



Veterans Club of Solivita Scholarship Foundation

Our Veterans Scholarship Foundation is dedicated to providing scholarships to graduating local high school JROTC students, or students whose parent/guardian is serving or has honorably served in the US Armed Forces or Reserves.

Forty seven scholarships have been awarded since 2008, with each one now including a laptop with Microsoft Office Student software. We continually strive to increase the number and value of scholarships awarded.

Our scholarships are four year awards, renewable annually by maintaining a minimum 3.0 GPA and full time student status. Our scholarship is \$1,500 and the laptop the first year and \$1,000 in each of the following three years. This total value is nearly \$5,000. The value of our future awards is dependent upon our funding and may vary.

Our applications will be available through your JROTC staff and school counselors. Applications will request information about your school activities, community involvement, school transcript indicating a 3.0 or higher GPA, future goals, etc. as well as a short essay on a topic we will determine.

Applications will be available in November with a due date in March. Selection will be made by our Foundation Directors in April with notifications to scholarship awardees shortly after. The scholarship award and laptop will be presented at your high school senior awards night by our Veterans Club of Solivita Scholarship Foundation Directors.

Also, all scholarship winners will be invited as VIP guests, along with their families, to our Memorial Day Ceremony in Solivita. You will be introduced to our board of officers, honor guard, as well as our formation of veterans and hundreds of Solivita residents. After the ceremony, you and your family are welcome to interact with the veterans and residents.

We really look forward to receiving your application. Please allow us to assist you in attaining your future college degree.

Veterans Club of Solivita Scholarship Foundation Directors:

Henry Borom, Miguel Buddle, Walt Burns, Faye Ellis, Jim Fraser, Don Stafford



VETERANS CLUB OF SOLIVITA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION (VCSSF)

2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

OBJECTIVE:

This program provides financial assistance to students who have the potential to become assets to our nation. The major factors to be considered in the evaluation and rating of applicants are eligibility, career objectives, volunteer experiences, academic record, essay, letters of recommendation, and insight about the applicant gained from their letter requesting consideration.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicant must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better during high school.
2. Applicant must successfully graduate from high school and complete the high school's Junior ROTC Program or have a parent/guardian who was honorably discharged, or is currently serving in the US Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard or active National Guard or Reserve Unit).

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

1. A typed letter requesting consideration for the award in which the following subjects as well as any additional information the applicant considers relevant are addressed:
 - College, Honors, and AP/IB courses completed or in which currently enrolled
 - Hobbies, interests, work and/or volunteer experiences and personal awards
 - How a higher education in their chosen field can benefit our nation
 - Career objectives – near term and long term
2. A titled essay of at least 500 words on the applicant's choice of **ONE** of these subjects:
 - How has technology impacted student learning?
 - How can the United States best defend itself against cyber-attacks?
 - Gentrification. Describe your view of its potential impact in surrounding communities and why you support it or not.
3. A certified transcript of school records showing GPA and SAT/ACT scores
4. Two signed letters of recommendation, one from the JROTC instructor (if applicable) and one from another teacher, mentor, or counselor
5. Signed Letters of Acceptance from an accredited college or university
6. A small photo (head and shoulders) to be used for publication, if scholarship is awarded
7. If applying as a dependent of a parent/guardian who is serving or has served in the US Armed Forces, proof of military service (DD-214 or military ID).
8. Completed Scholarship Application Checklist

All completed applications and checklist should be returned to your high school JROTC instructor or school counselor by March 6, 2020 for their review.



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2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

NAME: _____

CELL PHONE #: _____ EMAIL: _____

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____

SELECT WHICH APPLIES:

☐ JROTC STUDENT

OR

☐ PARENT/GUARDIAN SERVING/SERVED IN THE US ARMED FORCES

SCHOLARSHIP ATTACHMENT REQUIREMENTS

☐ WRITTEN REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF AWARD

☐ TITLED ESSAY

☐ CERTIFIED TRANSCRIPT OF SCHOOL RECORDS

☐ SIGNED LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

☐ SIGNED LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE FROM ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

☐ SMALL PHOTO (HEAD AND SHOULDERS)

☐ PROOF OF PARENT/GUARDIAN MILITARY SERVICE (IF APPLICABLE)

RETURN THIS CHECKLIST AND REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO YOUR HIGH SCHOOL JROTC INSTRUCTOR OR SCHOOL COUNSELOR BY **MARCH 6, 2020**. AN ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED APPLICATION IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIAL REQUIREMENTS

AFTER YOUR REVIEW, FORWARD COMPLETED APPLICATIONS BY **MARCH 13, 2020** TO:

VETERANS CLUB OF SOLIVITA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
PO BOX 581770
POINCIANA, FL 34758

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNER(S) WILL BE MADE BY APRIL 15, 2020