



VFW Auxiliary of WI
Veterans & Family Support
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The VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" provides service members and veterans with the financial assistance they need to complete their educational goals without incurring excessive student loan debt. Since 2013, Sport Clips has been the primary supporter of this program, which provides scholarships for use at post-secondary schools and trade schools.

Prior scholarship recipients have come from every part of the United States, represent every branch of service and are earning degrees including engineering, business, healthcare and many more.

The VFW has announced that more than \$4 million in scholarships have been awarded to more than 943 military and student veterans by this partnership. Sport Clips has donated at least \$1.26 million.

Scholarship Details include:

- Scholarships of up to \$5,000 are awarded to qualified applicants.
- Awarded scholarships are limited to one per family per semester.
- Applications for the fall semester will be accepted January 1 through April 30.
- Applications for the spring semester will be accepted August 1 through November 15.
- Fall semester scholarships will be awarded in August, and spring semester scholarships will be awarded in January.
- Scholarships must be used by the end of the school semester for which the veteran is applying; or they will become null and void.
- Scholarships are restricted for tuition & fees only and will be paid directly to accredited schools.

Eligible Applicants must:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Be retired, honorably discharged, active duty, or a member of the National Guard or Reserve.
- Have completed Basic Training and follow-on training (Advanced Individual Training, technical school, etc.).
- Separated with or currently hold a military rank of E-5 or below.
- Demonstrate a need for financial assistance.
- Participate in, be accepted to or currently enrolled in a VA-approved program or school at an accredited post-secondary institution.

Know someone that qualifies? Applications for the VFW's Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship can be found on the VFW website at <https://www.vfw.org/scholarship>.

****Remember #1 b.** on the Veterans & Family Support Year-End Report? Create a fundraising activity; send the funds to VFW National Headquarters (address on Donation Requests form for 2018-2019) label it for National Military Services-Sports Clips Scholarships and you can answer "Yes" on the year-end report!**

Begin "Reaching for the Stars for Our Veterans!"

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