



# Genworth Veterans Scholarship

**All completed applications must be returned to the GRASP office or postmarked by Monday, March 27, 2017. Only complete application packets will be considered.**

The Genworth Veterans Scholarship provides a financial education award to the child of a current or former member of the U.S. Military. Genworth will award three \$1,000 non-renewable scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded to students who have exemplified excellence through their school work and community service. This scholarship is intended to highlight the achievements of excellent students and to honor the service of veterans in our community. Students will be rewarded for their leadership as shown through their values and actions both in the classroom and in their service to others. Any high school senior who is the child of an honorably discharged veteran or current service member and who has demonstrated hard work in school and in the community is encouraged to apply.

## STUDENTS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

- Met with the high school GRASP advisor during his or her senior year
- Have filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Will graduate from high school spring of 2017
- Will attend a four year college or university, junior college or trade school in the upcoming academic year
- Must be the child of a veteran who was honorably discharged from the armed forces or who is still a serving member of the active or reserve components
- Must provide suitable documentation which establishes the family member's service and honorable discharge status. (DD-214, discharge certificate or other applicable documents)

## CONSIDERATIONS FOR SELECTION

- **Academic rigor:** It is important that students took a challenging academic high school curriculum. The school and course selection is therefore important since it may be indicative of the student's drive, perseverance, ability and desire to succeed.
- **GPA:** A strong GPA is desirable; however, this will be taken into context depending on the student's circumstances, and family situation, among other factors.
- **Community service:** Students must show a strong passion and interest in their community and need to have demonstrated so in a concrete manner. Service can be with school, church, or community organizations.
- **Veteran Interview:** In order to understand the value that veterans bring to our communities, it is important to understand their experiences and perspectives. Applicants will conduct an interview with their veteran parent

to gain an understanding of the challenges and sacrifices made by veterans while serving their country. If the family veteran is deceased or otherwise unavailable, a substitute veteran can be interviewed.

- **Candidate Interview:** After review of submitted applications, the Genworth Veterans Forum will select a number of finalists to be interviewed in person at one of the Genworth Offices.

## FOUR APPLICATION PARTS

A complete application packet has four parts. Include each part and arrange your packet in this order:

1. Scholarship Checklist signed by a parent or guardian and by a school official certifying cumulative GPA.
2. A scholarship application including the essay and veteran interview
3. A copy of the FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) with the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) circled. The SAR can be reprinted by going to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
4. A copy of the financial aid award letter/email from the college you plan to attend, if available.

## *HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION*

The scholarship application is on the GRASP website, [grasp4va.org](http://grasp4va.org). From the home page, click on the **scholarships** link, then click on **Genworth Veterans Scholarship** application. Complete the application, then either print it out and mail it via the post office with the rest of your packet OR email it to [scholarships@grasp4virginia.com](mailto:scholarships@grasp4virginia.com) with scanned copies of the other required information. Partial applications will not be considered.

You may also print the application from the website, **complete it by hand** and mail it to the GRASP office. All parts must be received or postmarked by the due date for your application to be considered.



## Genworth Veterans Scholarship Checklist

Please use the following checklist to be sure that your application is complete.  
Return this checklist with your application to GRASP by **Monday, March 27, 2017.**

STUDENT NAME: FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ LAST \_\_\_\_\_  
HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ TODAY'S DATE \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed the following in this envelope or emailed the complete scholarship application to [scholarships@grasp4virginia.com](mailto:scholarships@grasp4virginia.com):

- A completed scholarship application including essay and veteran interview
- A copy of my FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) with the EFC circled
- Suitable documentation which establishes the family member's service and honorable discharge status
- A copy of the financial aid award letter/email from the college you plan to attend, if available.

### STATEMENT OF VERIFICATION AND RELEASE

I certify that the student applicant named above is eligible for this scholarship and the information provided is true to the best of the student applicant's knowledge. If the student applicant is selected to receive the Genworth Veteran Scholarship, the student will write a brief statement of thanks that can be shared with Genworth and GRASP donors and staff.

Your permission is needed to request information from the Financial Aid Office of the post-secondary institution the student will be attending. The information will be used to verify the student's financial aid awards. GRASP will gather this information for statistical purposes only. All personally identifiable information will be held in confidence and not disclosed. This authorization shall be valid for a period of four years from the high school graduation date.

Will you authorize the post-secondary institution to release to GRASP all information related to financial aid awards for the student, necessary to evaluate GRASP program services?      Y      N

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature (if 18 or older) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### School Official Certification

This student is a senior at \_\_\_\_\_ High School. This student's cumulative G.P.A. is \_\_\_\_\_.

School Official Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

### RETURN YOUR COMPLETED PACKET TO:

**Scholarship Coordinator  
GRASP  
4551 Cox Road, Suite 115  
Glen Allen, VA 23060**



# GENWORTH VETERANS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

  

## STUDENT INFORMATION

FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ LAST \_\_\_\_\_ GRADUATION YEAR **2017**

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_, VA ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ HAVE YOU MET WITH YOUR SCHOOL'S GRASP REPRESENTATIVE? \_\_\_\_\_

SAT MATH SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT CRITICAL READING SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PARENT WHO SERVED IN THE MILITARY \_\_\_\_\_

IN WHICH BRANCH DID THEY SERVE \_\_\_\_\_ HOW LONG DID THEY SERVE IN THE MILITARY \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE PLANNING TO ATTEND \_\_\_\_\_

INTENDED MAJOR (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

## STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

TYPE OF WORK	APPROXIMATE DATES	HOURS PER WEEK	NUMBER OF MONTHS



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## COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER WORK

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	CHECK GRADE LEVEL				YOUR ROLE
	9	10	11	12	

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

NAME OF ACTIVITY	CHECK GRADE LEVEL				YOUR ROLE
	9	10	11	12	

## ACADEMIC HONORS

NAME OF HONOR	CHECK GRADE LEVEL				COMMENTS
	9	10	11	12	



## GENWORTH VETERANS SCHOLARHIP ESSAY

FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ LAST \_\_\_\_\_

In no more than 500 words, explain the value that veterans bring to their communities and why you feel it is important to honor their service to our country.

You may attach a separate sheet for this or, if completing this form in the PDF, type directly into the application.



## VETERAN INTERVIEW

FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ LAST \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME OF VETERAN \_\_\_\_\_ HOW DO YOU KNOW THE VETERAN? \_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND TIME FRAME SERVED \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please tell me what your job was in the military and what an average day on the job was like for you.
2. Please tell me what motivated you to join the military and what drove you to select the branch you served with.
3. Did you serve overseas while you were in the military? If so, what other countries did you travel to as a service member?
4. Do you think that your time in the military played a part in making you the person that you are today? If so, can you please explain?
5. Some people say that the friends you make in the military are some of the best friends you will ever have. Do you believe this and if so, why do you think it is true?
6. Do you think the American people, in general, are supportive of veterans? If there is room for improvement, what could Americans do to be more supportive?
7. What benefits do you think veterans bring to our community?
8. What are you the most proud of when you look back on your time in the military?
9. If you could give one piece of advice to a young person who is thinking about joining the military what would it be?