

The Welcome Home Scholarship Fund

Scholarships will be annually distributed equally among applicants based on available funds. All awards are gift scholarships and not loans.

RULES

1. Candidates for this award shall be daughters, sons, and spouses of veterans who served in the Armed Forces.
 - a. April 6, 1917 through November 11, 1918 (WWI)
 - b. December 7, 1941 through December 31, 1946 (WWII)
 - c. June 25, 1950 through January 31, 1955 (Korea)
 - d. February 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975 (Vietnam)
 - e. August 24, 1982 through July 31, 1984 (Grenada and Lebanon)
 - f. December 20, 1989 through January 31, 1990 (Panama)
 - g. August 2, 1990 to the date of cessation of hostilities (Persian Gulf to present)
2. Applicants must have completed their senior year of high school.
3. Awards are non renewable, however, recipients can reapply for each year of eligibility..
4. The scholarship must be used within 24 months of the date the winner receives notification by The Welcome Home Fund, or the scholarship will be forfeited.
5. Applicants must present the completed application to The Welcome Home Fund **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2018.**
6. Recipients and non-recipients will be notified by email and in writing by June 1, 2018.
7. Applications will be evaluated on the following basis:

Character/Leadership	25%
Essay/Application	25%
Financial Need	25%
Scholarship	25%

The decision will be final.

1. The award will be paid directly to the school for the first semester upon notification from the school that the student has registered. ***The Welcome Home Fund must receive certification of enrollment within 12 months of a recipient's notification or the scholarship will be forfeited.*** The scholarship must be used within 24 months of the date the winner receives notification by National Headquarters, or the scholarship will be forfeited. Thus, if winning student does not wish to use monies for FIRST YEAR expenses, it can be used for SECOND YEAR expenses or forfeited.

APPLICATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed application packet The Welcome Home Fund Scholarship.
2. The following four letters of recommendation are required:
 - a. One letter from either the principal or guidance counselor of the school from which the applicant will graduate, to include size of class and student's position in the class and the cumulative grade point average.
 - b. One letter from a clergyman/clergywoman of the applicant's choice.
 - c. Two letters from adult citizens, other than relatives, attesting to the applicant's character in regard to conduct, citizenship and leadership.
3. An original essay consisting of no more than 1,000 words (typed, double-spaced). The title of the essay will be based on how the applicant plans to contribute to the betterment of his/her community throughout their career.
4. A letter from recipient organization(s) verifying 50 hours of voluntary service during high school years.
5. A certified transcript or photocopy of the applicant's high school grades.
6. A copy of ACT or SAT test scores.
7. A copy of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form, or a copy of the FAFSA Summary Report and Confirmation Page, or the FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR).
8. A brief statement of the military service of parent or grandparents, including the branch of service and dates of service, or a photocopy of parent's or grandparent's discharge papers.

THE WELCOME HOME SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2017

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of father, or guardian: _____

Address: _____

Veteran: Yes _____ No _____ Dates of Military Service: _____

Occupation: _____ Annual gross income: _____

Name of mother, or guardian: _____

Address: _____

Veteran: Yes _____ No _____ Dates of Military Service: _____

Occupation: _____ Annual gross income: _____

Number of dependent children under 18 years _____ Over 18 years _____ Grade levels _____

Total monthly compensation, pension or trust received by parent and/or children \$ _____

Are you eligible for or drawing Social Security payments? Yes _____ No _____

If so, monthly amount \$ _____ Time limit of benefits _____

Are you eligible for benefits under Survivors and Dependents Education? Yes _____ No _____

Proposed date of graduation from high school: _____

Name of college or university you hope to attend: _____

Print or Type Full Name

Signature of Applicant

NOTE: Please be sure to attach other required materials to this application and submit to The Welcome Home Fund **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2017.**

Please answer the following questions in a separate document and attach to application.

a. Why would receiving this scholarship be important to you? Please explain. _____

b. What course of study do you plan to pursue and why? _____

c. Describe your involvement in school, church and community activities.

d. Why do you think the United States' patriotic organizations such as the American Legion Auxiliary are important to the world today? _____

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Applicant's signature

Signature of Parent or Guardian

THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DEPARTMENT (STATE)

The winning entry for each Department shall be certified by the Department President and the Department Secretary or Department Education Chairman and forwarded with completed application to the respective Division Education Chairman **ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2018.**

DEPARTMENT _____

DIVISION _____

Signature of Department President

*Signature of Department Secretary or
Department Education Chairman*

The Division Education Chairman and two qualified judges shall make the final decision on the first, second and third place Division winners. She shall certify the names of the winners and send the their complete application packets to the National Education Chairman **on or before April 15, 2018.** The National Education Chairman shall certify the names of the winners to our National Headquarters.