

## **“Vietnam Veterans Chapter 731 - Scholarship Offer”**

**The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 731, is offering one or more \$1,000.00 scholarship(s) to high school seniors who are residents of Manitowoc County. This award is to be used for continuing Education at any degree granting accredited school. (educational / technical collage / university)**

### **Specific Scholarship Requirements**

- (1) Applicants must be, a resident of Manitowoc County, a high school senior, and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.4 or higher for their high School years grades 9 through date of application.**
- (2) The scholarship is for a full time program at any accredited degree granting Institution of higher learning.**
- (3) Applicants must interview any U.S. military veteran(s), who served “honorably, and on active duty” between 1 January 1959 to 7 May 1975. This service can be served anywhere in the world, it’s not restricted to the war itself.**
- (4) Write an essay (original, typed, double-spaced) of not less than 500 words based on the interview(s).**
- (5) Supply proof of the interviewed veteran’s service. (DD 214) or (Honorable Discharge) (If the person you are interviewing is a member of VVA chapter 731, we’ll have a copy of his/her DD 214 on file. In this case, you do not have to send a copy of form DD214 or other proof of service.**
- (6) Mail the essay, application, school transcripts, and proof of veteran’s service to V.V.A. Chapter 731, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 2131, Manitowoc, Wi. 54221-2131. {{Postmarks “later” than March 2<sup>nd</sup> “will not” be considered}}.**

**Note: Although elements of grammar may be considered, it’s what you learned from the interview and how it’s expressed that will have the most importance to the judging.**  
**“Thank you for your interest and good luck.”**

**\*\* *{for more information call Dick Luchsinger at 682-9232}*\*\***

**More Veteran Scholarships are available at the County Veterans Service Office, call 920-683-4055 to see if you are eligible for any of them.**

# Vietnam Veterans of America Scholarship Data Sheet

## Personal Data:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Father, Mother, or Guardian – Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifying Veteran interviewed {use extra sheet for additional qualifying veteran(s)}.

(1) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

## Educational Data:

High school(s) attended with dates.

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Intended major / educational goals. \_\_\_\_\_

Campus you plan to attend. \_\_\_\_\_

High school – Extra curricular activities, Community Services, Honors & Awards Earned. ( use extra sheet if needed). \_\_\_\_\_  
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Names, addresses, & phone numbers of three references.” At least “two” must be teachers”.

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# Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 731

## “Frequently Asked Questions”

**What is a Vietnam Veteran?** A Vietnam Veteran is any U.S. Military Veteran who served on **active** duty between and including 1 January 1959 and 7 May 1975.

**Can I interview someone that did not have a combat role?** Yes, most military jobs do not involve direct combat actions. Serving anywhere in the world during the above dates is a Vietnam Veteran.

**Can I interview one of my parents?** Yes, you may interview anyone who meets the criteria qualifying him or her as a U.S. Vietnam Veteran. (active duty dates shown above)

**Can I interview some one that was in the National Guard or Reserves?** If the Veteran served *more* than six (6) months on *active* duty, he or she may be interviewed.

**What kind of proof is needed to show the person I interview is a Vietnam Veteran?** You’ll need to provide proof of service by having the person give you a *copy* of his/her DD214 (from their service record), *or* other discharge orders, retirement papers, etc., showing ‘*honorable*’ service. If the Veteran doesn’t have a copy, it can usually be recreated from the county service office. (if the person is a member of VVA Chapter 731 we will have a copy on file – all we’ll need in this case is his/her full name.)

**Will I be notified if I do not win?** Only winners will be contacted.

**(I am a resident of Manitowoc, County but go to school outside the County), or (I am not a resident of Manitowoc, County but go to school in Manitowoc, County) am I eligible?** Only people that “have a permanent address in, and live in the County” regardless of where they are going to school meets eligibility.

**I am not going to a college or university; will I be eligible for the scholarship?** Yes, you may attend “any accredited degree granting school.” (educational/technical collage or university)

**May I interview more than one Vietnam Veteran?** Yes, proof of service is required for each Vietnam Veteran you interview as outlined above.

**GOOD LUCK!!**

## [People you can interview]

- Thomas Hoffman – USN (Seabee) – Vietnam {{682-5073}}
- Mike Demske – USN - (Swift Boats) – Vietnam {{684-1624}}
- Richard Konitzer – USN - (Patrol Boats) (Tender) Vietnam, Philippines {{682-1879}}
- Richard Luchsinger – USN - (Tugs & Yard Boats, River Boats, Seabee (Heavy Equipment, Fireman) – Mare Island, Antarctica, Philippines, Vietnam, Treasure Island, New Zealand, Guam, and others {{682-9232}}
- Eugene Nelson -- Capt., USN Retired (Jet Pilot) {{920-683-1939}}  
(31 years in the navy as a pilot, World wide service)
- Kent Beeman – USA – Vietnam {{682- 1597}}
- Mike Berzinsky – USA (Infantry) Vietnam {{794-8142}}
- Cris Wagner – USMC (Grunt) Vietnam {{684-1680}}
- Roy Tegen – USA (Dog Handler) Vietnam {{682-5385}}
- Ron Wiesner – USA {{682-0770}}
- Steve Schofield – USA (Green Beret, Medic) Vietnam {{726-4618}}
- Ed Stuhr – USA (Military Police) Vietnam {{793-4053}}

Here are some Vietnam Veterans that can do a good job with interviews if you don't have anyone else in mind. You can interview more than one Veteran and compare duties etc.

**Good Luck!**