



# HELP A HERO

## SCHOLARSHIP ★ PROGRAM

### VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" Recipients 2025 Spring Semester

Recipient Name	Hometown	State	School Name	Military Branch
Brian Overholtzer	Anchorage	AK	Master's Seminary	Army, Veteran
Kawanzera Cherry	Harvest	AL	New York University - School of Professional Studies	Marine Corps, Veteran
Jung Jang	APO	AP	Oregon State University	Army, Veteran
Dakota Evans	Gravette	AR	University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	Army, Veteran
Shane Adcock	Berryville	AR	North Arkansas College	Army, Veteran
Vanessa Tinsley	Greenwood	AR	University of Phoenix	Army, Veteran
Alexander Garcia-Perales	Phoenix	AZ	Arizona State University	Marine Corps, Veteran
Allison Bodnaruk	Hereford	AZ	Johns Hopkins University	Air Force, Veteran
Cyrus Faumuina	Surprise	AZ	Pepperdine Graziadio Business School	Air Force, Veteran
Dominick Kuczynski	Prescott	AZ	Arizona State University	Army, Veteran
Luis Barrera Castrejon	Yuma	AZ	Capella University	Marine Corps, Veteran
David Canlas	Studio City	CA	University of Southern California	Army, Veteran
James Castillo	South El Monte	CA	University of St. Andrews	Army, Veteran
Jeffrey Luff	Bakersfield	CA	California State University Bakersfield	Air Force, Veteran
lori marlow	San Diego	CA	San Diego Mesa College	Air Force, Veteran
Patrick Frelo	Whitter	CA	Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts	Army, Veteran
Valery Bah	Union City	CA	City College of San Francisco	Army, Veteran
Xin Tan	San Gabriel	CA	Columbia University	Army, Veteran
Brittany Purnell	Colorado Springs	CO	Colorado Technical University	Air Force, Veteran
Joseph Gilbert	Colorado Springs	CO	University of Colorado at Colorado Springs	Marine Corps, Veteran
Vanessa Jackson	Colorado Springs	CO	Liberty University	Air Force, Veteran
Alexandria Vanhouten	Ocala	FL	Taylor College	Marine Corps, Veteran
Autumn Reeves	Hawthorne	FL	University of Florida	Army, Veteran
Craig Vaughn	Fort Walton Beach	FL	Liberty University	Army, Veteran
Daniel de Varona	Hialeah	FL	Keiser University	Army, Veteran
Daniel Romero	Deland	FL	Daytona State College	Navy, Veteran
Elaine Joachin	Deerfield Beach	FL	Florida Atlantic University	Navy, Veteran
Elijah Emond	Tampa	FL	Rutgers School of Health Professions	Marine Corps, Veteran
Emily Ramirez Arroyo	Miami	FL	New York University	Navy, Veteran
Jesse Torrez	Summerfield	FL	Southern New Hampshire University	Army, Veteran
Nathaniel Lautier	Bunnell	FL	Flagler College	Air Force, Veteran
Randy Brock	Davenport	FL	University of Alabama	Marine Corps, Veteran
Ryan Winslow	New Smyrna Beach	FL	Southern New Hampshire University	Army, Veteran
Courtney Lofton	Atlanta	GA	Western Governors University	Army, Veteran
Ivonne Jones	Grovetown	GA	Nova Southeastern University	Air Force, Veteran
Joshua Herring	Augusta	GA	Augusta University	Army, Veteran
Shaniece Cates	Stockbridge	GA	Mercer University	Army, Veteran
Tenisha Long	Dawsonville	GA	University of Georgia	Air Force, Veteran
Uneika Thomas	Hampton	GA	National University	Navy, Veteran
William Colson	Kathleen	GA	Augusta University	Air Force, Veteran
Sidbewindin Ouedraogo	Germany	GER	University of Maryland Global Campus	Army, Veteran
Cory Taylor	Hikone	HI	Arizona State University	Navy, Veteran
Nemezy Rios	Sioux City	IA	Southern New Hampshire University	Army, Veteran
Jenay Furman	Meridian	ID	College of Western Idaho	Air Force, Veteran
Justin Boyd	Meridian	ID	Southern New Hampshire University	Navy, Veteran
Dustin Decker	Highland	IL	Western Govenors University	Army, Veteran
Elvin Cintron	Homewood	IL	Governors State University	Marine Corps, Veteran
Jonathan Rhine	O'Fallon	IL	Purdue University Global	Army, Veteran
Jose Lara Hernandez	Stone Park	IL	Southern New Hampshire University	Marine Corps, Veteran

