



LVMAC Scholarship Program

FAQ

Who is eligible to apply?

- Veterans seeking meaningful first-time civilian employment after discharge.
- Veterans seeking meaningful reemployment due to job loss.
- Children and unmarried (un-remarried) spouses of service members killed in action.
- Children of veterans.
- Children, whether of a military veterans or not, who are enrolled/are enrolling in ROTC at a college or university for the purpose of completing an active duty commitment.

What is the definition of a Veteran for this program?

A person who:

- entered on active duty since 16 October 1991. However, this time limit applies only to veterans applying. It does not apply to a child's veteran parent or a spouse's veteran. For them, the period of service is immaterial.
- served in one of the armed forces of the United States (to include the Coast Guard during a period of war/conflict);
- served on active duty (Title 10) for a period of 180 days or more, not including training, unless separated (retired) for medical injury connected to military service;
- and was honorably separated or discharged (meaning an honorable or general discharge under honorable conditions was received).

Are there additional criteria?

- Individual must be a resident of either Lehigh or Northampton County in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- Academic performance is considered.
- As income is a consideration, a sliding scale for total, household income is used to determine eligibility. The algorithm considers household size, local median income and poverty thresholds, etc and is periodically adjusted.
- Applicants cannot not be a Board or Scholarship Committee member of LVMAC, or the dependent of one.

For what can the scholarship money be used?

Funds can be used for tuition at any U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs approved training site, for books and fees, and for selected ancillary expenses like child-care and transportation.

How much is provided?

The scholarship awards are based upon merit and need. The maximum amount to be given to an individual is \$2,000 in a year. No more than four consecutive awards will be given to a veteran; and a maximum of two awards to all other applicants. Validation of satisfactory completion of course work will be required, and subsequent awards will not be made without such proof. The annual scholarship budget varies and is dependent upon private contributions and grants.

How are the funds provided?

Funds are sent directly to the student, not the educational institution. For amounts exceeding \$1,000, funds are provided in two installments over the school year. Proof of attendance and performance are required.

How does the selection process work?

A committee review process using a weighted evaluation matrix is used. The LVMAC scholarship committee uses the “whole person” methodology to make the scholarship awards.

Various factors are considered in the selection process and include: the potential benefit of assisting the student, the student's financial need and academic record, and proper submission of supporting educational transcripts, statement of purpose and references. Generally, worthy veterans applying for a scholarship will be given precedence over other applicants.

How and when will I be notified?

With Board approval, the scholarship committee will typically advise applicants of LVMAC's decision in writing/email within sixty days of the application deadline.