

# Young Father Yearns for Excellence

## VFW's 'Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship' recipient pursues degree

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An unexpected surprise led Brandon Delgado to join the Marine Corps four years ago: the birth of his now 4-year-old son.

“I needed to make a move to help provide for my family,” said Delgado. “I wanted to better



myself for my wife and son.”

It's this line of thought that drove Delgado to seek a Bachelor of Business Administration while still in the Corps.

Concerned by the rising cost of books and tuition, Delgado began looking for help. A Google search introduced him to the VFW “Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship.” After submitting

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an application, Delgado was thrilled to receive a scholarship of more than \$2,000.

The assistance allowed him to take 12 credit hours this semester, as opposed to the six hours he could safely afford. Now he can graduate sooner and begin a graduate program.

“My family and I would like to thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts,” said Delgado. “It’s because of you that I’m able to further my education while I’m still in the military.”

When Delgado graduates, he hopes to work as a manager at an Apple store, and feels his time as a Marine, and in combat in Afghanistan, has prepared him well.

“The Marines have taught me selflessness, dedication, professionalism and courage,” said Delgado. “It gave me the discipline and initiative to never stop improving myself.”

To other service members out there who are looking to the future, Delgado doesn't mince words ...

“What are you waiting for?” said Delgado. “With all the benefits out there and wonderful groups like the VFW on your side, there’s no reason anyone should pass up an opportunity to continue their education while in the military.”

*Photo caption: Brandon Delgado with his wife and son.*