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Eric Smith	Indianapolis	IN	Purdue Global University	Army, Veteran
LeShae Philyaw	Muncie	IN	Ball State University	Army, Veteran
Paul Phelps	Westfield	IN	Liberty University	Army, Veteran
Ty Buschbom	Topeka	KS	Johns Hopkins University	Army, Veteran
Alan Benson	Louisville	KY	Indiana Wesleyan University	Marine Corps, Veteran
Mark Grin	Louisville	KY	Western Governors University	Army, Veteran
Anjanette Turner	Alexandria	LA	Western Governors University	Army, Veteran
Brianna Chesson	Baton Rouge	LA	Southeastern Louisiana University	Army, Veteran
Lashun Dixon	Opelousas	LA	University of Cincinnati	Army, Veteran
Samuel George	Denham Springs	LA	Delgado Community College	Army, Veteran
William Chimento	Harvey	LA	Louisiana State University - Shreveport	Army, Veteran
James Tabares	Billerica	MA	Northeastern University	Army, Veteran
Kyron Charles	College Park	MD	New York University - Tandon School of Engineering	Navy, Veteran
Thomas Laaser	Windham	ME	Southern New Hampshire University	Army, Veteran
Amber Rodea	Midland	MI	Central Michigan University	Army, Veteran
Chelsey Demick	Wyandotte	MI	Wayne State University	Navy, Veteran
Jordan Luz	Lake Odessa	MI	Grand Valley State University	Navy, Veteran
Joseph Smith	Byron Center	MI	Grand Valley State University	Army, Veteran
Joseph Thurston	Charlotte	MI	Kellogg Community College	Navy, Veteran
Nathyn Thompson	Marquette	MI	Northern Michigan University	Army, Veteran
Theresa Irving	Rothbury	MI	Westshore Community College	Air Force, Veteran
Angel Hernandez Arreola	North Saint Paul	MN	Century College	Army, Veteran
Jae Marion	Minneapolis	MN	Normandale Community College	Army, Veteran
Ian Jasso	Joplin	MO	Kansas City University	Army, Veteran
Justin Jacobs	Kansas City	MO	West Virginia University	Army, Veteran
Tanisha Bryan	Powersite	MO	Liberty University	Navy, Veteran
Caleb Durden	Brandon	MS	Tulane University	Navy, Veteran
Kristopher Xifos	Brookhaven	MS	Louisiana State University Shreveport	Marine Corps, Veteran
Kenneth Harper	Missoula	MT	Liberty University	Army, Veteran
Bob Thao	Charlotte	NC	Queens University of Charlotte	Marine Corps, Veteran
Brian Acheampong	Charlotte	NC	University of Maryland Global Campus	Navy, Veteran
Gabriela Blankenship	Stedman	NC	Fayetteville State University	Coast Guard, Veteran
Henry Morgan	Burlington	NC	University of North Carolina Greensboro	Marine Corps, Veteran
Jessica Robinson	Raeford	NC	Walden University	Army, Veteran
Katrina Burruss	Wake Forest	NC	University of Maryland Global Campus	Air Force, Veteran
LeAndra Oxendine	Wilmington	NC	Cape Fear Community College	Army, Veteran
Shataun Slade	Williamston	NC	Western Governors University	Air Force, Veteran
Tamara Gabbard	Southport	NC	University of Arizona	Army, Veteran
Thomas Thatcher	Indianola	NE	Wellspring School of Allied Health	Marine Corps, Veteran
Edgar Aguilar	Chaparral	NM	Dona Ana Community College	Marine Corps, Veteran
Katera Kellywood	Kirtland	NM	University of Northern Colorado	Army, Veteran
Donavan Ross	Las Vegas	NV	University of Nevada Las Vegas	Army, Veteran
Edgar Cisneros	Las Vegas	NV	Nevada State University	Marine Corps, Veteran
Frank Vizza	Las Vegas	NV	University of Nevada Las Vegas	Navy, Veteran
Sean Smith	Las Vegas	NV	University of Miami	Navy, Veteran
Spencer Thatcher	Las Vegas	NV	University of Nevada Las Vegas, Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine	Army, Veteran
Alyssa Coyne	Colden	NY	Hilbert College	Air Force, Veteran
Cory Wolf	Tonawanda	NY	University at Buffalo	Marine Corps, Veteran
Jean Lacap	Staten Island	NY	Borough of Manhattan Community College	Army, Veteran
Paul Cannon	Webster	NY	University of Maryland Global Campus	Army, Veteran
Pedro Monge	Hamburg	NY	Southern New Hampshire University	Army, Veteran
Tyler Sulik	Canandaigua	NY	Nazareth University	Marine Corps, Veteran
Vanessa Vajko	Albany	NY	New York University	Navy, Veteran
Abbey Cohen	Columbus	OH	University of Cincinnati	Army, Veteran
Nelson Kirk	Cincinnati	OH	Western Governors University	Marine Corps, Veteran
Billie Dawson	Broken Arrow	OK	Tulsa Community College	Army, Veteran
Brandon Clement	McAlester	OK	Sonoran Desert Institute	Army, Veteran
Fernando Garcia-Martinez	Portland	OR	Portland State University	Army, Veteran
Leah Stephens	La Pine	OR	Grand Canyon University	Marine Corps, Veteran
Lyn Sheperd	Central Point	OR	University of Colorado - Anschutz Medical Center	Marine Corps, Veteran
Antoinette Williams	Bristol	PA	Unity Environmental University	Navy, Veteran
Eugene Deimler	Enola	PA	Widener University Commonwealth Law School	Army, Veteran
Jake West	York	PA	Western Governors University	Navy, Veteran
Jeremy Lim	Whitehall	PA	West Chester University	Army, Veteran
Joshua Mayro	North Versailles	PA	Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Army, Veteran

