



Vaughan Paralyzed Veterans of America Educational Student Scholarship Program

Introduction

The Vaughan Chapter PVA is a nonprofit, veteran's service organization chartered by the United States Congress to serve veterans with spinal cord injury or disease. Since its founding following World War II, PVA's primary goal has been to assist its members and their families in improving the quality of their lives. Vaughan Chapter is one of 34 chapters and subchapters of the National Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Our goal has been addressed through a wide variety of activities, including support of programs designed to provide education and training for veterans with spinal cord injury as well as members of their families.

Vaughan Chapter PVA has established an Educational Scholarship Program to assist our members and their immediate families in gaining a post-secondary education from accredited colleges and universities across America. Vaughan Chapter PVA will grant, on a competitive basis, up to five (5) **\$1,000 scholarships to full-time student and \$500 to part-time students** for an academic year. (contingent upon Board of Directors budget approval).

Note: Scholarship funds will be released in the name of the university, to be applied directly to the payment of the student's tuition, required fees, materials, books, or any electronic equipment (laptop/computer/software).

Eligible Applicants

All applicants must be citizens of the United States.

Applicants must be accepted or enrolled as a full-time or part-time student in an accredited U.S. college or university.

Applicants must be either a member of Vaughan PVA, the spouse of a Vaughan PVA member, or an unmarried child (under 24 years of age) who is dependent (as defined by the IRS) on the member for principal support.

All applicants must demonstrate academic achievement.

Scholarship recipients must notify Vaughan PVA if they are no longer enrolled in school, or if they do not maintain satisfactory progress toward the award of their degree at the time anticipated in the application.

Submission Deadline

All applications must be received no later than close of business June 30, of the current year.

A copy of the applicant's grades from high school, college, or other accredited institution covering the second semester or second quarter of the current school year must be included to complete the application package. Second semester/quarter grades may be forwarded separately and will be matched with the original application at PVA. To receive consideration, applications must be completed including any forwarded materials such as grades and letters of recommendation by July 31, of the current year for the Fall Semester or December 15 for the Spring Semester. If you will be forwarding grades under separate cover, please note that fact on the application form.

In order to thoroughly and fairly assess each application, deadlines are strictly enforced. **Early submission of your application is encouraged.**

Review of Applications

Applications will be reviewed for compliance with the guidelines and for merit in August by the Vaughan PVA Scholarship Committee. Applicants will be selected based on a number of factors, including academic records, application information, and letters of recommendation, extracurricular activities, and your personal statement. Priority consideration will be given to:

1. Vaughan PVA members; and
2. Their dependents.

Vaughan PVA will attempt to notify all applicants of the status of their applications following Board of Directors approval of that budget item.

Selection is subject to verification of the information provided.

General Guidelines for all Applications

The original plus six (6) copies of the application must be submitted (Form No. 98E-1). A Complete application file must include the application (Form No. 98E-1), at least one (1) but no more than two (2) letters of recommendation (Form No. 98E-1), academic transcripts, and a personal statement.

Vaughan PVA must have a permanent and local mailing address where the student may be reached.

An official transcript (i.e., one that bears the seal of the school or other certification of authenticity) must be submitted for each school listed in the application and attached to the

original application form, Form No. 98E-1. Attach one photocopy of each transcript to each of the six copies of Form No. 98E-1.

A personal statement must be attached to the application. The statement may not exceed two typed pages. In your statement, explain why you wish to further your education and your short and long-term academic and personal goals. Attach one copy of your personal statement to each of the six copies of the application.

Verification of your enrollment as a full-time student must also be attached to the application. This can be in the form of a copy of your class schedule, confirmation of registration, or other documentation issued by an accredited college or university.

No more than two letters of recommendation should be sent to support your application (Form No. 98E-1). One letter of recommendation must be from a faculty member or official of your current or most recently attended school. If you anticipate difficulty in locating a school official, contact the individual identified at the end of this form. The second letter may be from any individual, other than an immediate family member, of your choice. Letters should be forwarded directly by the drafter to Vaughan PVA for inclusion with your application.

