



2026 – 2027 Sue Cantrell Scholarship Application

*Official BVA Scholarship document for use if website application form is down. Available only by request.

General Instructions

Please read the instructions and questions on the application before attempting to supply the information requested. All fields are required; incomplete applications will not be considered. Please note there are six (6) application pages.

Completed scholarship application and ALL supporting materials will be submitted to scholarship@bva.org by **April 30, 2026**. Please include your name in the subject line of the email. Questions can be directed to scholarship@bva.org or by calling (202) 371-8880 x 304.

General Information

Name:

First:

Middle:

Last:

Gender: Male Female Other/Prefer not to say

Permanent Address:

Address Line 1:

Address Line 2:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Current Address:

Address Line 1:

Address Line 2:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Email:

Permanent Phone Number:

State in Which You Claim Residence:

PO BOX 90770 ★ WASHINGTON, DC 20090 ★ 202-371-8880 (P) ★ 202-371-8258 (F) ★ BVA.org

Institution and Enrollment Information

Must be an accredited institution of higher education or business, secretarial, or vocational training school – neglecting to include this information could disqualify your application

Institution Name and Address:

Institution Name:

Address Line 1:

Address Line 2:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Are you presently enrolled? Yes No

If no, when were you accepted for admission? (mm/dd/yy):

Field of Study:

Undergraduate or Graduate?

Will you be a full-time student? Yes No

When do you expect to receive your degree? Month and Year (e.g. May 2028):

Have you previously received a scholarship from BVA? Yes No

If yes, when was the scholarship awarded and for which higher education institution(s)? Month and Year (e.g. May 2028):

Application continues on next page.

Attendance Information

Costs of Attendance: \$

Itemize the estimated costs, payable directly to the school, of your tuition, books, and other academic fees for the coming year. Neglecting to include this information could disqualify your application.

Have you attended any other higher education institution since high school?

Yes No

If yes, please list the name, location, dates of attendance, degree sought, and expected/actual graduation date for each institution. If you have attended more than 2, please continue on a separate document and attach it to your application.

Institution 1

Name:

Location:

Dates of Attendance (e.g. 2019-2022):

Degree Sought:

Expected/Actual Graduation Date:

Institution 2

Name:

Location:

Dates of Attendance (e.g. 2019-2022):

Degree Sought:

Expected/Actual Graduation Date:

Application continues on next page.

BVA Affiliation Information

Please provide the following information about the Blinded Veterans Association Member (Parent, Grandparent, Spouse).

Name of the Blinded Veterans Association Member:

First:

Middle:

Last:

Relationship with BVA Member:

Is the BVA Member living or deceased?

Living Deceased

Permanent or Last Known Address of BVA Member:

Address Line 1:

Address Line 2:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Permanent or Last Known Telephone Number of BVA Member:

Signature

Name and Date: _____

Additional application requirements on next page.

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR APPLICATION

(Incomplete applications will NOT be submitted to the Scholarship Committee. It is the responsibility of the applicant – NOT BVA – to ensure a complete application.)

Transcripts

If you have not attended an institution of higher education, you must submit a transcript of your high school record.

If you have attended an institution of higher education for one semester or less, you must submit your high school transcript in addition to the institution transcript.

If you have attended an institution of higher education (or several of them) for more than one semester, you must submit a transcript of your record from each institution.

Three Reference Letters in Calendar School Year

ONE letter of ACADEMIC reference related to your academic achievements. This reference must be formalized using letterhead or business stationery from the affiliated organization. Letters of academic reference must be related to the school you are attending or will be attending and must be no older than six months.

TWO letters of PERSONAL reference in which the authors must identify their relationship with you. All reference letters must be typed. All letters must be addressed to the Blinded Veterans Association. Letters of reference used for previous scholarship applications will NOT be accepted. All letters of reference must be signed. Letters of reference MAY NOT come from a family member.

Statement of Career Goals/Personal Narrative

Describe briefly, in no more than 300 words, your post-education, lifetime, specific career goals, and aspirations (i.e., what you plan to do after completing your education) and outline your plans to pursue them. It is highly recommended that the statement of career goals be composed on a computer. Previous scholarship applicants must submit a new statement with each application.

Resume Including Employment / Volunteer Experience

If you have been or are currently employed/volunteering, please provide a copy of your resume. Provide employer(s), dates of employment, and type of work performed. If listing volunteer experience, please provide the name of the organization(s) you volunteered for, contact name and phone number, and dates of service.

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Optional Additional Evidence of Achievement

You may submit other evidence of achievement in the academic and/or the non-academic fields that you believe qualifies you for a scholarship award. However, such evidence must be corroborated by documentation, i.e., a copy of a certificate documenting the award, a copy of a citation, etc.

Additional Terms and Conditions of BVA Scholarship Program

Scholarships will be awarded for one year only. Applicants are advised that the BVA National Board of Directors' Policy concerning the Sue Cantrell scholarships is that the number of scholarships a recipient may receive under the program will be limited to four (4) during enrollment.

Submission Instructions

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