

HELP A HERO

SCHOLARSHIP ★ PROGRAM

VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" Recipients 2026 Fall Semester

Recipient Name	Hometown	State	School Name	Military Branch
Kawanzera Cherry	Harvest	AL	New York University	Marine Corps, Veteran
Darryel Sheppard	New Market	AL	Fayetteville State University	Army, Veteran
Jacob Yancey	Huntsville	AL	Southern New Hampshire University	Army, Veteran
Luis Barrera Castrejon	Yuma	AZ	Capella University	Marine Corps, Veteran
Marcell Lopez	Tucson	AZ	Arizona State University	Marine Corps, Veteran
Johnny Merrill	Tucson	AZ	Saybrook University	Marine Corps, Veteran
Dustin Nguyen	Tempe	AZ	Arizona State University	Army, Veteran
David Canlas	Studio City	CA	University of California, Los Angeles	Army, Veteran
Daniel Hinojosa	Perris	CA	California State University, San Bernardino	Army, Veteran
Jonathan Huntley	Crows Landing	CA	University of Silicon Valley	Air Force, Veteran
Kelly Plubell	Foresthill	CA	Samuel Merritt University	Army, Veteran
Juan De La Garza	Keenesburg	CO	Metropolitan State University of Denver	Army, Veteran
Vanessa Jackson	Colorado Springs	CO	Liberty University	Air Force, Veteran
Joy Kimmins	Colorado Springs	CO	Divine Mercy University	Air Force, Veteran
Marie Reid	Litchfield	CT	Pikes Peak State College	Air Force, Veteran
Antonio Torres	New Britain	CT	Central Connecticut State University	Marine Corps, Veteran
Brianna McFadden	Washington	DC	Howard University	Army, Veteran
JeanMarie Almonor	Lake Worth	FL	Capella University	Army, Veteran
Joseph Castagna	Miami	FL	Florida International University College of Engineering & Computing	Coast Guard, Veteran
Jaydie-Ann Cooper	Lauderhill	FL	Florida International University	Army, Veteran
Deep Dabhi	Clearwater	FL	Lipscomb University	Army, Veteran
David Edwards	Pensacola	FL	University of West Florida	Coast Guard, Veteran
Duane Hardy	Gainesville	FL	University of Florida, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences	Army, Veteran
Jared Mascia	Hernando	FL	Arizona State University	Air Force, Veteran
Brian Perry	Lakeland	FL	American Public University	Navy, Veteran
Autumn Reeves	Hawthorne	FL	University of Florida	Army, Veteran
Jensel Torrado	Lakeland	FL	Western Governors University	Army, Veteran
Sierra Wiggins	Daytona Beach	FL	Embry Riddle Aeronautical University	Marine Corps, Veteran
Seann Windfield	Oakland	FL	University of Central Florida	Marine Corps, Veteran
Riley Wright	Port Saint Lucie	FL	John Patrick University	Army, Veteran
Shaniece Cates	Stockbridge	GA	Mercer University/Georgia Baptist College of Nursing	Army, Veteran
William Colson	Kathleen	GA	Georgia State University	Air Force, Veteran
Ivonne Jones	Grovetown	GA	Nova Southeastern University	Air Force, Veteran
Jessica Smith	Atlanta	GA	Southwestern Oklahoma State University	Army, Veteran
William White	Rome	GA	John A. Gupton College	Air Force, Veteran
Isaac Anderson	Springfield	IL	Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health	Marine Corps, Veteran
Sarah Byarlay	Salina	KS	Kansas State University	Navy, Veteran
Andrew Kraemer	Salina	KS	Kansas State University, Salina	Army, Veteran
Cameron Trester	Arkansas City	KS	Garden City Community College	Army, Veteran
Joseph Archer	Somerville	MA	Columbia School of Nursing	Army, Veteran
Nathan Zajac	Florence	MA	Hampshire College	Marine Corps, Veteran
Kyron Charles	College Park	MD	NYU Tandon School of Engineering	Navy, Veteran
Jae Marion	Minneapolis	MN	University of Minnesota	Army, Veteran
Darryl Scarborough	Chaska	MN	University of Minnesota	Army, Veteran
Tanisha Bryan	Powersite	MO	Liberty University	Navy, Veteran
Kaitlyn Mulvaney	Springfield	MO	Mission University	Air Force, Veteran
Eric Sullivan	Lee's Summit	MO	University of Missouri at Kansas City	Navy, Veteran
Christina Andress	Missoula	MT	The University of Montana	Navy, Veteran

