



**VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL  
RICHARD T. NUSKE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2018/2019**

**TO: GUIDANCE COUNSELOR, STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

**SUBJECT: SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS  
AND ALL CONTINUING EDUCATION STUDENTS**

Three (3) \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded in the fall of 2018. The award is to be used for continuing education at an accredited school.

**TO BE ELIGIBLE THE STUDENT MUST:**

**Write an original essay based on an interview with a US Vietnam Veteran\*  
Return the essay, application form, proof of veteran's service and  
Student transcripts.**

**Entry must be postmarked no later than 17 February 2018.**

**Mail to: Virginia Nuske, Chair  
VVA Wisconsin State Scholarship  
N5448 Broder Road  
Shawano, WI 54166**

**\*Applications will be scored as follows:**

<b>Direct Descendant of a Vietnam Vet (child/grandchild)</b>	<b>10 pts</b>	
<b>Relative of a Vietnam Vet (niece, cousin)</b>	<b>5 pts</b>	
<b>Essay</b>	<b>35 pts</b>	<b>35 pts</b>
<b>Maximum points possible</b>	<b>40 pts</b>	<b>45 pts</b>

**Please contact me with any questions.  
My telephone number is: (715) 524-2487**

**Sincerely,**

**Virginia Nuske, Chair  
Scholarship Committee  
Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA)  
Wisconsin State Council (WSC)**

**\*VVA DEFINES A VIETNAM VETERAN AS ANY U.S. VETERAN WHO SERVED IN ACTIVE DUTY DURING THE VIETNAM WAR (1 JANUARY 1959 TO 7 MAY 1975) ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. RELATIVES OF A VIETNAM VETERAN MUST PROVIDE PROOF.**

**ENCLOSURES:**

*These Forms may be copied.*

**STUDENT LETTER  
APPLICATION FORM  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

**VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL**

**TO:** Scholarship Applicant – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!  
**FROM:** Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. Wisconsin State Council  
**SUBJECT:** Richard T. Nuske Memorial Scholarship

Dear Student:

Thank you for applying for this scholarship. We hope this will be a learning experience for you and an opportunity to win \$1,500 for your education. Three (3) scholarships will be awarded in Wisconsin. To be eligible you must interview a United States Vietnam Veteran, who was on active duty during the Vietnam War (1 January 1959 to 7 May 1975). The Veteran may have served in any branch of service, anywhere in the world; *servicing in the country of Vietnam is not a requirement.*

These scholarships are funded by Vietnam Veterans of America Wisconsin State Council. We want you to gain a deeper understanding of the U.S. military Veteran from the Vietnam Era. You could focus on, but are not limited to the veteran's job, where he or she was stationed, how the Veteran feels about his or her service, and how that service has affected his or her life today.

**SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP**

- Interview a U.S. Military Veteran (any service branch) who served anywhere in the world between 1 January 1959 to 7 May 1975.
- Write an essay based on the interview.
- The essay must be: original, typed, double spaced and three (3) to five (5) pages in length.
- **The essay, application, school transcripts and proof of Veteran's service\*, must be mailed and post-marked no later than 15 February 2018.**

\* Special Note – Veteran's *proof of service* can be a copy of the Veteran's DD214 or verification of service from a County Veteran Service Office (CVSO), Tribal Veteran Service Officer (TVSO) or another approved official document (see Frequently Asked Questions).

**Entries that do not meet these requirements will not be considered.**

What you learn from the interview and how you express your ideas is most important to the judging committee. Your entry will be scored based on originality, appearance and its elements of grammar.

High School Scholarship recipients will be notified according to the policies of their respective school's May awards/scholarships program. A check for \$750 will be issued before the fall 2018 semester, upon receiving a copy of the fall course registration. *At the end of the fall semester, satisfactory grades (2.00 GPA or better) and spring course registration must be submitted to the VVA WSC Scholarship Committee for the release of the \$750 scholarship balance for the spring semester.* Winning students and their parent(s) will be invited to the Wisconsin State Council's quarterly meeting(s) to read their essays, at their convenience, dates and time to be determined.

