

"Your scholarship has paid for my entire master's degree! I am forever grateful for the VFW's Sports Clips Help A Hero scholarship, which will allow me to graduate debt-free."

- Brooke Mills
U.S. Army Reserves



"With a family of five, the Help A Hero scholarship kept us from going into student debt while pursuing an advanced degree. My family and I are so grateful for the incredible generosity of this amazing company. Thank you to everyone at the VFW and Sport Clips!"

- Jeff Cleland
U.S. Marine Corps

"The scholarship is a dream come true, and I am the happiest person because of it. I can now save money and provide for my daughter and teenage sister. I am forever grateful to Sport Clips and the VFW."

- Porsche Johnson
U.S. Navy



"When my military service ended, I knew I wanted to continue to serve. This scholarship will allow me to begin the master's program in psychology at San Diego State University so I can become a marriage and family therapist. Thank you!"

- Shea Prophet
U.S. Navy



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What is Help A Hero?

Sport Clips Haircuts, the nation's leading men's and boys' hair care provider, is a major supporter of the VFW and is also its "Official Haircutter." The veteran-owned company has supported VFW programs since 2007, and in 2013, launched the VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" program. These life-changing scholarships support service members and veterans as they work to get the education and training needed to begin the next chapter in their lives. Scholarship recipients come from every part of the United States, represent every branch of service, and are earning a variety of degrees including engineering, computer science, accounting, business administration, health care and many more.

What is the VFW Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship Program?

Each scholarship recipient will receive up to \$5,000 to apply toward their education at an accredited post-secondary institution, including universities, colleges and trade schools. While the program is funded by Sport Clips' Help A Hero campaign, the VFW manages the scholarship program. Management functions include accepting applications, determining and awarding recipients, notification of award determinations and denials, and administering scholarships directly to the schools.

Am I eligible to apply?

Review the scholarship program criteria below. If you can check each box, you're eligible!

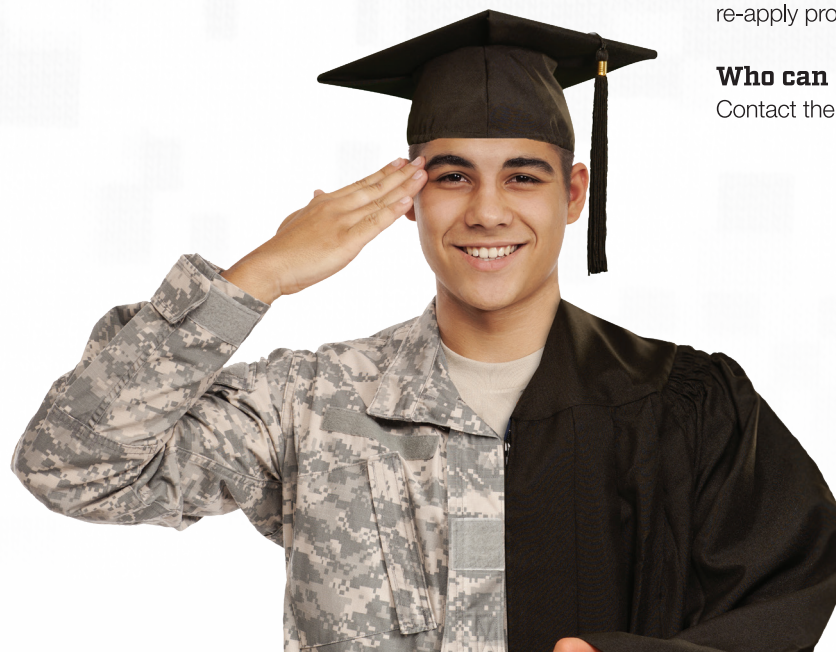
The applicant must:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be retired, honorably discharged, active duty, or a member of the National Guard or Reserve
- Have completed Basic Training and follow-on training (Advanced Individual Training, Technical school, Follow-On Training, etc.)
- Have or separated with a military pay grade of E-5 or below
- Demonstrate a need for financial assistance
- Participate in, be accepted to or currently enrolled in a VA-approved program or school at an accredited post-secondary institution

How do I apply?

The scholarship application is available online at VFW.org/Scholarship. You will find a program overview, a helpful Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) guide, and a link to the application.

Please note: Application must be submitted online using the form on VFW.org. Applications submitted by U.S. mail, e-mail, and fax will not be accepted.



Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the cut-off date for applications?

Applications for fall semester will be accepted January 1 through April 30 and applications for spring semester will be accepted August 1 through November 15.

How often can I apply for the scholarship?

You may apply once per academic semester.

I haven't been deployed. Can I still apply?

Yes, as long as you have completed basic training and AIT, Technical or Follow-On training.

I'm not currently enrolled in school (or) I've been accepted, but haven't made a final decision on which school to attend. Can I still apply?

Yes! You are eligible to apply as long as you've been accepted to a school, even if you haven't enrolled in classes yet. If you've been accepted to multiple schools, please list the school you are favoring on the application.

Once I've applied, will I be notified of the scholarship decision outcome?

Yes. The VFW will notify every applicant whether they are chosen as a recipient, or not.

Applicants who receive denial letters are highly encouraged to re-apply provided that they still meet the eligibility criteria.

Who can I contact for more information?

Contact the VFW at HelpAHero@vfw.org

