



FOLDS of HONOR

Thank you for your interest in applying for a Folds of Honor Scholarship. On behalf of all of our staff, thank you for your family's and service member's sacrifice!

Please find below important information to apply for the Children's Fund Scholarship Program. If you have any questions during this process, please do not hesitate to reach out!

About the Children's Fund Scholarship:

The **Children's Fund Scholarship** program is for dependents of service members enrolled in grades Kindergarten – 12. Funds may be used for approved/accredited private school tuition, IRS approved educational tutoring from an approved tutoring company, approved/accredited homeschool curriculum, required books and required school uniforms.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Service member must have a **90%** or higher ***combined, service connected evaluation*** from the VA for the dependent to be eligible to apply. ***We do not use the evaluation percent for compensation***
- Maximum scholarship award amount per year is **\$5,000**. The amount an applicant is awarded is based on the "Total Unmet Need" entered in the financial need section of the application. This amount can't be changed once the application is submitted.
- Whether a first-time applicant or a previous recipient, **you must apply each year that you wish to be considered for scholarship funds.**
- **If the award is for private school tuition or homeschool curriculum, books, fees, or uniforms**, the entire scholarship amount is paid at the beginning of the school year after an awardee has completed a scholarship acceptance form and provided the required documents. **If the award is for academic tutoring**, the scholarship amount is disbursed in two equal payments; one for the fall semester and one for the spring. No more than **\$2,500** can be disbursed per semester/term and the recipient must complete/submit a **"Mid-Year Check-In"** form with a letter of progress from the tutoring company between terms before the second payment can be sent out.
- Scholarship payments are sent directly to the school/tutoring company/homeschool curriculum company; they can't be sent to the recipient
- Once an application is submitted, the scholarship can't be changed from private school tuition to tutoring, homeschool to private school, etc.

APPLICATION WINDOW: a link for the on-line application will be on the Scholarships page of the Folds of Honor website every calendar year from February 1st - March 31st.

DOCUMENTS WHICH NEED TO BE SAVED ELECTRONICALLY (ON A COMPUTER) AND READY TO UPLOAD INTO APPLICATION:

Documents must be saved in PDF or JPEG format; if document is multiple pages, save all pages as ONE file. Upload bars in application only hold one document per bar

CHECKLIST

- Copy of service member's **most current DD214** with correct branch, rank, and character of service on it. If your service member is fallen you will need a copy of their DD1300 in place of the DD214. If your service member passed away after separating from the service you will need a copy of their final DD214.
- Copy of service members' **VA Summary of Benefits from the current year** for verification of combined, service connected evaluation by the VA (**example below**). MEB, PEB or other VA letters will not be accepted. If service member is fallen you may upload a copy of their DD1300 in place of the VA summary of benefits. If your service member passed away after separating from the service, you will need to be able to upload a copy of their state issued death certificate in place of the VA Summary of Benefits. *Go to ebenefits.va.gov if you don't have a current year Summary of Benefits. ANYONE who receives benefits from the VA can log in and print this summary out.*
- Copy of dependent's birth certificate **OR** front AND back of dependents current military ID. ***Do not upload a copy of a social security card, driver's license or school ID.**
- If applicant is a dependent step-child of the service member, you will need a copy of applicant's birth certificate along with a copy of the marriage license between the applicant's birth parent and the service member **OR** front AND back of dependents current military ID.
- Copy of a letter of acceptance or enrollment verification letter from the private school (if planning to attend private school); **OR** estimate of tutoring hours and cost for the fall semester from the tutoring company (if planning to do tutoring); **OR** detailed invoice/estimate of all homeschool curriculum/books/materials and prices (if planning to homeschool). This will be your "Proof of School Enrollment" document upload.

Applications completed and submitted between Feb 1 and March 31, 2017, will be for the 2017-18 academic year.

Folds of Honor will begin to notify all Children's Fund awardees the first week of June. In the event we are unable to announce all awardees the first week of June, we will send out a notification. Once an awardee completes and submits their scholarship acceptance form, it takes approximately 2 weeks to get a check in the mail to the school/tutoring company/homeschool curriculum company.

If you have questions, please email scholarships@foldsofhonor.org.

Example



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
810 Vermont Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20420

February 01, 2016

In Reply Refer to:
xxx-xx
27/eBenefits

Dear Mr

This letter is a summary of benefits you currently receive from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). We are providing this letter to disabled Veterans to use in applying for benefits such as state or local property or vehicle tax relief, civil service preference, to obtain housing entitlements, free or reduced state park annual memberships, or any other program or entitlement in which verification of VA benefits is required. Please safeguard this important document. This letter is considered an official record of your VA entitlement.

Our records contain the following information:

Personal Claim Information

Your VA claim number is: xxx-xx

You are the Veteran.

Military Information

Your most recent, verified periods of service (up to three) include:

Branch of Service	Character of Service	Entered Active Duty	Released/Discharged
Army	Honorable	1980	1983
Army	Honorable	1985	1992
Army	Honorable	1995	2009

(There may be additional periods of service not listed above.)

VA Benefit Information

You have one or more service-connected disabilities: Yes

Your combined service-connected evaluation is: 90%

You should contact your state or local office of Veterans' affairs for information on any tax, license, or fee-related benefits for which you may be eligible. State offices of Veterans' affairs are available at <http://www.va.gov/statedva.htm>.

How You Can Contact Us