Note: Application must be received by June 30, of the current year for the Fall Semester or November 15 for the Spring Semester. All forwarded materials (e.g. transcripts and letters of recommendation) must be received no later than July 31, of the current year for the Fall Semester or December 15 for the Spring Semester.

Length and Amount of Funding

Up to five (5) Vaughan PVA Educational Scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000. if an individual student's status changes from full-time status, it is incumbent on the person to notify Vaughan PVA Office .

Point of Contact

Submit completed applications to:
Vaughan Chapter PVA
Attn: Executive Director
2235 Enterprise Drive, Suite 3501
Westchester, IL 60154

If you have any questions, please call:

Chapter Office
(708) 947-9790
(708) 947-9755 fax
vpva@vaughanpva.org

**Vaughan Chapter
Paralyzed Veterans of America
Educational Student**

Application No. _____

PVA Scholarship Application

Please Print Legibly or Type

Applicant

Full Legal Name: _____
 Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number: _____
 Permanent Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: _____
 Dates at this Address: From: _____ / _____ / _____ To: _____ / _____ / _____

Education

List in reverse chronological order (beginning with the present or most recent school year) all Secondary and post-secondary institutions and trade schools attended:

School Name: _____ Address: _____
 Telephone () _____ Dates Attended: _____ Degree: _____
 GPA: _____ Student's Class Rank*: _____
 School's Passing Grade is: _____ School's Honor Grade is: _____

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 Telephone () _____ Dates Attended: _____ Degree: _____
 GPA: _____ Student's Class Rank*: _____
 School's Passing Grade is: _____ School's Honor Grade is: _____

*or () Percentile in a class of () students

Use additional sheets if needed.

Release

Permission is hereby granted to school officials from the above listed schools to release scholastic records and other requested information for consideration in the Vaughan PVA Educational Student Scholarship Program, with the exception of the following:

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

E. _____

Plans and Experience

1. List the date you anticipate enrolling in post-secondary school: _____
2. List the school you anticipate enrolling in and the degree program: _____
attach verification on full-time status (e.g. letter of acceptance, class schedule, confirmation of registration).
3. List any Honors or Awards you have received: _____
4. List your Professional and related work experience (paid and volunteer):

A. _____ D. _____

B. _____ E. _____

C. _____

5. List any extracurricular activities you have been involved in:

A. _____ D. _____

B. _____ E. _____ C.

6. List your connection with Vaughan PVA:

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| Member Name | Membership Number | Chapter | Relation: Self, Spouse, Child |
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7. On separate sheets of paper, please prepare a statement explaining why you are interesting in continuing your education and what your short-and long-term goals are. **Do not exceed two typed pages in length.**

8. Second semester/quarter (or most recent) grades:
 ___ are attached ___ will be forwarded separately ___ will not be available by deadline.

9. I certify that the preceding information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all decisions rendered by Vaughan PVA and the Scholarship Committee on the award and administration of scholarships are final. If I am selected as a scholarship

recipient, I authorize Vaughan PVA to use photographs, statements, or general information contained in this application for publicity, except for the following items:

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

If student is not a Vaughan PVA Member,
Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Vaughan Chapter
Paralyzed Veterans of America
Educational Scholarship Application
of Recommendation Applicant**

**Office Use Only
Application No. _____
Date received: _____ Letter**

Applicant's name (last, first, Middle): _____
Applicant School: _____
Drafter's Name: _____
Drafter's Title: _____
Drafter's Address: _____
City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone: () _____

The above-named student is an applicant for our scholarship program. To complete this application, we need a carefully considered appraisal of his/her character, ability, and if appropriate, performance as a student at your school. This information will be used only in connection with the selection of our scholarship recipients. We are particularly interested in the applicant's strengths and weaknesses, non-academic as well as academic achievements and special contributions to the academic community and the community at large. Please attach your letter of recommendation to a copy of this form and sent it directly to:

Vaughan PVA
Attn: Executive Director
2235 Enterprise Drive, Suite 3501
Westchester, IL 60154

Revised, and approved on 5/21/15 by PVA
B.O.D meeting.