

## Who is eligible?

### *The definition of a Veteran for this program:*

- 1) entered on active duty since 16 October 1991 (this time limit applies only to veterans applying; does not apply to a child's veteran parent or a spouse's veteran.)
- 2) served in one of the armed forces of the United States (to include the Coast Guard during a period of war/conflict);
- 3) 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;
- 4) and was honorably separated or discharged (meaning an honorable or general discharge under honorable conditions was received).

### *Target audience:*

- Veterans seeking meaningful first-time civilian employment after discharge.
- Veterans seeking meaningful reemployment due to job loss.
- 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.
- Children and un-remarried spouses of service members killed in action.
- Children of veterans.

### *Additional criteria:*

- Individual must be a resident of either Lehigh or Northampton County
- In general, preference will be given to those households whose income is \$100,000 or less except that for single veterans applying, preference is given to those whose annual income is \$40,000 or less.
- Individual is not a Board or Scholarship Committee member of LVMAC, or a dependent of one.

## About LVMAC

Established in 2003 as an organization of organizations (an association), the Lehigh Valley Military Affairs Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization operating within the Lehigh Valley.

We offer a forum and a focal point for veterans and civic organizations, businesses and governments to support our Lehigh Valley military-veteran community. We teach others to help in meaningful ways; advocate on issues of importance to our local military-veteran community; and organize or support programs centering on local military units when deployed, the families of service members, the transition of returning veterans, and the recovery of veterans requiring additional help.

As an all-volunteer organization, LVMAC meets on the third Wednesday of each month from noon to 1:30 p.m. at The American Legion, Hellertown. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to attend. No military affiliation is required. Lunch is provided to attendees with a free will offering.

LVMAC has no membership dues. The only membership requirement is that its member organizations actively support and work toward achieving LVMAC's goals.

LVMAC seeks donations to fund its various programs, to include this scholarship program.

For current information on LVMAC and membership events and activities, go to our website:

[www.lvmac.org](http://www.lvmac.org)

*LVMAC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Pennsylvania corporation. Contributions are tax-deductible as allowed by law. The official registration and financial information of the Lehigh Valley Military Affairs Council may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999.*

# Our Scholarship Program



**A special initiative of the  
Lehigh Valley  
Military Affairs Council  
(LVMAC)**



## What does it pay for?

Monies can be used for tuition (at a VA approved training site), books and fees, and selected ancillary expenses like child-care and transportation.

## How much can I get?

Scholarship awards will be based on 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 do I apply?

An *application form and its instructions* are found on the scholarship page of our website, [www.lvmac.org](http://www.lvmac.org). Submissions are done online only.



## When can I apply?

Applications are reviewed and awarded by the quarter of the calendar year they were submitted until funding is exhausted. Therefore, submissions are due by March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31.

## What must be included?

The application requires personal information, military service information, educational records, long-term educational and personal goals, details of the proposed educational program or details of expenditures to be made, the cost of the courses, and how the program will benefit applicant's personal development.

The application must also include a letter of acceptance from the institution in which the individual is enrolling, if applicable.

Please include one letter of recommendation from an individual who can speak to the applicant's potential, performance, educational goals and needs.

The scholarship selection committee may also choose to interview the applicant.

## What is the selection process?

Beyond eligibility, factors considered in selection process include potential benefit, financial need, academic record, submission of educational transcripts, statement of purpose and references.

The committee uses the "whole person" methodology to make the scholarship awards.

*Veterans applying for a scholarship will be given precedence over other applicants.*

## When will I be notified?

The committee will advise an applicant of its decision, after Board approval, via email no later than 45 days after the end of the quarter in which the application is made.

## How is the money paid?

Funds are given directly to the student via check.

## If I have further questions?

- email [Scholarship@lvmac.org](mailto:Scholarship@lvmac.org)
- or call the Corporate Office at **484-788-0196** (open on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)



## Corporate Office

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