

RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION



Scholarship Application and Instructions

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Red River Valley Association Scholarship Grant Program

Scholarship Grant Information Packet

The Red River Valley Association (RRVA) administers a scholarship program consisting of grants made annually to already enrolled eligible students, or those accepted for admission to: accredited colleges, universities, technical schools, and career institutions. Scholarship applications will be accepted and scholarships awarded based on criteria and guidelines established by the National Board of Directors of the Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association.

Eligibility:

- 1) Kinship Requirement: Scholarship grant recipients must be immediate dependent (legal son, daughter or spouse) of:
 - a) A U.S. aircrew member listed as Killed in Action (KIA) or Missing in Action (MIA) from any combat situation involving U.S. military from August 1964 (Vietnam Era) through the present; or
 - b) A military aircrew member killed as the result of performing aircrew duties during a non-combat mission; or
 - c) A RRVA member who is currently in good standing or was in good standing at the time of their death.
- 2) Kinship Not Required: To provide assistance in the education of persons in the fields related to aviation and space (Kinship to deceased aviator not required)

Rules:

1. Selections are made on the basis of financial need, demonstrated academic achievement, college entrance examinations, and accomplishments in school, church, civic, and social activities.
2. The scholarship grants cover tuition, fees, books, room, and board.
3. Funds are sent directly to the student's college of choice for disbursement.
4. The primary intent of the RRVA Scholarship Grant program **is to provide financial assistance primarily for full-time academic pursuits. However, on a case by case basis, financial support for part-time studies will be assessed.**
5. **RRVA funds are to be used** for tuition, fees, books, supplies, room and board as set forth in the student's annual budget prepared by the FAA
6. The **scholarship grant award** will be an amount **determined by the student's demonstrated need, available funding, and priorities** established by the RRVA and administered by the Scholarship Committee.
7. Scholarship grants are for one academic year—defined as starting with the Fall Semester (Aug/Sep) and ending after the next calendar year's summer Session (Jul/Aug).
8. Requests for the scholarship grant applications may be made anytime during a given year. However, completed applications must be received not later than May 15th in order to be considered for scholarship assistance during that academic year. Applications received after the deadline will be refused.
9. All applicants are required to sign and abide by the RRVA Scholarship Agreement.



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STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES & ACTION CALENDAR

Responsibility or Action **New applicant only	<u>Documents</u>	<u>Action Dates</u> (NLT=know later than)
Apply for financial aid with Federal and State Agencies	Copy of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).	January 15 or ASAP
Apply for financial aid at the college or institution	Copy of Financial Aid application if required by the college or institution	February 15 or ASAP
Verify Parent's Income	Copy of first two pages of the parent's 1040	ASAP – NLT May 15
Verify Student's Income	Copy of student's Federal income tax forms 1040, 1040A (If one is submitted to the IRS)	ASAP – NLT May 15
Verify Funds Provided by the College or Institution	Copy of Award Notification from the institution [Student may not be eligible for aid but a letter of ineligibility is still required to be on file.]	ASAP – NLT June 15
Results from filed FAFSA	Copy of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid	NLT May 15
** Letter Submission	Letter of recommendation verifying good citizenship and moral character	ASAP – NLT May 15
Verify College Budget [costs for attendance]	Submit a copy of the college budgets as prepared by the college financial aid office. [Students may supplement this standard budget with listing of special college costs that may not be recognized in the college budget.]	ASAP – NLT May 15
Verify Prior Academic Achievements	Transcripts from previously attended college, university, or institution	ASAP – NLT May 15
Provide Document	Letter of admission for 1 st year applicant	ASAP – NLT May 15
Provide Document	High School transcript and SAT [or] ACT results or college transcript	ASAP – NLT May 15
** Submit Completed Application & Documentation	Student Scholarship Application, required documentation and Electronic <u>COLOR</u> ie: <u>Yearbook Photo 8x10 SIZE</u> (send via email or as attachment)	ASAP – NLT May 15
Verify Academic Progress (Term)	Term Grade Report for last semester attended	30 days after term ends
Academic Progress (Year)	Academic Transcript for first year attended	30 days after term ends
Verify Attendance	Copy of registration	July 15 - for Fall semester
Provide Business Office Document/Statement	Copy of student's bill from business office for each term	ASAP
NLT = No Later Than		

IMPORTANT NOTICE: It is the student and family's responsibility to have the required documents **submitted** by the required dates. If the file is incomplete on the NLT date there is no assurance that the funds will be dispersed in time to pay the college bills.



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Scholarship Agreement

The following agreement describes a partnership agreement between the Red River Valley Association (RRVA) and the applicant for a RRVA Scholarship Grant and/or counseling services.