Address questions and complete applications to: Virginia Nuske, Chair  
VVA Wisconsin State Scholarship  
N5448 Broder Road  
Shawano, WI 54166

Phone: (715) 524-2487

## **VVA WSC SCHOLARSHIP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)**

### **What is a Vietnam Veteran?**

A Vietnam Veteran is any U.S. military veteran who served on active duty between and including 1 January 1959 to 7 May 1975.

### **Can I interview someone who did not have a combat role?**

Yes, most military jobs do not involve direct combat actions.

### **Can I interview a Vietnam Veteran who did not serve in South Vietnam?**

Yes, the VVA believes that all U.S. Veterans who served during the Vietnam War share a common bond and experience.

### **Can I interview one of my parents?**

Yes, you may interview anyone who meets the criteria of U.S. Vietnam Veteran.

### **One of my step-parents is a Vietnam Veteran, can I interview that parent?**

Yes.

**What proof do I need to provide that I am related to a Vietnam Veteran?** A copy of your birth certificate and the Veteran's proof of service.

### **Can I interview someone who was in the National Guard or Reserves?**

If the Veteran served more than six(6) months in active duty during the above dates, you may interview them.

### **What kind of document is needed to prove that the person I interviewed is a Vietnam Veteran?**

*You need to provide proof of service for the person you interviewed.* In most cases, veterans have a copy of their DD214 (service record) or a copy of their discharge orders. If the veteran does not have proof of service they can contact their County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO), Tribal Veteran Service Officer (TVSO), or other Service Officer within a Veteran Service Organization (VSO) (e.g., American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, etc.). To locate a CVSO or TVSO in your county go to <http://wicvso.org/locate-your-cvso/>. A number of VSOs throughout Wisconsin can be found online at <https://www.vetfriends.com/organizations/directory.cfm?state=WI>.

### **Will I be notified if I do not win?**

**No**, due to the large number of entries, we cannot let everyone know their status. However, if you want to be notified that we received your entry, you may include a self-addressed envelope with your entry, and we will notify you that your entry was received.

### **I am a Wisconsin resident, but not attending school in Wisconsin this year, am I eligible?**

**No**, the scholarship is for Wisconsin high school seniors and Wisconsin continuing education students attending accredited Wisconsin schools only.

### **I am not attending a college or university; will I be eligible for the scholarship?**

**Yes**, you may attend any accredited Wisconsin school.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL  
STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP –2018/2019**

**PERSONAL DATA**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATIONAL DATA**

High School(s) Attended and Dates

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

What is your intended major or present educational goal?

Which school and campus do you plan to attend?

**VIETNAM VETERAN INFORMATION\***

**If PARENT/GUARDIAN/RELATIVE\***

I, \_\_\_\_\_, SERVED IN THE  
\_\_\_\_\_ FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_  
(BRANCH) (DATE) (DATE)

MY SERVICE # \_\_\_\_\_  
DD214 COPY ATTACHED: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
MY BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF THE ABOVE  
INFORMATION FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES ONLY.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(VETERAN'S SIGNATURE)

Only if DD214 is not attached: CVSO/TCVSO OR VSO: PLEASE  
VERIFY DATES OF SERVICE AND ATTEST TO VALIDITY.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name and Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE)

**INTERVIEWEE**

I \_\_\_\_\_, SERVED IN THE  
\_\_\_\_\_ FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_  
(BRANCH) (DATE) (DATE)

MY SERVICE # \_\_\_\_\_  
DD214 COPY ATTACHED: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
MY BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF THE ABOVE  
INFORMATION FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(VETERAN'S SIGNATURE)

Only if DD214 is not attached: CVSO/TCVSO OR VSO: PLEASE  
VERIFY DATES OF SERVICE AND ATTEST TO VALIDITY

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name and Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE)

\*You must provide proof if you are a descendant/relative of a United States Vietnam Veteran and you must provide proof that the person interviewed is a Vietnam Veteran.

For Committee Only: Region \_\_\_\_\_