



Mid-Coast Veterans Alliance Scholarship Application

Our goal is to promote and support the full range of issues important to all veterans and to create a new identity for the present generation of veterans.

Our organization seeks to award scholarships in an effort to assist graduating high school seniors in the pursuit of higher education. Eligible applicants must be direct descendants of a United States Military veteran.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will consider individual applications based on academic promise, scholastic record, community service, career and life goals, honors and awards received, and an essay based on the topic provided.

MCVA Mailing Address:

**P.O. Box 5654
Santa Maria, CA 93456**

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Name _____
Last First Middle

Home Address _____
Number / Street City State Zip Code

Mailing Address _____
P.O. Box / Street City State Zip Code

Phone _____ / _____
Home Cell

Current High School of Attendance _____

College / University Planning to Attend _____

Military Sponsor's Full Name _____

Student's relationship to sponsor: Parent Grandparent
(If veteran is deceased, applicant must provide proof)

Is your sponsor an active member of the Mid-Coast Veterans Alliance? YES NO

Military Sponsor Information _____
Rank Branch of Service Active / Retired / Deceased

The information you provide on this application is confidential and will be used solely for determination of scholarship awards. Your signature below gives consent to the Mid-Coast Veterans Alliance to use the information you have provided to verify eligibility and to publicize your scholarship award, should you be selected.

Signature of Applicant _____

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. **APPLICANT MUST ATTEND A HIGH SCHOOL IN THE SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT OR ORCUTT ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL.**

2. **DESCENDANT STATUS**

Applicant must be the child or grandchild of an honorably discharged United States military veteran.
**ONLY UPON SELECTION, a copy of your sponsor's DD-214 must be provided.*

3. **GRADE LEVEL**

Applicant must be a graduating high school senior (Class of 2018) entering college as a full-time freshman student in the upcoming fall semester.

4. **GPA**

Applicant must include a high school transcript and have a minimum high school grade point average (GPA) of 2.5*
**or documented evidence of extenuating circumstances that caused a lower GPA*

5. **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Applicant must provide two letters of recommendation; preferably one from school official (teacher, counselor, administrator, etc.), an employer or community member.
**Letters from parents or relatives will not be accepted*

6. **ESSAY**

On a separate sheet of paper, write an original essay of no more than 300 words based on the following topic:

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to *live by them.*” -John F. Kennedy

President Kennedy advised us to show our gratitude for the sacrifices our veterans made. What are some of the ways you can show your appreciation in your own life?

7. **BRIEF RESUME**

Please provide a brief description of each of the topics listed on page 4 of the application packet.

Scholarships are not limited to any specific field and may be used by a full-time student at an accredited vocational, technical school, college or university. Payment of scholarship monies will be issued in the student's name upon verification of enrollment. Scholarships must be used for the 2018-2019 school year. This scholarship may be awarded only once to each recipient.

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RESUME TOPICS

Provide a brief description for all that apply:

☞ **Student Activities** (*sports, band, clubs, etc.*)

☞ **Special Awards / Recognition**

☞ **Community Involvement** (*including employment*)

☞ **Hobbies and Interests**

☞ **Accomplishments and/or challenges**

☞ **Future Plans**

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