



**AMVETS
Department of Pennsylvania
Bernard Gorman Scholarship Program**

Eligibility Requirements - Four-Year Program

Who can apply?

. Graduating high school seniors who are the children/grandchildren of an AMVETS member or of a deceased veteran who was a member of AMVETS. (Proof Required)

All scholarship applicants must:

- . Be a U. S. Citizen
- . Must not have been awarded a full scholarship.
- . Demonstrate academic achievement
- . Demonstrate involvement in extracurricular activities

What do scholarship recipients receive?

- . \$ 2,000.00 one-time only award

**APPLICATIONS AND REQUIRED FORMS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR
BEFORE MARCH 1st AND MAILED TO ADDRESS LISTED BELOW.**

Selection is based on merit. Funding for the scholarship program is provided by the AMVETS Department of Pennsylvania Service Foundation.

**AMVETS Department Of Pennsylvania
Building 3-97, Fort Indiantown Gap
Annville, PA 17003-5002
Phone: 717-865-9982 Fax: 717-865-9440**

Dear Applicant:

AMVETS applauds your family's decision to pursue a higher education. The commitment of time and money is a worthwhile investment in our future leaders, and we extend our best wishes. We believe in America's youth, and this is one reason AMVETS has awarded scholarships to deserving students for nearly 50 years.

The completed application and required documents must be returned to AMVETS Department of Pennsylvania and postmarked by March 1st. The Scholarship Committee carefully screens each application based on scholastic ability, financial need, and extracurricular activities. Selectees are notified by the end of March. Due to the voluminous number of applications, we are unable to notify all applicants.

In order to meet the prerequisite of our competitive scholarship selection process, the applicant must be a high school senior child/grandchild of an AMVETS member. The applicant can still qualify if the veteran is deceased and was an AMVET member. If you are not yet an AMVETS member, take this opportunity to join. Membership strength makes this scholarship, as well as other outreach programs and services, available. It also gives us clout as we represent veteran's interest on Capitol Hill. For \$27.00 for annual membership or \$155.00 for a lifetime membership, you will become a member of the fourth largest, congressionally chartered veterans service organization. In addition, you'll receive a membership card, a subscription to The National AMVET magazine, and other member benefits for which you may be eligible. So join today!

**AMVETS
DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA
BERNARD GORMAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

AMVETS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**MAIL TO: AMVETS DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA, BUILDING 3-97,
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, ANNVILLE, PA 17003-5002**

Yes, I want to join AMVETS! I certify that I meet the membership requirements, I have served or am currently serving on active duty in the U. S. Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves. A copy of my DD214 is attached.

. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY

Name _____

Male _____ Female _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____ Date Of Birth _____

Branch of Service _____ Date Entered _____

Date Discharged _____ Type of Discharge _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please send check or money order with application.

**AMVETS DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Applications Must Be Postmarked BY February 15th.

WHO IS CLAIMING VETERAN STATUS?

- Father
 Mother
 Grandparent
 Deceased (applicant must provide proof)

Signature of Veteran _____ Date _____

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Please submit in the same order as listed. All required materials must accompany scholarship application for consideration.

1. A copy of the veteran's honorable discharge (DD 214). Dependents of current military personnel must submit a letter from the base commander certifying the active duty status of the parent.
2. High school transcripts.
3. SAT, ACT scores, or other accepted testing programs that either appears on the high school transcript or on the actual testing score documents.
4. Essay (150-200 words) on a separate piece of paper, describe "How My Goals and Objectives Parallel Those of AMVETS." Please type or print neatly. In cases where the applicant's academic achievement and other data appear to be equal; the essay will be the determining factor.
5. Acceptance letter from a college or university.
6. A copy of the veteran's AMVETS membership card or membership application.