The RRVA agrees to provide the following services:

1. Identify applicant eligibility: RRVA Scholarship Grant recipients must be an immediate dependent (legal son, daughter or spouse) of:
 - a. A U.S. military aircrew member listed as Killed in Action (KIA) or Missing in Action (MIA) from any combat situation involving U.S. military from August 1964 (Vietnam Era) through the present; or
 - b. A military aircrew member killed as the result of performing aircrew duties during a non-combat mission; or
 - c. A RRVA member who is currently in good standing or was in good standing at the time of their death.Selections are made on the basis of financial need, demonstrated academic achievement, college entrance examinations, and leadership accomplishments in school, church, civic, and social activities. Scholarship applications will be accepted and scholarships awarded based on criteria and guidelines established by the National Board of Directors of the RRVA.
2. Assess a new student's academic record of eligibility to participate in the program by means of reviewing the student's academic achievement as demonstrated through high school transcripts and SAT (or equivalent) test results.
3. Assure that students attend eligible institutions, which include colleges, universities, vocational-technical and career institutions.
4. Provide academic counseling on selection of college, course work, and programs of study or special educational needs including computer requirements at the institution.
5. Support full-time and part-time studies when justified.
6. Support students who commence their post-secondary education by the age of 30 with grant funding. Applicants who have been or are active military personnel will have the age limit extended to 40.
7. Establish the student's cost of education including tuition, fees, room and board, books, supplies, transportation, and other expenses as set forth in the student's annual budget.
8. Evaluate a student's maximum scholarship award annually.
9. Evaluate a student's academic progress and notify the student of academic suspension/probation status.
10. Evaluate a student's community service/leadership achievements.



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The candidate for the RRVA Scholarship Grant and financial aid advising services must:

1. Complete a RRVA Scholarship Grant application, documentation and color photo, 8x10 size (send via email or as attachment). Application will not be processed until photo is received.
2. Understand that all documents are due in the RRVA financial aid advisor's office by stated deadline dates to realize maximum scholarship funds. **A failure to do so will result in an automatic reduction of the applicant's maximum grant of ten percent (10%) per week until all documents are received. Further, no scholarship funds will be disbursed until the proper paperwork has been received.**
3. Provide a written notification of any funds that will be made available to pay for the cost of attendance at the selected post secondary institution. (i.e.: veterans benefit, private scholarship funds, organization funds like the USO, etc.)
4. If applying as a high school graduate or with a GED, an official high school transcript or GED transcript or document must be submitted with the application.
If the applicant has previously attended college, a copy of the academic transcript is required from each institution in lieu of a high school transcript or GED.
5. Provide a copy of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the U.S. Department of Education for processing by February 15th.
6. Provide a copy of the parents' (or, if married/divorced living independently, the applicant's personal/ joint) income tax returns, (for all dependent students, and student federal income tax forms) by May 15th.
7. Apply for other types of educational assistance determined to be available by the RRVA College Financial Aid Advisor. (FAA)
8. Submit a copy of the student's college bill prior to the start of each academic term. ***RRVA funds will not be disbursed until the student's bill is received.***
9. Maintain a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Students, who drop below a 2.0 GPA, will be placed on academic probation for one semester. Students may continue to be funded while on probation on a term-by-term basis. However, if the academic progress has not been improved to meet the minimum GPA of 2.0, then financial assistance will be terminated until the student is in compliance with the above guidelines.
10. Submit academic reports at the end of each term. At the end of each academic year, an official transcript is required to be on file with the financial aid advisor.
11. Submit a copy of the student's cumulative bill within 30 days after the end of each academic year of college.
12. Reapply each year for the RRVA Scholarship Grant and provide documentation as required to review funding for each new academic year.
13. Appeal to the RRVA Scholarship Committee in writing for consideration of unique personal circumstances.
14. **Note: If all of the above is not submitted, then the applicant's folder will not be processed.**

Applicant Signature:: _____
(Last) (First)

Date: ____/____/____



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SCHOLARSHIP GRANT APPLICATION

APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION SECTION

Mr / Ms / Mrs: (Last) _____ (First) _____ (M) _____

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Birth date: ____/____/____ Marital Status : _____

Home Address: Street: _____ Apt#: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (H) _____ (Cell) _____ College Tele: _____

E-mail address: _____ @ _____

List the names of all household members in the spaces below:

<i>Household Information</i>				
Full Name (College student on first line)	Age	Relationship	College	Year

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION SECTION
Qualifying Parent or Spouse's Military Service Record

Parent / Spouse's Full Name: (Last) _____ (First) _____ (M) _____

[If ***Last Name*** is different from applicants, please explain: _____]

(A). Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ (B). State of Residence at enlistment: _____

