



## FOLDS of HONOR

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Thank you for your interest in applying for a Folds of Honor Scholarship. On behalf of all of our staff, thank you for your family and service member's sacrifice!

Please find below important information to apply for the Higher Education Scholarship Program. If you have any questions during this process, please do not hesitate to reach out!

### **About the Higher Education Scholarship:**

The **Higher Education Scholarship** program is for students who will be entering, or are already attending a 2- or 4-year college, university, technical school, or accredited certificate program.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Applicant must be 24 years old or younger and a dependent of the service member. If the applicant is the spouse of a service member, there are no age requirements/limitations but must currently be married to service member or not remarried if widowed.
- Service member must have a 10% or higher ***combined, service connected evaluation*** from the VA for the dependent/spouse to be eligible to apply. **\*We do not use the evaluation percent for compensation\***
- Maximum scholarship award amount per year is **\$5,000**. The amount an applicant is awarded is based on the "Total Unmet Need" entered in the financial need section of the application. This amount can't be changed once the application is submitted.
- Whether a first-time applicant or a previous recipient, **you must apply each year that you wish to be considered for scholarship funds.**
- The award amount is disbursed in two equal payments; one for the fall semester and one for the spring (or an awardee can defer their funds to the spring/summer terms), but no more than **\$2,500** can be disbursed per semester/term. The recipient must complete/submit a "Mid-Year Check-In" form in December/January between semesters. The form must have an **official** transcript with fall grades as well as a spring class schedule before the second payment can be sent out.
- Required semester **GPA of 2.0** must be maintained in order to be able to continue to receive scholarship funds.
- Scholarship funds can only be used for the current academic year of the award; funds cannot be carried over to use in a subsequent academic year or used to pay for a previous academic year.
- Scholarship payments are sent directly to the school; they can't be sent to the recipient.
- Scholarship funds are to be used for tuition, books, fees charged by the educational institution, and only on-campus room and board (dorm and meal plan costs); **no off-campus housing** can be covered with scholarship funds.

**APPLICATION WINDOW:** a link for the on-line application will be on the Scholarships page of the Folds of Honor website every calendar year from February 1<sup>st</sup> - March 31<sup>st</sup>

**DOCUMENTS WHICH NEED TO BE SAVED ELECTRONICALLY (ON A COMPUTER) AND READY TO UPLOAD INTO APPLICATION:**

**\*Documents must be saved in PDF or JPEG format; if document is multiple pages, save all pages as ONE file. Upload bars in application only hold one document per bar.**

**CHECKLIST**

- Copy of service member's **most current DD214** with correct branch, rank, and character of service on it. If your service member is fallen, you will need a copy of their DD1300 in place of the DD214. If your service member passed away after separating from the service, you will need a copy of their final DD214.
- Copy of service member's **VA Summary of Benefits from the current year** for verification of combined, service connected evaluation by the VA (**example below**). MEB, PEB or other VA letters will not be accepted. If your service member is fallen you may upload a copy of their DD1300 in place of the VA Summary of Benefits. If your service member passed away after separating from the service you will need to be able to upload a copy of their state issued death certificate in place of the VA Summary of Benefits. Go to [ebenefits.va.gov](http://ebenefits.va.gov) if you don't have a current year Summary of Benefits. *ANYONE who receives benefits from the VA can log in and print this summary out.*
- If a dependent: Copy of birth certificate **OR** front AND back of the dependent's current military ID. **\*Do not upload a copy of a social security card, driver's license or school ID.**
- If applicant is a step-child of the service member, you will need a copy of applicant's birth certificate along with a copy of the marriage license between the applicant's birth parent and the service member **OR** front AND back of the dependent's current military ID.
- If a spouse, you'll need a copy of your marriage license to the service member **OR** copy of the front AND back of a current military ID showing you as the spouse of the service member you're applying under.

Applications completed and submitted between Feb 1 and March 31, 2017, will be for the 2017-18 academic year.

Folds of Honor will begin to notify all Higher Ed awardees the first week of July. In the event we are unable to announce all awardees the first week of July, we will send out a notification. Once an awardee completes and submits their scholarship acceptance form, it takes approximately 2 weeks to get a check in the mail to the school.

If you have questions, please email [scholarships@foldsofhonor.org](mailto:scholarships@foldsofhonor.org) .