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## SPORT CLIPS HELP A HERO SCHOLARSHIP

VFW and one of its major supporters, Sport Clips Haircuts, have again partnered to help our veterans and their families. The VFW "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" will provide service members and veterans with the financial assistance they need to complete their educational goals without incurring excessive student loan debt. It's just another way to say "thank you" to those who deserve it the most! Please see below for full details on the scholarship program and to apply.

### Here are the Details:

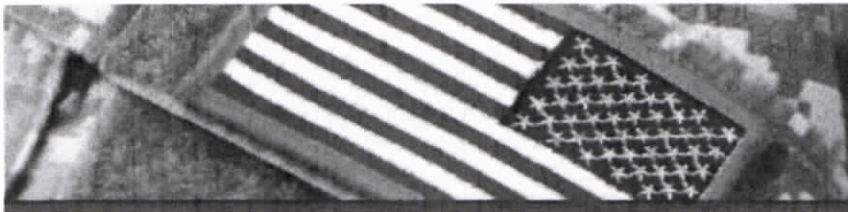
- Scholarships of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to qualified applicants
- Limited to one per family per semester
- Applicants may reapply each semester regardless of previous award or denial
- Applications will only be accepted online
- Applications for fall semester will be accepted January 1 through April 30 and applications for spring semester will be accepted August 1 through November 15
- Scholarships will be awarded for spring semester in January and for fall semester in July
- Scholarships must be used for the school semester for which the veteran is applying or they will become null and void
- **Scholarships are restricted to tuition and fees and will be paid directly to accredited schools**

### Eligibility:

1. Be a citizen of the United States;
2. Be retired or honorable discharged veteran, active duty, or a member of the National Guard or Reserve;
3. Have completed Basic Training and follow-on training (Advanced Individual Training, Technical school, etc.);
4. Have or separated with a military rank of E-5 or below;
5. Demonstrate a need for financial assistance;
6. Participate in, be accepted to or currently enrolled in a VA approved program or school at an accredited postsecondary institution;
7. If selected, authorize the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and Sport Clips, Inc. to announce and publish award of your scholarship. If awarded a scholarship, the recipient's name, city, state, photograph and essay may be used for promotional purposes by the VFW and Sport Clips, Inc. without further consent from the recipient

Questions? Contact us at [HelpAHero@vfw.org](mailto:HelpAHero@vfw.org)

**Application will be available January 1<sup>st</sup> for fall semester and  
January 1<sup>st</sup> for fall semester at [www.vfw.org/scholarship](http://www.vfw.org/scholarship)**



## VFW “Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship” Frequently Asked Questions

- **Is a printable version of the VFW “Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship” available?**
  - No. Applications are only being accepted online.
- **What is the cut-off date for applications?**
  - Applications will be accepted January 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> for fall semester and August 1<sup>st</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup> for spring semester. If attending an apprenticeship/certification program that is not starting using traditional semesters, please contact us at [HelpAHero@vfw.org](mailto:HelpAHero@vfw.org) for information.
- **How often can I apply for the scholarship?**
  - You may apply once per academic semester regardless of previous award or denial.
- **I haven’t been deployed. Can I still apply?**
  - Yes. As long as you have completed basic training and AIT, you are eligible to apply.
- **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.
- **When asking about military experience, do you want current or former?**
  - Please provide your current rank and military status.
- **What if I don’t have a DD214?**
  - If you are currently active duty or Guard/Reserves, in lieu of providing a DD214, we require a statement of service including any prior deployments from your unit’s Commanding Officer.
- **When will I receive my scholarship check and can the scholarship be used for books, Internet access and other educational-related expenses?**
  - Scholarships may only be used for school tuition and fees and checks will be paid directly to the school, not the student.
- **What is the FAFSA Student Aid Report?**
  - FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The Student Aid Report is a report you receive stating how much federal aid you qualify for, and what your expected family contribution (EFC) is. Find out more information and apply at: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov).
- **Can I apply now even though I haven’t applied for the current FAFSA year yet?**
  - No. We require a current FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) for the school year for which you are applying.
- **I submitted my FAFSA but was denied aid. Can I still apply?**
  - No. Financial need is a main eligibility requirement for the VFW Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship.
- **How many scholarships will be awarded?**
  - Scholarships will be awarded based on funds raised by Sport Clips’ annual “Help A Hero” fundraiser. Our goal every year is to award as many scholarships as funding allows.
- **Once I’ve applied, will I be notified of the scholarship decision outcome?**
  - Yes. We will notify every applicant of our decision either way.

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