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Gabriela Blankenship	Stedman	NC	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	Coast Guard, Veteran
LeAndra Oxendine	Wilmington	NC	Cape Fear Community College	Army, Veteran
Austin Rogers	Wilmington	NC	University of North Carolina at Wilmington	Army, Veteran
Shataun Slade	Williamston	NC	Western Governors University	Air Force, Veteran
Arturo Cabrera	Pleasantville	NJ	New Jersey Institute of Technology	Army, Veteran
George Pappas	Morristown	NJ	University of New Haven	Coast Guard, Veteran
Thomas Piacente	Las Vegas	NV	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Navy, Veteran
Donavan Ross	Las Vegas	NV	Idaho State University	Army, Veteran
Spencer Thatcher	Las Vegas	NV	University of Las Vegas - Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine	Army, Veteran
Jeremy Gould	Fulton	NY	University of Phoenix	Army, Veteran
Emily Ramirez Arroyo	New York	NY	New York University	Navy, Veteran
Marissa Reese	Williamsville	NY	Western Governors University	Army, Veteran
Cydney Rothblatt	Yonkers	NY	Manhattanville University	Army, Veteran
Bill Sheehan	New York	NY	State University of New York, Brockport	Navy, Veteran
Apprel Grow	Conneaut	OH	Ultimate Medical Academy	Army, Veteran
Kali Jones	Cincinnati	OH	The Ohio State University	Army, Veteran
Lena Thompkins	Strongsville	OH	University of New England	Air Force, Veteran
Christian Medina	Seaside	OR	Pacific University	Navy, Veteran
Leah Powers	La Pine	OR	Grand Canyon University	Marine Corps, Veteran
Shane Tidrick	Beaverton	OR	Texas A&M	Navy, Veteran
Charles Vincent	Roseburg	OR	Dallas Theological Seminary	Marine Corps, Veteran
Matthew Jarrell	Chalfont	PA	Johns Hopkins University	Army, Veteran
Matthew Johnson	Glen Mills	PA	Strayer University	Air Force, Veteran
Taylor Reisinger	Carlisle	PA	Penn State University	Air Force, Veteran
Antoinette Williams	Bristol	PA	Unity Environmental University	Navy, Veteran
Tiffany Grant	Summerville	SC	Trident Technical College	Army, Veteran
Crystal Marks	Columbia	SC	Walden University	Army, Veteran
Mehki Nesmith	Hemingway	SC	Kennesaw State University	Army, Veteran
Patrick Nienaber	Mount Pleasant	SC	California Institute of Integral Studies	Army, Veteran
Grace Goehring	Mound City	SD	Pacific University	Air Force, Veteran
Jacob Hoffmeister	Brookings	SD	Lake Area Technical College	Army, Veteran
James Angel	Oak Ridge	TN	University of Tennessee	Army, Veteran
Keith Limper	Quebeck	TN	Grand Canyon University	Marine Corps, Veteran
Folasade Adeniran	Richmond	TX	University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston	Army, Veteran
Jerry Aguirre	El Paso	TX	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso	Marine Corps, Veteran
John Amador	Conroe	TX	University of Houston	Army, Veteran
Dorothy Anderson	Abilene	TX	Arizona State University	Air Force, Veteran
Josue Arriaga	Edinburg	TX	Liberty University	Army, Veteran
Willie Bolton	Houston	TX	New York University	Army, Veteran
Juan Bonilla	New Caney	TX	Lone Star College	Air Force, Veteran
Harrison Carles	Little Elm	TX	University of Texas at Dallas	Marine Corps, Veteran
Mariah Catlin	Houston	TX	University of Houston	Army, Veteran
Joshua Cooper	Copperas Cove	TX	Texas A&M University - School of Law	Army, Veteran
Nakeisha Gibson	Fort Worth	TX	University of Texas at Arlington	Navy, Veteran
Abigail Hall	Little Elm	TX	University of North Texas	Marine Corps, Veteran
Stephen Kelly	Honey Grove	TX	Adelphi University	Army, Veteran
Nacole Lee	Houston	TX	Rice University	Air Force, Veteran
Caleb Oberst	Spring	TX	Charter College	Army, Veteran
Trevon Purnell	Houston	TX	Western Governors University	Army, Veteran
Jeffery Sanders	Prosper	TX	American Public University	Marine Corps, Veteran
Benjamin Sawyer	Georgetown	TX	Mississippi State University	Marine Corps, Veteran
Michael Ventura	San Marcos	TX	Texas State University	Army, Veteran
Olmiche Vital	Del Valle	TX	Temple University	Navy, Veteran
Jason Wakefield	Southlake	TX	Embry Riddle Aeronautical University	Air Force, Veteran
Christopher Wynslow	Cypress	TX	Texas A&M University - Bush School of Government and Public Service	Air Force, Veteran
Jennifer Jordan	Hurricane	UT	American Military University	Air Force, Veteran
Mariah Bailey	Woodbridge	VA	The Chicago School	Army, Veteran
Kelsey Franklin	Arlington	VA	Southern New Hampshire University	Army, Veteran
Alexis James	Bowling Green	VA	Walden University	Navy, Veteran
Christopher Price	Poquoson	VA	University of Colorado at Colorado Springs	Air Force, Veteran
Dilcia Ramirez	Fredericksburg	VA	Johns Hopkins School of Nursing	Air Force, Veteran
Shaneika Rice	Lorton	VA	National University	Air Force, Veteran
Dustin Williams	Chesterfield	VA	DeVry University	Marine Corps, Veteran

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Adam Ross	Wild Rose	WI	Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	Army, Veteran
Brandi Douglass	Princeton	WV	Walden University	Army, Veteran
Jennifer Nethercutt	Huntington	WV	Marshall University	Navy, Veteran
Andrew Vernon	Clarksburg	WV	West Virginia University - College of Law	Army, Veteran