

Higher Education Checklist

of Qualifications and Required Documentation

Higher Education Applicant Qualifications (used to qualify applicants)

- enrolled or planning to enroll in an undergraduate program of study leading to a bachelor's degree at an accredited community college, college or university (*cannot currently hold a bachelor's degree or higher*)

OR

- enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited technical or trade school program, which results in a certificate or diploma (*cannot currently hold a bachelor's degree or higher*)

OR

- enrolled or planning to enroll in an undergraduate program of study leading to a bachelor's degree at an accredited community college, college or university **or** in an accredited technical or trade school program, which results in a certificate or diploma while concurrently enrolled in High School (*cannot currently hold a bachelor's degree or higher*)

AND

- dependent of a service member – **Military ID current** must provide front and back (must show service member as sponsor), *preferred*;
- OR** State-Issued **Birth Certificate** (must list service member as parent);
- Possible/AND State-Issued Marriage License (if you're the service member's step-child);
- Possible/AND legal adoption papers (if you're the service member's adopted child);
- Possible/AND legal documentation to support guardianship (if you're the service member's legal ward);
- dependent of a service member must be 24 years of age or younger (as of March 31st of the application year) who is unmarried (never been married)
- cannot have used 4 years of scholarship eligibility with Folds of Honor

OR

- spouse of a service member – **Military ID current** must provide front and back (must show service member as sponsor);
- OR** State-Issued Marriage License (only accepted if spouse does not have a Military ID)
- spouse of a service member has no age limitations when applying, but cannot be re-married using a former spouse's military service documents
- cannot have used 4 years of scholarship eligibility with Folds of Honor

Higher Education Service Member Qualifications (used to qualify applicants)

- DD214/DD1300** - *most current/final* used to verify SM name, branch, rank, years of service, decorations, and character of service; guard or reserves may not reflect most current service (additional upload bar in application may be used for service member's military ID to verify current rank)
 - Classification must be one of the following:
 - KIA – must provide DD1300
 - KILD (includes suicide) – must provide DD1300

- Deceased with a VA disability rating-post separation (includes accident, illness or suicide) – must provide service member’s final VA Benefit Summary Letter (**10% or higher**) AND DD214
 - If the service member’s final VA Benefit Summary Letter is not able to be obtained, we will accept the service member’s or applicant’s Benefit Summary Letter/Decision Letter that states he/she had a service-connected disability at the time of death or immediately preceding (*disability percentage entered in application should be 100%, if none is included on letter*) **OR**
 - Service member’s or applicant’s Benefit Summary Letter/Decision Letter that states he/she died due to a service-connected disability (*disability percentage entered should be 100% in application, if none is included on letter*)
- Disabled with a VA disability rating (10% or higher) – must provide service member’s *current year* VA Benefit Summary Letter AND DD214
- Active Duty (MUST have a PURPLE HEART) – must provide service member’s current duty orders AND Purple Heart documentation
- **Supplemental Information** – used to provide additional qualifying service member information
 - Loss of Limb – must provide medical proof of limb amputation (hand, arm, foot or leg) to support claim
 - Purple Heart – must provide official military documentation to support claim
- **VA Benefit Summary Letter** – **required**, *current year* (click here to go to ebenefits.va.gov to obtain your current copy); must include the service member’s combined service-connected evaluation of at least **10% or higher** (we do not use the compensation rating) - used to determine service member’s combined service-connected rating (even if other documentation has been accepted in the past, this is the **only** document that will be accepted moving forward).

Higher Education Institution Qualifications (used to qualify applicants)

- Valid school name and address (FoH understands this information may change by fall/check-in 1)
- Valid school phone number, email and website (used to vet the institution)

Terms of Use: If offered, the Folds of Honor scholarship must be accepted and additional information provided by a set deadline each year. The restricted scholarship must be used for approved educational purposes such as tuition, *most* fees, on-campus dorms (must be billed through the Bursar), on-campus meal plans, or textbooks required by a class syllabus. Funds will be sent to an approved/accredited educational institution and will not be sent to an individual (student or otherwise). Any unused/refundable funds are to be returned to Tulsa Community Foundation on Folds of Honor’s behalf.

Folds of Honor, with approval from the Board of Directors, reserves the right to change, cancel, or amend this policy as it deems necessary for the benefit of all awardees.