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Zachery Campbell	Boiling Springs	PA	The Citadel - Military College of South Carolina	Marine Corps, Veteran
Crystal Marks	Columbia	SC	Walden University	Army, Veteran
Cheryl Swanson	Springfield	TN	Fisk University	Army, Veteran
Colln Henry	Franklin	TN	Austin Peay State University	Army, Veteran
Jullian Phan	Hermitage	TN	Middle Tennessee State University	Army, Veteran
Keith Limper	Quebeck	TN	Grand Canyon University	Marine Corps, Veteran
Steve Sotelo	Smithville	TN	Western Governors University	Army, Veteran
Alejandro Huerta	Houston	TX	Universal Technical Institute	Navy, Veteran
Boyd Ocon	Grand Prairie	TX	Amridge University	Army, Veteran
Caleb Oberst	Spring	TX	San Jacinto College	Army, Veteran
Candido Trillo	San Antonio	TX	Northwest Vista College	Army, Veteran
Carlos Cruz	Fort Worth	TX	DeVry University	Army, Veteran
Cy-Von Jackson	Sherman	TX	Diamonds College	Army, Veteran
Edward Rivota	El Paso	TX	New Mexico State University	Army, Veteran
Folasade Adeniran	Richmond	TX	Texas Tech University Health Science Center	Army, Veteran
Heather Holmes	Brownwood	TX	Southern New Hampshire University	Army, Veteran
James DeVaughn	Prosper	TX	Diamonds College	Army, Veteran
Jason Wakefield	Southlake	TX	Liberty University	Air Force, Veteran
Jeffery Sanders	San Angelo	TX	Angelo State University	Marine Corps, Veteran
Joshua Detzel	Crossroads	TX	Oklahoma State University	Air Force, Veteran
Kristopher Smiley	Beaumont	TX	Lamar Institute of Technology	Marine Corps, Veteran
Lisbeth Mares	San Antonio	TX	University of Texas at San Antonio	Army, Veteran
Maggie Bell	Prosper	TX	Western Govers University	Navy, Veteran
Mario Pena	Denton	TX	University of North Texas	Marine Corps, Veteran
Melissa Gutierrez	Houston	TX	University of Houston	Air Force, Veteran
Miguel Santana Alvarez	Houston	TX	Houston Community College	Navy, Veteran
Nakeisha Gibson	Fort Worth	TX	University of Texas at Arlington	Navy, Veteran
Natasha Green	Arlington	TX	University of Texas at Arlington	Army, Veteran
Philip Grimes	Fate	TX	Aviation Institute of Maintenance	Marine Corps, Veteran
Raymond Omar Dones Jr	Amarillo	TX	West Texas A&M University	Army, Veteran
Scotti Smothermon	Lindale	TX	University of Texas at Tyler	Army, Veteran
Steve Hollenbeck	Copperas Cove	TX	Central Texas College	Army, Veteran
Taylor Reisinger	Lewisville	TX	Parker University	Air Force, Veteran
Thaddeus Simon	Katy	TX	Pima Medical Institute	Army, Veteran
Tyler Cockrell	Lufkin	TX	Western Governor's University	Army, Veteran
Tyson Buettgenback	San Antonio	TX	University of the Incarnate Word School of Rehabilitation Sciences	Army, Veteran
Valerie Creason	Montgomery	TX	Amridge University	Navy, Veteran
Justin Provo	Park City	UT	Augustana University	Navy, Veteran
Christopher Price	Poquoson	VA	University of Colorado - Colorado Springs	Air Force, Veteran
Leighton Cannalte	Lynchburg	VA	Liberty University	Army, Veteran
Tyler Knighton	Richmond	VA	University of Massachusetts - Amherst	Marine Corps, Veteran
Yves Wiggins	Virginia Beach	VA	Bellevue University	Navy, Veteran
Jason Catlett	Graham	WA	Liberty University	Army, Veteran
Sinai Rincon	Burien	WA	Western Governors University	Army, Veteran
Andrew Vernon	Clarksburg	WV	Glenville State College	Army, Veteran
Brandi Douglass	Princeton	WV	Walden University	Army, Veteran
Jennifer Nethercutt	Huntington	WV	Marshall University	Navy, Veteran