PRIVACY ACT ADVISORY STATEMENT

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 9357) requires that certain information in connection with this request is given to you. In accordance with the requirement of the Act, please be advised:

- . The authority for the collection of this data is Public Law 93-642.
- . Submitting the requested information is voluntary.
- . Data will be used for the main purpose of selecting scholarship winners in the AMVETS Scholarship Program.
- . Other routine use of the data is for news releases relating to the announcement of winners.
- . Failure to complete the forms will disqualify you for awards in the AMVETS Scholarship Program.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant's full legal name (last, first, middle) _____

D.O.B. (month, day, year) _____ Social Security Number _____

Marital Status _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Permanent mailing address (street number)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

List in order (beginning with present school year) schools attended in the last four years:
Name of School Location Dates Attended

Address and telephone number of high school you are currently attending () _____

You're cumulative high school G.P.A. _____ High School Graduation Date _____

S.A.T. score _____ A.C.T. score _____ Other (specify) _____

Honors and awards received _____

List the three most important extracurricular activities (not jobs) during high school:

List any summer or part-time jobs held during high school _____

Accepted to what college/university? (include address, city, state, zip code and telephone number) _____

What major of course of study do you plan to follow? _____

CERTIFICATION

I certify that this information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree to abide by the rules established by the AMVETS Scholarship Committee and am cognizant that all decisions rendered by the committee are final. I further give consent to AMVETS to use a photograph (or other likeness), or statements for publicity purposes.

Students Signature _____ Date _____
(If applicant is under 18 years of age, the applicants parent or legal guardian must also sign)

Signature of Parent /Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

AMVETS History

AMVETS traces its history back to World War II when returning servicemen began organizing independent veterans clubs throughout the country. In 1944, Colliers magazine published a special Veterans Day issue to introduce the clubs and their mutual aims: 1) to promote world peace, 2) to preserve the American way of life, and 3) to help the veteran to help himself. One month later, representatives of nine veterans clubs met in Kansas City, MO., and forged a national organization known as the American Veterans of World War II or AMVETS, as newspaper headline writers took to calling it. In 1946, AMVETS petitioned Congress for a federal charter that was granted and signed into law by Harry S. Truman on July 23, 1947.

Since then, the original charter has been amended several times to admit as members those who served in different eras. Membership in AMVETS is open to anyone who is currently serving, or who has honorably served, in the Armed Forces of the United States, to include National Guard and Reserve components, at anytime after September 15, 1940. AMVETS actively follows legislation on Capitol Hill and plays a key role in the enactment of all veterans' legislation. It

views domestic issues, national defense and foreign relations as vitally important.

AMVETS national service officers (NSOs) across the country provide free expert advice and claims assistance to veterans and their dependents. NSOs are accredited by the Department of Veterans Affairs and handle thousands of claims annually for veterans to obtain their entitled benefits.

AMVETS also has Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) representatives and other member volunteers who serve in VA hospitals and devote thousands of hours each year to brighten the lives of hospitalized veterans. In over 1,300 posts throughout the country, AMVETS members participate in a wide range of programs including: scouting, substance abuse awareness, and Freedoms Foundation.

AMVETS Goals

- . To serve our country in peace as in war; to build and maintain the welfare of the United States of America toward lasting prosperity and peace for all its inhabitants.
- . To encourage, in keeping with policies of our government, the establishment of a plan to secure permanent international peace and to assist in the maintenance of that peace.
- . To inspire in our membership a sense of responsibility and to develop leadership for the preservation of our American democratic way of life.
- . To help unify divergent groups in the overall interest of American democracy.
- . To train our youth to become purposeful citizens in a democracy with full knowledge of the responsibilities as well as principles of citizenship.
- . To cooperate with all duly recognized existing veterans organizations in the furtherance of the aims of all veterans.
- . To insure the orderly return of the veteran to civilian life by protecting his rights as an individual while still in uniform.
- . To expedite and assist in the rehabilitation of the veteran by maintenance of employment services, sponsoring educational opportunities, and providing counsel on insurance, housing, recreation, personal problems, hospitalization and veterans benefits.
- . To act as a liaison agent between the veteran and the government.
- . To provide an organization to encourage fellowship among all veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States thereafter.
- . To keep the public forever reminded that the veteran fought or served to preserve peace, liberty and democracy for their nation.