

**WISCONSIN VIETNAM VETERANS
CHAPTER 7
PO BOX 104
RICHLAND CENTER WI 53581**

SUBJECT: Scholarship Awards

TO: All eligible students & applicants

Richland Center, Riverdale, River Valley, Hillsboro, Kickapoo, North Crawford,
Ithaca, Weston, Boscobel, LaFarge

Chapter 7 Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans will award six (6) individual scholarships. You are invited to participate for one of these: six individual scholarships. Each of these scholarships are for \$500.00.

In order to be eligible to be awarded one of these six scholarships, you must do the following:

1. Interview a Vietnam Veteran
2. Write & submit an essay of 300-750 words based on the insights that you gained from interviewing a veteran. Essay deadline is April 15, 2022.
3. Be enrolled and accepted as a fulltime student (9-12 credits per semester) at any college, junior college, vocational or technical school located in the USA.

If you are interested, please contact your school counselor for the "Scholarship Eligibility Requirements" information.

We, as officers & members of Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans Chapter:7, challenge you to apply for one of our six scholarship awards for 2022. We look forward to assisting you in the pursuit of your educational endeavors.

Sincerely,

Scholarship Committee ·

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SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT: (School Counselor & eligible students/applicants)

*** You must be a graduating senior from one of the ten (10) area high schools listed below:

Ithaca	Hillsboro	LaFarge	Kickapoo	Boscobel
Richland Center	Riverdale	River Valley	Weston	North Crawford

You also can be a junior from one of the above listed high schools. (Note: if your essay is selected for a scholarship award, the monetary award will be held in escrow until you graduate & provide proof of enrollment & acceptance at any college, junior college, vocational or technical school in the USA. Nine to twelve (9-12) credits per semester is required for full-time student status.

You can be the son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, niece, or nephew of any Chapter 7 member, but you must still be a graduating senior or a junior as specified above.

You can be a non-traditional student relative of any Chapter 7 member residing anywhere in the USA. Relative status can be achieved through blood relation, adoption, or through marriage. You must meet all other eligibility requirements listed below.

- *** You must be enrolled & accepted at any accredited college, junior college, vocational or technical school. Nine to twelve (9 - 12) credits per semester is required. Proof of acceptance must be submitted with your essay.
- *** You must interview one or more Vietnam veterans. The veteran must have received the "Vietnam Service Medal". Note: if you are a student from one of the ten invite schools & you do not know any Vietnam veterans to interview, please check with your school counselor. They will help you get in touch with Chapter 7 members who will grant interviews. All other applicants should consult their Chapter 7-member relative for an interview, or the name of another Vietnam veteran who will grant an interview.
- *** You must write an essay of 300-750 words based on the interview with the Vietnam veteran or veterans. This cannot be a question & answer format essay. You can write about the veteran's wartime experiences. You can write about how his or her life has been affected by their Vietnam experience since returning home, or a combination of both. It is recommended that you have a basic knowledge of the Vietnam War before interviewing the veteran or writing the essay. This essay must be typed or hard copied with double spacing.

We do not anticipate that this expanded eligibility for Chapter 7 member relatives will have any great effect on the total number of applicants for the six scholarship awards.

Past experience has proven that the number of applicants for our scholarship awards has remained lower than we like. Therefore, the odds have been quite good for past applicants. Sometimes the odds have been 20-25-50%. We feel the reason for this low participation is that the students have to do some work above & beyond what they have to do when applying for other scholarships.

We ask your school counselors & teachers to mentor these students who may need that extra encouragement & guidance & encourage them to pursue these scholarship awards.

We want to emphasize that we reserve the right to refuse any & all essays based upon the recommendation of the judging committee. Unfortunately, in 2002, we had to exercise this option. We prefer not to do this.

All scholarship money is raised through various fundraising activities & donations. Most Chapter 7 members become involved, & many of our business sponsors support these fundraising endeavors.

We as members of Chapter 7 Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans take this scholarship awards program very seriously.

We want to extend a sincere "Thank you" to each of you, school counselors & teachers, for your continued support & assistance. Your involvement makes it much easier to continue our scholarship program.

Sincere regards,
The officers & members of
Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans
Chapter 7

Note: You are asked to duplicate the "Scholarship Eligibility Requirements" and distribute & make available to your eligible students in whatever manner usual & customary for your school.

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Contact persons: Leonard Frye - 608-647-2922
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- *** Do not put your name on the essay. Attach a 3 x 5 card to the upper left-hand corner of the essay. This card should contain your name & address, telephone number, & your school location.
- *** Submit your essay with proof of enrollment & acceptance to your guidance counselor so it can be mailed & in our possession before April 15, 2022. {Note: if you are a qualifying relative of an applicant of a Chapter 7 member & you do not attend one of the ten (10) invite schools, please send your essay & proof of enrollment & acceptance to:

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Your deadline is the same as above.

- *** Scholarship winners will be notified by their school counselors if they are a student of one of the ten invited schools. Other winners will be notified by mail or telephone. Any winner living within reasonable driving distance from Richland Center will be asked to attend a Chapter 7 meeting in June, July, or August to read your essay to the members in attendance.
- *** All essays are retained by, & remain the property of Chapter 7.
- *** Any essays which do not meet all aspects of the eligibility requirements will not be considered.
- *** Wisconsin Vietnam Veteran Chapter 7 reserves the right to refuse any and all scholarship applicant essays based upon the recommendations of the "judging committee". In the event that this option must be exercised, all scholarship money is held in escrow for the next year's scholarship program.

Good luck to each of you. We thank you for your interest & participation. We want to wish each one of you the very best in pursuing your educational endeavors.

GENERAL INFORMATION: All applicants, school counselors, teachers.

Monetary scholarship awards will be made out jointly to the scholarship winner, and to the educational institution that you will be attending. Therefore, this check must be endorsed by both the student & the school. It can be directed in any way that the student wishes, as long as it is for tuition, campus housing, books, meal plans, or on-campus parking. It cannot be converted to cash. Each of the six (6) awards will be for \$500.00. One half (\$250.00) is given with the award presentation. The second half (\$250.00) is issued after proof of 2nd semester enrollment is submitted to Chapter 7 officers.

The Chapter 7-member relative applicants do not get any special consideration. Their essays will be judged on the same basis as your students. All aspects of the enrollment criteria must be met by all applicants.