

Helping Heroes Scholarship
\$1000 Scholarship (nonrenewable)

All information must be typed and all questions must be answered. The information contained in this application shall be kept confidential by Helping Heroes. The award will be paid directly to the awardee after proof of high school graduation is provided to the organization. Submit three copies of the application to:

Susan Harrison
Chief Finance Officer for Helping Heroes
44 16Th Street Wheeling WV 26003

Direct Questions to:
helpingheroeswv@gmail.com
304-232-0114

The deadline for application is April 1.

Criterion:

- The student must be a high school senior and attending a high school located in the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia.
- The student must be a legal dependent of an active duty/reserve service member or veteran.
- The student must plan to attend full time, a trade school, community college, college or university immediately following high school graduation.

Application Packet (must be complete to be considered):

- Application
- Copy of SAT/ACT score
- Copy of most recent report card
- 1 Recommendation from high school Guidance Counselor
- 1 Recommendation from a high school teacher
- 1 Recommendation from another individual
- Proof of guardian's service via DD214 or Active/Reserve Military ID (please redact social security number)

Note: Financial need is assumed by your completing the application. Do not include information about financial status, nationality, ethnicity, religion, etc.

Helping Heroes scholarship was developed as a onetime, nonrenewable scholarship for the legal dependent of an active duty/reserve service member or veteran. Students must be a high school senior and attending a high school located in the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia. The student must plan to attend full time: a trade school, community college, college or university immediately following high school graduation.

Applications are available via high school guidance counselors and on our website.

Award Notification

Awardee will be notified by phone by May 1 and is requested to attend our May fundraising event (held the Friday before Memorial Day Weekend) for the award presentation. The award will be paid directly to the awardee after proof of high school graduation is provided to the organization.

Selection Process

A committee of 3 Board Members/Administrative Staff from Helping Heroes will review the applications and select the finalists. Selection is subjective. (An odd number is required to prevent a tie) Each committee member reads every application. Each committee member will grade them from one to five (five being the highest) in the following categories on ranking spreadsheet:

Category	Applicant 1	Applicant 2	Applicant 3
Completeness of Application- (must have 7/7 to be considered)			
Ranking of overall GPA based off of most recent report card			
Ranking of SAT/ACT score			
Ranking of quality of recommendations			
Ranking of quality of extracurricular activities			
Ranking of quality essay answer			

Upon completion these rankings are transferred to a master sheet which presents them as a weighted average. The weighted average by category is as follows:

- Academics: 20%
- Extracurricular Activities: 30%
- Essay: 30%
- Recommendations: 20%

Application

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Social Media Usernames:

High School name:

Parent(s) name(s):

Name of parent who is active duty or a veteran:

Name of school that you plan to attend post high school:

When were you accepted?

Major:

Why did you choose this major?

Awards (List awards you have received):

Academics:

Clubs:

Athletics:

Community service:

Work:

Community Activities:

Academics:

SAT

ACT

overall GPA

Class Rank

Helping Heroes Scholarship Recommendation

Candidate: _____

How long have you known the candidate? _____

How do you know the candidate? _____

_____ I waive my right to review this letter of recommendation

_____ I do not waive my right to review this letter of recommendation

Signature of Candidate

Date

The student named above has requested that you provide information to be considered for a scholarship. Please complete the table and include any comments that will assist us in the decision-making process. Thank you.

Competencies	Never	Sometimes	Usually	Always	No Opinion
Candidate is academically strong.					
Candidate is of strong moral character.					
Candidate is emotionally/psychologically strong.					
Candidate expresses an interest in higher education.					
Candidate is self-motivated.					

Comments:

Name (Please Print): _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Date: _____

Choose one of the following writing prompts to write a 200-word essay. Provide citations for any reference information. (See attached scoring rubric)

1. Veteran homelessness is a problem in America. What do you think causes veteran homelessness? What could be done to prevent veteran homelessness?
2. Post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) occurs within the active duty and veteran population. What causes PTSD in these populations? What should be done for these individuals?
3. What do you think it means to serve your country? Other than military servicemen and women, who are some people who you think serve the country? Why?