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VETERAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT 2026-1

Purpose. To announce the semi-annual Veteran College Scholarship opportunity for Veterans and other eligible persons.

Information

General. The Southwest Veterans Foundation (SWVF) is the charitable arm of the Southwest Veterans Chamber of Commerce. The SWVF intends to announce its next round of college scholarships to eligible Veterans (or eligible Veteran spouse/child) October 1, 2026. This scholarship may be used for tuition, books, classroom supplies, room and board, and other direct or indirect fees levied by the educational institution coincident to college enrollment and attendance. The announcement and application are combined into one document. A fillable pdf form is available on the SWVF website.

Eligibility. There are three eligibility categories:

- Veterans with an Honorable Discharge
- Currently serving Military Reservists and National Guard (Active duty and “full-time” Reservists and National Guard are not eligible)
- Spouses and children of military personnel Killed in Action or 100% service disabled

Proof of Eligibility

- **Veterans.** DD-214
- **Reserve and National Guard.** Proof of current Reserve or National Guard service and obligation.
- **Spouse or child of Veteran.** Proof of relationship to deceased or disabled Service-member and proof of service death or 100% disability.
- **Please redact social security number on your documents.**

Educational Verification. Proof of current college attendance at an accredited college, community college, junior college, or post-high school technical institute.

Timeline

- Jul 13, 2026 Scholarship announcement released
- Sep 15, 2026 Applications due
- Oct 1, 2026 Scholarship winners announced.
- Oct 17, 2026

Scholarships presented at the Patriots Ball (Recipients will receive two free tickets; others available for purchase)

Please do not request an extension. Your ability to submit a complete application on time is an important part of the evaluation and grading of your application. Review these instructions before filling out your application.

Scholarship application. The application follows. It is also available online at <https://swvcc.org/scholarship-program/>. **If you submit your application electronically, scan and send it in ONE SINGLE FILE to t.sheets@swvcc.org.** You can also mail it to:

Southwest Veterans Foundation
Attn: College Scholarship Selection Committee
3820 W. Happy Valley Rd.
141-455
Glendale, AZ 85310

SWVF Point of Contact. Tom Sheets, t.sheets@swvcc.org, 602.677.2961



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SOUTHWEST VETERANS FOUNDATION

2026-1 Veteran College Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

Status: ☐ Veteran

☐ Reserve or National Guard

☐ Spouse of Veteran Killed in Action or 100% Service Disabled

☐ Child of Veteran Killed in Action or 100% Service Disabled

Name of College: _____

☐ Current student

☐ Accepted by college; will begin classes on _____, 2026

If current student, attach transcript and proof of current student status

If accepted, attached proof of acceptance and signed "intent to attend" statement

Student Status

☐ Full time

☐ Part time

Credits to be Taken



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Military Service: (If Veteran spouse or child application, provide service-member's data).

Branch of Service _____ **Years Served** _____

Military Occupational Specialty _____

Military Assignments (location and years):

"Personal" Military Awards:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Career Plans: College Major _____

Professional Goal: _____

Additional attachments required:

☐ **DD-214**

☐ **Personal Essay Questions.** Pick and answer three personal essay questions from the below list. Answers should be strongly worded as to stand out. 300 word maximum for each answer.



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Essay Questions:

1. What skills, characteristics, or values did you learn in the military and how will you bring those same strengths into your civilian career?
2. What made you choose your major/field of study, and what do you hope to accomplish within your designated industry?
3. What has been your biggest accomplishment to date?
4. What do you hope to achieve in the next ten years?
5. What inspires you to keep going when it gets hard?
6. If money was not a factor, what would your dream job be and why?

- ☐ **College transcripts or letter of acceptance**
- ☐ **If Reserve or National Guard, unit identification, address, and phone number for Commander or Officer-in-Charge.**

Certification: *"I certify that all information contained in this application and all attachments are true and accurate."*

Signature

Date