

Congressional Medal of Honor Society

Scholarship & Education Assistance Programs

The Scholarship/Education Assistance Committee advises and recommends to the President and the Board of Directors on all matters pertaining to the Scholarship/Education Assistance Program. It establishes application and selection procedures, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors; recommends to the Board of Directors the amount of scholarship to be awarded to each program participant, and also recommends an amount to be included in the annual budget of the Society for the Veterans Scholarship Program and Education Assistance Program.

The Committee with the assistance of the Society Headquarters collects and maintains information on potential awardees. It provides information on the program to members of the Society and to widows and children of deceased recipients of the Medal of Honor, to include application procedures and eligibility criteria. It receives applications for the program, verifies eligibility, selects participants, notifies applicants of their selection or non-selection and advises the Treasurer regarding the remittance of checks to program participants. It maintains records of both the Veterans Scholarship Program and Education Assistance Program as appropriate. All scholarships or education assistance will be awarded on the basis of need and/or merit.

Applicants must complete the full application packet, including all requested documentation, to be considered and the sponsoring Medal of Honor recipient's signature on the application form

No blood or adoptive relative, father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, or aunt may participate in the selection process of the applicant.

Applicants for either program must:

- Provide proof of application acceptance or completion of enrollment to attend a full-time course of study beyond high school at an accredited institution.
- Applicants must be sponsored by a Medal of Honor recipient.
- Consideration is given to applicants who are not entitled to Veterans Administration educational benefits, or full scholarship or educational assistance from any other program. Veterans, who are in need of financial assistance, may be considered when nominated by a Medal of Honor recipient.
- Applicants must complete the full application packet, including all requested documentation, to be considered. (Requested documentation may include, but is not limited to, a current IRS 1040 (proof of household income), Military DD-214, proof of enrollment or admission, and the sponsoring Medal of Honor recipient's signature on the application form.)

Educational Assistance Program:

- Be accepted or enrolled in a full-time course of study beyond high school with continuing satisfactory academic performance. (Academic transcripts are required for all application made subsequent to the initial application; C-average required for continued assistance.)
- Be sponsored by a Medal of Honor recipient parent (when parent is living) or be able to provide proof of relationship.
- Complete the full application packet, including all requested documentation, to be considered. (Requested documentation includes, but is not limited to: proof of enrollment or admission, academic transcripts, and the related Medal of Honor recipient's signature on the application form.)
- Complete a short essay detailing how they demonstrate excellence in academics, community involvement, athletics, and/or artistic talent. If applicant refers to awards or specific achievements, proof of those claims is recommended: photographs of awards/trophies; photocopies of certificates or paper awards, etc.)

Veterans Scholarship Program:

- Applicants must be a U.S. citizen who has served in the military, who has been honorably discharged, and have been awarded one of the top three military awards for valor: Medal of Honor, Service Cross, or the Silver Star.
- Requested documentation includes, but is not limited to, a current IRS 1040 (proof of household income), Military DD-214, proof of enrollment or admission, and the sponsoring Medal of Honor recipient's signature on the application form.
- Demonstrate a household income of less than \$100,000 per year.