



### Mike Voth Memorial Chapter #5 VVA Scholarship

The Mike Voth Memorial Chapter #5 of the Vietnam Veterans of America has established a scholarship to provide two (2) \$500 awards this year to graduating seniors who plan on continuing their education. This scholarship is open to all students and requires interviewing a Vietnam Era Veteran and writing an essay based on that interview. First preference will be given to family member of a VVA Chapter #5 member, followed by a student of **ANY** veteran of the U.S. Military. Students without a family connection to a veteran may still apply as long as their interview is with a Chapter #5 veteran sponsor. **Application deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>.** Please contact Joe Heil, Treasurer, at 715-559-2945 for assistance. Applying students must:

- Be a graduating senior with a GPA of 2.8 to 3.5 from a high school anywhere within Eau Claire County, along with statement of their intended area of study. NOTE: Chapter #5 family members may apply regardless of their high school's location.
- Write an essay based on an interview with a U.S. Military Vietnam Era Veteran (any branch of service) on that veteran's service experience. Essay is to be original, typed, double spaced and will be judged on content, appearance and grammar. Essay is to reflect your understanding of the Vietnam War and its impact on the veteran interviewed.
- Have their teacher/mentor form submitted independent of their application and essay.
- Submit verification of military service for the Vietnam Era Veteran interviewed. A copy of their DD214 or verification from the County Veteran Service Office (CVSO). **Entries without this will not be considered.**
- Completed applications will be scored as follows:
 

1. Relative of a VVA Chapter #5 member/any U.S. Military Veteran	10 pts
2. Sponsored by a Vietnam Era Veteran	5 pts
3. Essay	<u>35 pts</u> <u>35 pts</u>
Minimum points possible	40 pts 45 pts

\* Vietnam Era Veteran is defined as being active duty from 28 February 1961 to 7 May 1975. Veteran may have served in any branch of service, anywhere in the world; service in the country of Vietnam is not a requirement.

School Counselors will be notified and the Scholarship recipients will be notified according to their respective school's May Scholarship Awards Program. There will be no notification if an applicant is not chosen. Payment will be awarded after recipient has completed the first quarter/semester of their chosen school. Official grade transcript will be required as proof of quarter/semester completion.

Mike Voth Memorial #5 VVA, P.O. Box 832, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0832



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Vietnam Era Veteran Information Form

I \_\_\_\_\_ served in the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Branch of Service)

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) (Date)

I am a member of Mike Voth Memorial Chapter #5 \_\_\_\_\_

DD214 Copy attached \_\_\_\_\_

Date I was interviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(I hereby authorize the release of the above information for identification purposes only.)

**IF DD214 is NOT attached**

To CVSO or VSO: Please verify above information

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Application

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter #5 Member or Vietnam Era Veteran sponsor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Service/Duty: \_\_\_\_\_

**DD214 or verification from CVSO is a very important part of this application, DO NOT FORGET THIS!**

Name of your High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

List of Schools or Institutions to which you have been accepted: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What is your major field or area of study? \_\_\_\_\_

Why have you chosen this field or area of study? \_\_\_\_\_

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Teacher/Mentor Evaluation Form

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

This Teacher/Mentor evaluation form should be completed by someone who has spent time with the applicant in the past two to three years who has taught or provided guidance to them. This is a required part of the scholarship application process and as such, must be returned to us no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you feel you are unable to complete this form, for any reason, please let the applicant know so that another teacher/mentor may be chosen. We appreciate candid assessment of the applicant and your comments. If you would prefer, a narrative can be written on the back of this form or attach a separate piece of paper to this form and submit directly to: Mike Voth Memorial Chapter #5 VVA, P.O. Box 832, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0832. This evaluation form is **required** for the applicant to be considered for this scholarship.

How long have you known this applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity have you interacted with the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the applicant's qualifications:

Academic Achievement \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Curricular Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Career Potential \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Strengths \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

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

A Vietnam Era Veteran is any U.S. military veteran who served on active duty between 28 February 1961 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 Era 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, step-parents or grandparents?**

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

### **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 period identified above, you may interview them.

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

You need to provide proof of service for the person you interviewed. Most veterans have a copy of their **DD214** (service record) or they may have a copy of their discharge orders. If the veteran does not have proof of service, they can contact the County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO), all Wisconsin Counties have a CVSO who will be able to recreate the veteran's service record.

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

No, only school counselors of winning applicants will be notified and arrangements made to present winners their award at their school's Scholarship Award Program in May.

### **I am a qualifying student but will not be attending an in-state school, am I still eligible?**

Yes, the scholarship is for students attending any accredited school.

### **I am not attending a college or university but a trade school, am I still eligible?**

Yes, the scholarship is for students attending any accredited school.