

VFW Awards Nearly \$790,000 in College Tuition for Veterans

More than 170 student veterans have been awarded scholarships for the fall semester

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is pleased to announce 172 student veterans have been chosen as 2018 fall semester recipients of the VFW’s “Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship.” Together, these student veterans will receive nearly \$790,000 in college scholarships.

For more than a decade, the VFW’s long-standing relationship with Sport Clips Haircuts has focused on assisting service members, veterans and their families. In 2014, the focus expanded to establish the Help A Hero Scholarship program.

With the continued rising costs of education, military education benefits often run out or fall short of covering the full costs of a college education which leaves many student veterans without a degree. The Help A Hero Scholarship provides student veterans with the chance to achieve their education goals without incurring excessive student loan debt.

To date, the Help A Hero program has awarded nearly \$5 million in college tuition assistance and has provided scholarships to more than 1,100 service members and veterans.

“Through the generosity of the VFW, Sport Clips, and the many individual donors and supporters, the aspirations and potential of veterans are able to be realized,” said scholarship recipient Andrew Mueller, an Army veteran attending Iowa State University. “Thank you for believing in veterans like myself and in your continued support of servicemen and servicewomen all over our nation. It is because of you that thousands of veterans are able to make continued education a reality.”

[View a full list](#) of the 2018 fall scholarship recipients here.

Help A Hero scholarships are awarded exclusively to service members and veterans twice a year and help cover the cost of tuition and fees. [Scholarship applications are currently being accepted](#) for the 2019 spring semester.