

2018 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

NEW JERSEY VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL
1 MEMORIAL LANE or P. O. BOX 648 HOLMDEL, NJ 07733
Contact: scholarship@njvvmf.org
www.njvvmf.org/college-scholarships

The Foundation will be awarding two \$2,500.00 scholarships for post-high school education (college, community college, trade school, etc.) at its Memorial Day Ceremony, Monday, May 28th, 2018.

Eligibility

Applicant must:

- be a New Jersey resident
- be a graduating high school senior
- have visited the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial (on their own /class trip/ scholarship tour)

Application Pieces

- A reflective essay focused on the student's experience visiting the Memorial
- A completed application form, signed and dated (If under 18, parent signature is required)
- A letter of acceptance to a college, university or trade school
- Completed application packages must be MAILED or DROPPED OFF **by 4:00pm, Friday, April 13, 2018.**

FAXES AND EMAILS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

DO NOT SEND ADDITIONAL MATERIALS (photos, transcripts, videos, letters of recommendation)

Important To Note:

- Applications are **only accepted through the mail** (PO Box 648, Holmdel, NJ 07733) **or dropped off** to Foundation staff (1 Memorial Lane, Holmdel, NJ 07733).
- **EMAILED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**
- Application packages received in-hand after 4/13/18 will not be accepted **regardless of postmarked date**

Scholarship Tours

Tours with our Vietnam Veterans are given the first Saturday of each month. Tours leave from the Museum lobby at 11:00 and 1:00. No registration is necessary and tours of the Memorial are free. If you choose to visit the Museum after or before your tour, admission fees will apply.

During scholarship season, tours are given at 11:00 and 1:00 every Saturday (February 3 through April 7, 2018). The same details listed above apply to these tours.

Scholarship Selection

The Scholarship Committee will select two winners from all eligible applications. The winners will be notified by Friday, May 11, 2018. *Those not selected will not receive any form of notification.* The winners will be required to submit confirmation of enrollment to a college, university or trade school in the form of an enrollment deposit. The winners must attend the Foundation's Memorial Day Ceremony at 11:00am, Monday, May 28, 2018 and read their essays as part of the Ceremony. Checks will be awarded as part of the Ceremony.

Questions about the Scholarship Program

The Foundation staff may **ONLY be reached via EMAIL** at scholarship@njvvmf.org with questions.

Phone calls regarding the program are not accepted.

Visit our scholarship page: <http://www.njvvmf.org/college-scholarships> for additional details.

Please read the attached Frequently Asked Questions before contacting a staff member via email.

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Any questions must be submitted by email only. Thank you.

DEADLINE: Friday, April 13, 2018, 4:00 PM

NAME (Last) (First)	M	F
COMPLETE ADDRESS INCLUDING ZIP CODE:		
PHONE #. ()	Email:	
NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTLY ATTENDING:	PHONE # ()	
ADDRESS OF HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTLY ATTENDING INCLUDING ZIP CODE:	COUNTY:	
NAME & ADDRESS OF SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:	HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED?*	
	Yes	No
PLEASE READ AUTHENTICATION AND SIGN BELOW:		
I have visited the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and the attached essay is my own original work:		
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE	DATE:	
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (if student is under 18):	DATE:	

ALL APPLICATIONS AND ESSAYS BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THIS ORGANIZATION.
THIS APPLICATION MAY BE PHOTOCOPIED.

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Essay Topic:

A visit to the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel, NJ is certainly a time for reflection. In your own words print or type an essay reflecting upon your visit to the Memorial.

Frequently Asked Questions about the Scholarship Program

What is a reflective essay?

A reflective essay is an essay in which the writer examines his or her experiences in life. The writer then writes about those experiences, exploring how he or she has changed, developed or grown from those experiences. The format of a reflective essay may change slightly depending on who the audience is.

Where can I see examples of winning essays?

www.njvvmf.org/college-scholarships

Please note: Your essay should be about the Memorial. It can include discussion of the Museum, but the main content should focus on your experience during the tour and/or of the Memorial.

Can I call with questions?

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Can I email or fax my application?

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A letter of acceptance is required, what if I haven't decided where I am going to school yet?

While a letter is required, it does not have to be from the school you have decided on attending, just an acceptance to a college, university or trade school. If you are selected as a winner, you will have to submit proof in the form of an admission deposit to the school you have decided on.

When are scholarship tours?

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How will you know that I visited?

It is easy to tell if a student has visited based on the content of their essay. We do not require any other proof of a visit.

Does a class field trip count as a visit?

Absolutely! If you visited the Memorial and Museum on a class trip, you can write your essay from that experience.

When will the winners be notified?

The Scholarship Committee will select two winners from all eligible applications. The winners will be notified by May 11, 2018. Those not selected will not receive any form of notification. If you do not hear from the Foundation's staff by Friday the 11th, you have not been selected. ***Please do not call our office to see if you have been chosen.***

If you are not selected as a winner, you will not receive any correspondence from the Foundation. So, if you have not heard from us by May 11, 2017, it is safe to assume you have not been chosen to receive a scholarship.

Directions to the Memorial

Take the NJ Garden State Parkway to exit 116 – PNC Bank Arts Center. As you enter the grounds of the Arts Center, follow the brown directional signs to the Memorial and Museum. Turn right on Memorial Lane and make your second left into the parking lot for the Memorial and Museum.

Hours of Operation:

The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial is open 24 hours, 7 days a week

The Vietnam Era Museum & Educational Center is open Tuesday – Saturday, 10 AM to 4 PM