(C). RRVA Member (Circle): Yes No (D). Branch of Service: _____ Rank _____ Unit: _____

(E). Status (Circle): Active Duty Retired Prior Military Civilian POW MIA KIA PFOD. **As of date:** _____

(F). Conflicts served: Vietnam Iran Iraq Lybia Desert Shield Desert Storm Desert Fox Operation Allied Force
Global War On Terror (GWOT), Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraq Freedom Other:

(G). Aircraft Type(s): _____



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NOTE: If qualifying parent / spouse is deceased, use DD Form 1300 (Casualty Status Report data) to complete (I) and (J)

(H). Assignment when entered into casualty status: Organization / Unit: _____ Date Assigned: _____

Base / Ship / Post: _____ Aircraft Types: _____

(I). Date placed in casualty status: _____

APPLICANT ACADEMIC SECTION

High School Attended Information: (NOT REQUIRED BY RETURNING STUDENTS):

Name: _____ from _____ to _____ Graduation Year _____

Address: Street _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ - _____

Phone number: _____

Class Standing: ____ out of ____ Cum Grade Point Avg. Test Scores: ACT ____ SAT: (M) ____ (V) ____

Special Awards or Financial Aid Scholarships: _____

Current College Information:

College Name _____ from _____ to _____ Cum.GPA: _____

Address: Street _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ - _____

Registrar phone # (_____) _____ Business Office phone number #: (_____) _____

If awarded scholarship assistance, which office at the college should we send the check:?

Office: _____, Contact person: _____

Academic or Course of Study Plans:

Undergraduate Level: 1st year 2nd year 3rd year, 4th year, 5th year **Expected Graduation Date:** _____

Major / Course of Study: _____ Number of Units: Fall: ____ Spring: ____

Summer: _____

Degree / License / Achievement Sought (AA, BA, BS, Other _____)

Graduate Level: 1st year, 2nd year, 3rd year, 4th year, 5th year **Expected Graduation Date:** _____

Major / Course of Study: _____ Number of Units: Fall: ____ Spring: ____ Summer: _____

Degree / License / Achievement Sought (MA, MBA, MD, PhD, JD, etc.) _____

What are your career goals?



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COMMUNITY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP ACHIEVEMENTS SECTION

Please provide a short listing of leadership or positions held in academic, community, or volunteer activities and groups. List any special awards or academic achievements awarded to you within the last two years.



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FINANCIAL INFORMATION SECTION

SPECIAL WARNING: Because the RRVA addresses the full costs of college attendance, we must know your entire outside financial support. Failure to fully disclose all educational resources available to you will jeopardize possible future RRVA awards and services.

STUDENT'S ESTIMATED RESOURCES					STUDENT'S ESTIMATED EXPENSES				
Resources	Next Year Sum-16 2016-17		Current Year Sum-15 2015-16		Expense	Next Year Sum-16 2016-17		Current Year Sum-15 2015-16	
Contribution expected from Student's Earnings					Tuition:				
Contribution from other income					Room				
Contribution expected from family					Board				
Grants, Scholarships					Fees				
Loans					Books-Supplies				
Social Security					Transportation				
VA/GI Benefits					Miscellaneous				
Other Resources (List all)									
TOTAL:					TOTAL:				

How did you pay for your education in 2015-2016?

Source	Amount	Source	Amount
VA Benefits		Pell Grant	
State VA Benefits		State Grant	
SOWF Foundation		Supplemental Education Grant	
Ambassador Miller's Warrior Foundation		College Grant	
U.S.O. for Desert Storm		College Scholarship	
Red River Valley Pilots Association.		State Hope Scholarship (GA)	
Navy Seal Foundation		State Bright Scholarship (FL)	
Social Security Benefits		Outside scholarship	
Other:		Other:	



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By signing this document you are attesting that all provided information is true and accurate. You are also agreeing, unless you otherwise indicate, Internet access to your college information by the RRVA financial aid advisor (agent); and permit publication of your non-personal (NOT SSN, phone, address, etc.) school and qualifying parent / spouse information and photograph in the Association newsletter.

Reminder to send a color 8x10 size PHOTOGRAPH. ie: Yearbook picture. Send either in a separate envelope OR e-mail a 2500x3000 dpi (pixel) digital photo. The photo is for use by the scholarship committee and/or publication in the RRVA newsletter.

Permitting electronic access to college records enhances and speeds up the award process, and is strictly voluntary.

If you are a new applicant, be sure to enclose a copy of your parent's Casualty Status Report (DD 1300), if applicable.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Return this application to:

Mrs. Shauna Tunder, c/o RRVA, 16728 Frontenac Terrace, Rockville, MD 20855

(For your questions, please contact Shauna at 301-548-9423).