VFW Awards 154 Student Veterans with Scholarships

Together with Sport Clips, the VFW has awarded more than $7 million in college scholarships

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The Veterans of Foreign Wars is proud to announce more than 150 student veterans from around the country have been selected as 2020 spring semester recipients of the VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship."

"Too often I meet veterans whose GI Bill education benefits have been depleted. For more than five years, we've worked together with our long-time friends at Sport Clips Haircuts to ensure our veterans are set up for success," said VFW National Commander William "Doc" Schmitz. "The VFW is proud to offer a scholarship program that keeps them from facing crippling student loan debt as their post-military life begins to take off."

Since the program's inception, the VFW and Sport Clips have awarded more than $7 million in scholarships to more than 1,600 student veterans and service members. This semester's award of more than $723,000 will help ensure 154 student veterans can continue their higher education classes during the spring semester.

"This scholarship provides me with the opportunity to continue to service in addition to it assisting me with alleviating financial strain … without it I wouldn't have made it this far. I will continue to thank and support VFW for their kindness and generosity," said LaShonda Hill, a Navy veteran at Northcentral University in San Diego.

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. 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 2020 fall semester. Apply for a Help A Hero scholarship today.

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