditions shall result in either disqualification of the scholarship award or termination of the scholarship award.

1. All application submissions shall become the property of Apollo Group, Inc. as the parent company of the University of Phoenix regardless if applicant is awarded the scholarship. In addition, applicant agrees to execute an Apollo Group, Inc. Consent and Release Form, if requested.

Upon the award of the scholarship and applicant's acceptance, Apollo Group, Inc. and/or University of Phoenix shall have the right to use and republish the submitted application or any of its content; it may reference and acknowledge applicant's/recipient's name and authorship of the application; and may use recipient's name, image and likeness, for any purpose whatsoever, including but not limited to, any promotional materials.

2. Scholarship award is a non-cash credit to recipient's University of Phoenix account in the amount stated by the scholarship. No check or other cash monies will be disbursed at any time. No exceptions.
3. Scholarship will be applied to tuition and fees only, as specified on the scholarship application; education supplies and living expenses are not included.
4. Whether applicant/recipient is or is not currently an enrolled student, he/she is not receiving a total of 100% tuition reimbursement from any source(s) including but not limited to: corporate reimbursement, other scholarships and/or private grants with the exception of Veteran's Administration GI benefits or Veteran's Administration Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits and Title IV financial aid funding.
5. Applicant/recipient must meet all University of Phoenix admissions requirements for selected program and campus. Information regarding admissions is available in the University of Phoenix Academic Catalog. Scholarship may only be used toward degrees that are specified on the scholarship application; Doctoral degrees are not covered by the scholarship. No exceptions.
6. Recipient must complete all admission and enrollment requirements for his/her chosen degree program (degree program must be currently available) at University of Phoenix no later than thirty (30) days following the scholarship award date, unless otherwise approved in writing by the University of Phoenix Center for Scholarship Excellence officials in their sole discretion. Unless specifically stated in the application otherwise.
7. Recipient must be scheduled for his/her first class no later than sixty (60) days following the scholarship award date, unless otherwise approved in writing by the University of Phoenix Center for Scholarship Excellence officials in their sole discretion.
8. Recipient must have successfully completed his/her first class within one hundred eighty (180) days following the scholarship award date unless otherwise approved in writing by the University of Phoenix Center for Scholarship Excellence officials in their sole discretion.
9. If recipient is receiving Title IV financial aid funding in addition to this scholarship, applicant must stay in attendance as a full time student with no more than a twenty-nine (29) day break and/or must qualify for a leave of absence in order to maintain his/her financial aid status. Recipient is required to abide by all state and federal financial aid policies and procedures and all University of Phoenix financial policies and procedures as set forth in the University of Phoenix Academic catalog, including remaining in good financial standing with the University of Phoenix.
10. Recipient who falls out of attendance for more than 365 days (1 year) will forfeit his/her scholarship which shall be immediately terminated.
11. Recipient must maintain the minimum grade point average for the selected degree program, make satisfactory progress towards completing selected degree program (satisfactory progress is measured as successfully completing a minimum of 16 credits during each 24 attempted credits), and complete the selected degree program within the maximum time frame allowed according to federal regulations (The maximum time frame allowed is based on the required number of credits for graduation from the degree program, less any transfer or assessed credits, times 150%).



