

Kathern F. Gruber and Thomas H. Miller Scholarship Programs

The Kathern F. Gruber and Thomas H. Miller Scholarship Programs were established to support and assist spouses, children, and grandchildren of legally blind veterans. Successful applicants for the scholarships have demonstrated excellence in their past academic work and promising potential for achievement in higher education pursuits. The selection criteria for awarding the scholarships are merit-based with candidates evaluated by a committee.

Gruber and Miller scholarships for veterans' dependents are for one year only but recipients can re-apply and receive the award up to four times during their academic careers. The recipient's spouse, parent, or grandparent is not required to be a member of the Blinded Veterans Association to be eligible for the scholarship. Qualifications for both the Gruber and Miller scholarship are the same except for an added emphasis and intent to study music or the fine arts for the Miller award.

Annual scholarship details are announced in December of each year for the subsequent academic year beginning in the fall. The announcement includes detailed instructions, an application form, and the press release that announces the number of scholarships available for the upcoming year and their corresponding dollar amounts. These materials can be accessed [here](#).

The scholarships must be used to defray a student's cost of expenses for tuition, books, or other academic fees and are payable directly to the institution at the beginning of the fall and spring terms of study. At the time of application, candidates must have already been accepted for admission or be attending an undergraduate or graduate program at an accredited institution of higher education or business, secretarial, or vocational training schools as a full-time student.

All submissions for scholarships must be postmarked on or before **Friday, April 29, 2022**, and directed to:

Blinded Veterans Association
Attn: Scholarship Committee
1101 King Street, Suite 300
Alexandria, VA 22314

The Scholarship Committee meets in early June to make scholarship determinations. For additional assistance or information, contact BVA at 202-371-8880 or at scholarship@bva.org.