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 18 February 2019.

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

*Applications will be scored as follows:
Direct Descendant of a Vietnam Vet (child/grandchild) 10 pts
Relative of a Vietnam Vet (niece, cousin) 5 pts
Essay 35 pts 35 pts
Maximum points possible 40 pts 45 pts

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)
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; serving 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 18 February 2019.

* 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.

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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 –2019/2020

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?

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VIETNAM VETERAN INFORMATION*

IF PARENT/GUARDIAN/RELATIVE* INTERVIEWEE

I, ___________________________, SERVED IN THE

I ___________________________, SERVED IN THE

(BRANCH) (DATE) (DATE) (BRANCH) (DATE) (DATE)

MY SERVICE # ___________________________

MY SERVICE # ___________________________

DD214 COPY ATTACHED: Yes ___ No ___

DD214 COPY ATTACHED: Yes ___ No ___

MY BIRTH DATE ___________________________

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I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF THE ABOVE

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INFORMATION FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES ONLY.

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(VETERAN’S SIGNATURE)  (VETERAN’S SIGNATURE)

Only if DD214 is not attached: CVSO/TCVSO OR VSO: PLEASE

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VERIFY DATES OF SERVICE AND ATTEST TO VALIDITY.

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(Print Name and Title)  (Print Name and Title)

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(SIGNATURE)  (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 __________________________

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