

Heroes Fund Scholarship Application

Liberty University is proud of our country's heroes who have given so much for our freedom. We know that this freedom comes at a high price for many. To show appreciation for our service members who have been wounded while protecting our liberties, Liberty University has created the Heroes Fund Scholarship.

Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Received an **Honorable** discharge or currently serving on active duty/reserve status
- A veteran of the Gulf Wars (1990 to present day which includes Desert Shield, Desert Storm, OEF & OIF). ***Vietnam veterans may be considered on a case-by-case basis as long as funds are available.*
- Be a recipient of the prestigious Purple Heart **OR**
- 50%-100% VA disability rating by the Department of Veterans Affairs for PTSD and/or injury, illness, or conditions as a result of "[combat-related](#)" service.

Documentation needed for review of scholarship eligibility (based on eligibility above):

- Purple Heart Citation, Certificate or Orders
- Veterans Affairs letter of disability findings, CRSC document, or print screen of eBenefits Disability dashboard. Document must list specific disability and percentage information for each illness/injury
- Certificate of Eligibility or current GI Bill® eligibility status, VONAPP applying for GI Bill benefits, or a VA letter stating you have exhausted all of your GI Bill benefits. *(applicants who transferred Post 9-11 benefits may be ineligible)*
- Confirmation of application for Chapter 31 (i.e. copy of confirmation email or copy of 28-8832, 28-1900, etc.). Required by all disable veterans
- Military Verification (Member 4-DD214, current LES, VA letter with dates & character of service)
- Completed Heroes Fund Scholarship Application
- HFS Recipient SOP – read, sign, date, and return both pages of the SOP
- Essay - 750-1000 words on the topic "What degree do you plan to pursue? How this degree will impact your future and help you meet your specific career objectives?"
- FAFSA is an annual requirement for all Liberty University given scholarships (undergraduate applicants only)

Students approved for this scholarship will be awarded an amount to cover all remaining tuition and fees once financial aid has been deducted from the total amount of tuition and fees charged. Funding is only awarded for classes that contribute to the Liberty University degree being pursued. Continued award of this scholarship for subsequent degree programs will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

This scholarship is funded by the generous donations of Liberty University supporters therefore funding will only be granted if it is available for that donation year. Continued award of this scholarship may be re-evaluated based on the availability of funds and increased need/applications.

To apply for the Heroes Fund Scholarship, please complete the form on the following page and submit to the Military Affairs Office via email: luomilitary@liberty.edu or fax: (434) 455-1287

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Name: _____ Student ID: _____ Date of App: _____

Military Background

Branch of Service: _____ Years of Service: _____ ETS/Retirement Date: _____

Retired from Military Service: No ___ Yes ___ Military Retired Rank: _____

Wars/Conflicts served in: _____

Educational Information

Degree you are applying to use HFS for: _____

Requested Start Date: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Highest Education Level Completed: ___ Master ___ Bachelor ___ Associate ___ High School/GED

Documents Submitted (check all documents submitted with this application)

- Heroes Fund Scholarship Application
- HFS Recipient SOP (send both pages of SOP, not just the signature page, signed & dated)
- Essay: (750-1000 words outlining your degree with an emphasis on how this degree will help you meet your specific career objectives - double spaced in Times New Roman, 12 point font)
- GI Bill verification status (COE, VONAPP, VA letter)
- Confirmation document verifying application for Chapter 31, Veteran Readiness and Employment benefits
- Military Verification (Member 4 of DD214, Current LES, VA letter verifying service)

And at least one of the following qualifying documents:

- Purple Heart Citation or Orders
- Veteran Affairs Disability Award letter stating specific assigned VA percentage rating for each diagnosis/condition
- CRSC Decision Letter (Combat-Related Special Compensation)
- Print screen of your [eBenefits](#) Disability Dashboard (must show name verifying the document belongs to the applicant)

Additional supporting documents (as needed):

- Excerpts of Military Medical Records that document combat-related onset/nature of injury/condition
- VA document that verifies initial onset of injury/condition as having a combat-related onset
- Copy of military awards, Letter of Commendations, NCOER/OER that document participation in "combat-related" service

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