

## VFW “Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship” Frequently Asked Questions

- **Is a printable version of the VFW “Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship” available?**
  - No. Applications are only being accepted online.
- **What is the cut-off date for applications?**
  - Applications will be accepted January 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> for fall semester and August 1<sup>st</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup> for spring semester. If attending an apprenticeship/certification program that is not starting using traditional semesters, please contact us at [HelpAHero@vfw.org](mailto:HelpAHero@vfw.org) for information.
- **How often can I apply for the scholarship?**
  - You may apply once per academic semester regardless of previous award or denial.
- **I haven’t been deployed. Can I still apply?**
  - Yes. As long as you have completed basic training and AIT, you are eligible to apply.
- **I’m not currently enrolled in school OR I’ve been accepted but haven’t made a final decision on which school to attend. Can I still apply?**
  - Yes! You are eligible to apply as long as you’ve been accepted to a school, even if you haven’t enrolled in classes yet. If you’ve been accepted to multiple schools, please list the school you are favoring on the application.
- **When asking about military experience, do you want current or former?**
  - Please provide your current rank and military status.
- **What if I don’t have a DD214?**
  - If you are currently active duty or Guard/Reserves, in lieu of providing a DD214, we require a statement of service including any prior deployments from your unit’s Commanding Officer.
- **When will I receive my scholarship check and can the scholarship be used for books, Internet access and other educational-related expenses?**
  - Scholarships may only be used for school tuition and fees and checks will be paid directly to the school, not the student.
- **What is the FAFSA Student Aid Report?**
  - FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The Student Aid Report is a report you receive stating how much federal aid you qualify for, and what your expected family contribution (EFC) is. Find out more information and apply at: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov).
- **Can I apply now even though I haven’t applied for the current FAFSA year yet?**
  - No. We require a current FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) for the school year for which you are applying.
- **I submitted my FAFSA but was denied aid. Can I still apply?**
  - No. Financial need is a main eligibility requirement for the VFW Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship.
- **How many scholarships will be awarded?**
  - Scholarships will be awarded based on funds raised by Sport Clips’ annual “Help A Hero” fundraiser. Our goal every year is to award as many scholarships as funding allows.
- **Once I’ve applied, will I be notified of the scholarship decision outcome?**
  - Yes. We will notify every applicant of our decision either way.

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