

VFW Awards Nearly \$600,000 in Aid to Student Veterans

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Together with Sport Clips Haircuts, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is proud to announce 130 student veterans will receive nearly \$600,000 in scholarships for the fall 2021 semester, courtesy of the VFW "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" program. See the full list of 2021 fall semester recipients.

"Whether fighting overseas or fighting a pandemic here at home, our service members and veterans sacrifice so much for our country, and the VFW is proud to work with Sport Clips to offer them this vital resource in their quest for higher education," said VFW National Commander Fritz Mihelcic.

"The Help a Hero scholarship is a simple, yet powerful way for Sport Clips to support our nation's heroes," said Gordon Logan, Air Force veteran, VFW Life member and founder and chairman of Sport Clips. "These funds are often life-changing for the recipients and we are proud of the impact it has had on thousands of veterans and service members over the vears."

Established in 2014, the Help A Hero Scholarship program awards service members and veterans with post-secondary scholarships of up to \$5,000 to help them achieve their educational goals without the burden of student loan debt. To date, the Help A Hero Scholarship program has awarded more than \$9.2 million in scholarships to more than 2,050 service members and student veterans.

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Rashod Wynn, an active-duty service member of the U.S. Navy and 2021 fall scholarship recipient attending Liberty University, said, "I plan to use this scholarship to gain a bachelor's degree in finance so that I can become eligible to convert from an enlisted sailor to an officer in the U.S. Navy, functioning as a liaison and a voice for hardworking sailors who I have served alongside. After my active-duty career, I aspire to use my finance degree to serve as a financial planner for under-represented, minority, and rural communities – communities that I am a product of. This scholarship will help me pursue a success that nobody in my family has achieved."

Help A Hero scholarships are awarded twice a year to help cover the cost of tuition and fees of service members and veterans in the rank of E-5 and below. Scholarship applications are currently being accepted for the 2022 spring semester. <u>Apply for a Help A Hero scholarship today</u>.