

STUDENT VETERAN SUPPORT GRANT

Overview

The VFW recognizes that both funding and support for our student veterans and dependents at institutions of higher learning, can often be difficult to obtain, therefore this grant program will offer some much needed assistance to support specific student veteran events. Past grants have varied in size, and have been used for campus advocacy campaigns, mental health awareness events, camaraderie building activities, and general chapter operations. Moving forward, the grant has been retitled as the Student Veteran Support Grant, and will be administered by the VFW Washington Office. The primary focus will be redirected from SVA Chapter support, to the overall student veteran population within the community, which consists of many student veterans at campuses across the country that are not affiliated with a SVA chapter. The grants will be disbursed to a VFW Post or Department that has submitted an application, to support the student veterans at the university or college.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be VFW members associated with an appropriate entity of the VFW (VFW Post, District, Department, or National).
- Appropriate VFW Post, District, Department, or National leadership serve as the convening authority on the grant request and is responsible for receiving funds.
- Funds must be utilized for events and outreach designed to assist and support veterans currently enrolled in institutions of higher learning.

Application Process

The applicant will access and complete the online application at VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/SVAGrantApplication.

Online application support will be provided by VFW-KC Programs office. However, grant applications will be reviewed and approved by VFW National Veterans Service.

Marketing

The Grant will be advertised via the VFW website, with additional promotion via direct correspondence to VFW Student Liaisons in each Department. The VFW will also promote the grant through other appropriate outreach materials that may include: printed literature/brochures, the *VFW* magazine, Action Corps, National Bulletin and VFW social media platforms. Additionally, the VFW will solicit fellow partners in the student veteran advocacy arena to assist with promoting the grant.

Funding

The funding for this program has been authorized in the Programs budget with \$35,000 being allocated for this FY2021-2022. The maximum for each grant will be \$500, with a \$1,000 per fiscal year limit per VFW entity. Disbursements will be made via ACH directly to the VFW Post, District or Department that is assisting the student veterans with the event.