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12. Recipient may only fall into academic probation once and must raise his/her academic status within four (4) consecutive classes. Recipients who fall into academic probation two times and/or academic disqualification will be in violation of these scholarship terms and conditions.
13. Recipient agrees to complete his/her degree program in the time set forth in the University Of Phoenix Academic Catalog. Switching degree programs may result in a loss of credits which this scholarship will not cover. If recipient changes degree programs, which results in a loss of credits, the scholarship will cover up to six (6) credits that do not transfer to the new degree program. No exceptions will be provided by the University of Phoenix.
14. Should recipient drop, receive a W grade or otherwise fail to complete a course for which the scholarship or a portion of the scholarship has been used to pay the tuition, any refund due shall be only applied to recipient's University of Phoenix account as a non-cash credit. In no event will any cash refund be given at any time. No exceptions. Recipients are permitted only two (2) dropped courses or W grades per eight (8) consecutively successfully completed courses. If the recipient exceeds the drop course limit, recipient agrees that he/she will be financially responsible for the tuition fees and costs for the current dropped course in accordance with University of Phoenix policies as set forth in the University of Phoenix Academic Catalog. Recipient acknowledges that said scholarship award shall not pay tuition and fees for excess dropped courses. Recipient agrees that he/she will have to pay any outstanding tuition balance within seventy-five (75) days max and must pay prior to enrolling in any future courses in order to continue with this scholarship award.
15. Scholarship award will only be applied to one re-take course. A "re-take" of a course means scholarship recipient has completed the course to a point of earning a letter grade of A-F and has been scheduled to repeat the same course. If recipient wishes to re-take an additional course(s), recipient must pay the entire tuition and fee costs of the course in accordance with University of Phoenix's financial policies as set forth in the University of Phoenix Academic Catalog. No scholarship award will be given on a re-taken course in excess award of one (1).
16. Recipient will relinquish all unused portions of scholarship award should recipient fail to meet any of the above terms and conditions for any reason. Determinations of failure to meet the stated terms will be made by the University of Phoenix Center for Scholarship Excellence officials in their sole discretion. Any unused portion of the Scholarship will be returned to the University of Phoenix and is non-transferable. This scholarship does not apply towards doctoral degree programs.
17. 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 University of Phoenix Center for Scholarship Excellence officials in their sole discretion. *Furthermore, the University of Phoenix reserves the right in its sole discretion to make any changes or modifications to the scholarship, including but not limited to, the criteria, the selection process, the deadline dates, and the terms and conditions.*
18. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the scholarship will result in disqualification for the scholarship and/or termination of the scholarship award.
19. In the event that any provision of the terms and conditions of this scholarship shall be held void, voidable, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
20. **APPLICANT/RECIPIENT HEREBY AGREES TO RELEASE THE UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX, APOLLO GROUP, INC. AND ITS AFFILIATES, AS WELL AS EACH OF THEIR OFFICER, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SHAREHOLDERS, SERVANTS, DIRECTORS ("THE RELEASED PARTIES") , FROM DAMAGES, LOSSES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOSS OF EARNINGS, LOSS OF PROFITS, LOSS OF BUSINESS, LOSS OF WAGES), COSTS, EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF EVERY KIND AND NATURE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, INCLUDING CLAIMS OF DAMAGES OR INJURY TO PERSONAL PROPERTY AND FURTHER AGREE TO RELEASE THE RELEASED PARTIES FROM ANY THIRD PARTY CLAIMS OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, SUSPECTED OR UNSUSPECTED, AND WHETHER OR NOT CONCEALED OR HIDDEN, WHICH I MAY NOW HAVE OR MAY HERINAFTER HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASED PARTIES RESULTING FROM, OR ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS BY AMVETS.**



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21. APPLICANT/RECIPIENT HEREBY AGREES TO RELEASE AMVETS AND ITS AFFILIATES, AS WELL AS EACH OF THEIR OFFICER, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SHAREHOLDERS, SERVANTS, DIRECTORS ("THE RELEASED PARTIES") , FROM DAMAGES, LOSSES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOSS OF EARNINGS, LOSS OF PROFITS, LOSS OF BUSINESS, LOSS OF WAGES), COSTS, EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF EVERY KIND AND NATURE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, INCLUDING CLAIMS OF DAMAGES OR INJURY TO PERSONAL PROPERTY AND FURTHER AGREE TO RELEASE THE RELEASED PARTIES FROM ANY THIRD PARTY CLAIMS OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, SUSPECTED OR UNSUSPECTED, AND WHETHER OR NOT CONCEALED OR HIDDEN, WHICH I MAY NOW HAVE OR MAY HERINAFTER HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASED PARTIES RESULTING FROM, OR ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION BY THE UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. I have read and agreed to the above terms and conditions of the Scholarship and I understand the nature of the Scholarship and the extent of my obligations.
2. I certify to the best of my knowledge and ability that the above statements made in the scholarship application are true and correct. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission of fact is cause for disqualification and my application will not be considered.
3. This scholarship application is subject to the policies and procedures set forth in the applicable University catalog. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the scholarship and the catalog, the terms of the scholarship will control.
4. This University of Phoenix Terms and Conditions form may be executed by facsimile. A facsimile signature may be used in lieu of an original signature. In such instance, said facsimile signature shall be valid and enforceable in all aspects as the original.

Printed name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

If signatory/applicant/recipient is under the age of 18, the Parent or Legal Guardian must also sign below. By signing below said Parent or Legal Guardian represents that he/she has the legal right to and does consent to the terms and conditions of this scholarship. Said Parent or Legal Guardian further certifies to the best of his/her ability that the information contained in the scholarship application are true and correct.

Printed signature of parent/guardian: _____

Signature of parent/guardian _____ **Date:** _____

Address (if different from applicant): _____

Daytime phone number: _____ **Evening:** _____