



PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Introduction

The Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) primary goal has been to assist its members and their families in improving the quality of their lives.

This goal has been addressed through a variety of activities, including the establishment of the Educational Scholarship Program. This program assists PVA members and their immediate family members by funding a post-secondary education.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be either a PVA member, the spouse of a 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.
- Applicant must be a citizen of the United States.
- Applicant must be accepted or enrolled as a full-time or part-time student in an accredited US college or university.
- Past award recipients may apply.

Award Amounts

PVA will award scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 to full-time students and \$500 to part-time students. Scholarship funds are released solely in the name of the university. Under no circumstances will payment be made to the students.

Application Submission

All components of the application must be received by June 1, 2009. Late applications will not be accepted, no exceptions. In addition, any incomplete applications will not be considered.

The components of the applications should be clipped, not stapled or bound.

1. **Application** - Form # 2009-1 (4 pages)
2. **Personal Statement** - The statement should explain why you wish to further your education; short and long-term academic goals; how this will meet your career objectives; and, how will it affect the PVA membership. Also describe how and when any unusual family or personal circumstances have affected your achievement in school, work or your participation in other activities.

3. **Verification of Enrollment** - This can be a copy of your class schedule, confirmation of registration, or other documentation issued by the college or university.
4. **Academic Transcript** - An official transcript (one that bears the seal of the school or other certification of authenticity) must be submitted for each school listed in the 'Past Education' section. **This information is not required if you have not attended school in the past 5 years.**
5. **Two letters of recommendation** - Form # 2009-2 - School Official, from your current or most recently attended school. **This is not required if you have not attended school in the past 5 years.** Form # 2009-3 – Personal Reference, from someone other than an immediate family member. To properly identify your letters of recommendation, please have each author attach their letter to the appropriate form.

Review of Applications

The PVA Scholarship Review Committee will select award recipients based on: application completion, personal statement, academic records, letters of recommendation, and extracurricular and community activities.

Award Announcement

Initially, you will be sent an email, if applicable, or a post card acknowledging receipt of your application. You will be notified by mid July of the Review Committee's decisions. Please do not call the office, as no information will be provided. Once notified of an award, all recipients must submit a Scholarship Confirmation Form prior to funds being released. In addition, a picture would be appreciated for publicity purposes as outlined in the *Release Information* section of the application.

Point of Contact

All applications and questions should be directed to:

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Paralyzed Veterans of America

801 18th Street, NW

Washington, DC 20006-3517

800-424-8200 ext. 619 or 202-416-7622 (TDD)

TrishR@pva.org

CURRENT / FUTURE EDUCATION

List the school to which you have been accepted or are enrolled as a student. Use official school name, do not use abbreviations.

School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Dates Attending: from _____ through _____

Enrollment Status:

Full-Time Student

Part-Time Student (less than 12 credits)

Student Status:

New Student

(First year or have not attended in the past five years)

Current Student

Graduate Level

Major or Course of Study: _____ **Expected Graduation Date:** _____

Degree Sought: Bachelor

Associate

Certificate

Other

PAST EDUCATION

Beginning with the present, list all secondary and post-secondary institutions and trade schools you have attended. (Note: Leave this section blank if you have not attended school in the past five years). Attach a separate sheet if more space is required. Academic transcripts must be submitted for each school.

School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Dates Attended: _____ GPA: _____ School's Passing Grade: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Dates Attended: _____ GPA: _____ School's Passing Grade: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Dates Attended: _____ GPA: _____ School's Passing Grade: _____

EXPERIENCE

Extracurricular Activities

List school, sports or community extracurricular activities in which you have been involved.

Activity

Dates

Paid or Volunteer Activities

Describe work experience and volunteer activities.

Place

Activity

Dates

Honors and Awards

List all honors and awards you have received.

Honor/Award Name

Date

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

All of the following components are due no later than June 1, 2009 (there will be no exceptions). Applications missing any of the following sections will not be considered.

- Application
- Personal Statement
- Transcript(s) (if applicable)
- Letters of Recommendation
- Verification of Enrollment

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 PVA Educational Scholarship Program, with the exception of the following:

I certify that the preceding information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all decisions rendered by PVA and the Scholarship Review Committee on the award and administration of scholarships are final. If I am selected as a scholarship recipient, I authorize PVA to use photographs, statements, or general information contained in this application for publicity purposes except for the following items:

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____
(if student is not a PVA Member)



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Letter of Recommendation

School Official

Applicant Name:

Name: _____

Title: _____

School: _____

The above-named student is an applicant for the Paralyzed Veterans of America Educational Scholarship Program. To complete this application, we need a carefully-considered written assessment of his/her character, ability and performance as a student at your school. 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.

This recommendation is a required element of the application and students must submit their packages by June 1, so please give immediate and serious attention to this request. Attach your appraisal letter to this form and return it to the applicant or, if you prefer, return to applicant in a sealed envelope.



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Letter of Recommendation

Personal Reference

Applicant Name:

Name: _____

The above-named student is an applicant for the Paralyzed Veterans of America Educational Scholarship Program. To complete this application, we need a carefully-considered written assessment of his/her character and ability. We are particularly interested in the applicant's strengths, weaknesses, achievements, and any special contributions to the community at large.

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