

## “Vietnam Veterans Chapter 731 - Scholarship Offer”

**The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 731, is offering up to three \$1,000.00 Scholarships to high school seniors who are residents of Manitowoc County.**

**This award is to be used for continuing education at any degree granting accredited school. (educational / technical college / university)**

### Specific Scholarship Requirements

- (1) Applicants must be a resident of Manitowoc County, a high school senior, and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.4 or higher for their high School years grades 9 through date of application.**
- (2) The scholarship is for a full time program at any accredited degree granting institution of higher learning.**
- (3) Applicants must interview any U.S. military veteran(s), who served “honorably, and on active duty” between 1 January 1959 to 7 May 1975. This service can be served anywhere in the world, it’s not restricted to the war itself.**
- (4) Write an essay (original, typed, double-spaced) of not less than 500 words or more than 1000 words based on the interview(s).**
- (5) Supply proof of the interviewed veteran’s service (a copy of DD 214 or Honorable Discharge). If the person you are interviewing is a member of VVA chapter 731, we’ll have a copy of his/her DD 214 on file. In this case, you do not have to send a copy of form DD214 or other proof of service. [*Service Number can be blacked out.*]**
- (6) Mail the essay, application, school transcripts, and proof of veteran’s service to: V.V.A. Chapter 731, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 2131, Manitowoc, Wi. 54221-2131 by 2 March. **{{Postmarks “later” than March 2<sup>nd</sup> “will not” be considered}}**.**

**Note:**

**Although elements of grammar may be considered, it’s what you learned from the interview and how it’s expressed that will have the most importance to most doing the judging.**

**“Thank you for your interest and good luck.”**

**\*\**[For more information call Dick Luchsinger at 682-9232]*\*\***

More Veteran Scholarships are available at the County Veterans Service Office, call 920-683-4055 to see if you are eligible for any of them.

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**Vietnam Veterans of America Scholarship Data Sheet**

**Personal Data:**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Father, Mother, or Guardian – Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifying Veteran interviewed {use extra sheet for additional qualifying veteran(s)}.

(1) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**Educational Data:**

High school(s) attended with dates.

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Intended major / educational goals. \_\_\_\_\_

Campus you plan to attend. \_\_\_\_\_

High school – Extra curricular activities, Community Services, Honors & Awards Earned. ( use extra sheet if needed). \_\_\_\_\_

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Names, addresses, & phone numbers of three references.” At least “two” must be teachers”.

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# Vietnam Veterans of America

## Chapter 731

### “Frequently Asked Questions”

**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 and 7 May 1975.

**Can I interview someone that did not have a combat role?** Yes, most military jobs do not involve direct combat actions. Serving anywhere in the world during the above dates is a Vietnam Veteran.

**Can I interview one of my parents?** Yes, you may interview anyone who meets the criteria qualifying him or her as a U.S. Vietnam Veteran. (active duty dates shown above)

**Can I interview some one that was in the National Guard or Reserves?** If the Veteran served more than six (6) months on active duty, he or she may be interviewed.

**What kind of proof is needed to show the person I interview is a Vietnam Veteran?** You'll need to provide proof of service by having the person give you a copy of his/her DD214 (from their service record, service number can be blanked out), or other discharge orders, retirement papers, etc., showing 'honorable' service. If the Veteran doesn't have a copy, it can usually be recreated from the county service office. (if the person is a member of VVA Chapter 731 we will have a copy on file – all we'll need in this case is his/her full name.)

**Will I be notified if I do not win?** “Only winners” will be contacted.

**(I am a resident of Manitowoc, County but go to school outside the County), or (I am not a resident of Manitowoc, County but go to school in Manitowoc, County), am I eligible?** Only people that “have a permanent address in, and live in the County” regardless of where they are going to school meets eligibility.

**I am not going to a college or university; will I be eligible for the scholarship?** Yes, you may attend “any accredited degree granting school.” (educational/technical college or university)

**May I interview more than one Vietnam Veteran?** Yes, proof of service is required for each Vietnam Veteran you interview as outlined above.

**GOOD LUCK!!**

Here are some Vietnam Veterans that can do a good job with interviews if you don't have anyone else in mind. *You can interview more than one Veteran.*

Kent Beeman           – USA – Vietnam {{682-1597}}

Mike Berzinsky       – USA (Infantry) Vietnam {{794-8142}}

Mike Demske         – USN - (Swift Boats) – Vietnam {{684-1624}}

Thomas Hoffman     – USN (Seabee) – Vietnam {{682-5073}}

Terry Johnson       -- USA (643<sup>rd</sup> Pipeline Company) {{920-645-3566}}

Richard Luchsinger   – USN - (Tugs & Yard Boats, River Boats, Seabee (Heavy Equipment, Fireman) – Mare Island, Antarctica, Philippines, Vietnam, Treasure Island, New Zealand, Guam, and others {{682-9232}}

Gene Nelson         -- Capt., USN Retired (Jet Pilot) {{920-683-3085}}  
(31 years in the navy as a pilot, world wide service)

Steve Schofield     – USA (Green Beret, Medic) Vietnam {{726-4618}} (Not always available)

Roy Tegen           – USA (Dog Handler) Vietnam {{682-5385}}

Chris Wagner       – USMC Vietnam (grunt) {{684-1680}}

Ron Wiesner         – USA {{682-0770}}

Good Luck!

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