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Ohio War Orphan & Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarship

Application for Scholarship

THIS SECTION TO BE FILLED IN BY STUDENT (READ INSTRUCTIONS AND LAW ON REVERSE SIDE)

Full Name: *(Last) (First) (Middle)*	Age:	Date of Birth:	Place of Birth:
Current Address: *(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)*			Phone: ( )
E-mail address:			
Institution of higher education you plan to attend, or are now attending:			SSN: _____ - _____ - _____

Number of years you've been a resident of Ohio, immediately preceding the date this application is submitted: _____ *years*

- *If veteran parent entered the armed services as a legal resident of Ohio, applicant must have resided in the state the last preceding year of application to be eligible.*
- *If veteran parent entered the armed services not as a legal resident of Ohio, applicant must have resided in the state the last preceding year of application and any other four of the last ten years to be eligible.*

Date(s) of residence in Ohio during the past 10 years:

_____

Place(s) of residence during this period, if different from current address:

_____

I wish to allow the following people to have access to any and all information related to my Ohio War Orphans scholarship *(please circle one)*: PARENT 1 *(VETERAN)* PARENT 2 BOTH NEITHER

I have read the instructions and the eligibility requirements on the reverse side of this form. The above statements are correct and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____ *(Student Signature Required)* _____ *Date*

THIS SECTION TO BE FILLED IN BY PARENT (NATURAL, STEP, OR ADOPTIVE PARENT)

PARENT 1 (Veteran)			**PARENT 2**		
Full Name:			Full Name:		
Present Address (if living):			Present Address (if living):		
Date of Birth:	Place of Birth:	Length of Residence in Ohio:	Date of Birth:	Place of Birth:	Length of Residence in Ohio:
If deceased, date and place of death:			If deceased, date and place of death:		
Names and ages of dependent children:					
Parent E-mail address:					

NOTE: COPY OF WAR SERVICE RECORD (DD214) MUST BE ATTACHED. ALSO, A COPY OF THE US DEPT. OF VETERAN AFFAIRS OVERALL DISABILITY RATING PERCENTAGE & A COPY OF THE DEATH CERTIFICATE, IF APPLICABLE, MUST BE ATTACHED.

WAR SERVICE RECORD Date and place of Enlistment:			Residence at time of Enlistment:
Is or was either parent disabled due to war service? YES NO		The OVERALL combined rating percentage is required, as determined by the Veterans Affairs:	Date and Place of Discharge:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____

20 _____, at _____, _____
County *State*

_____
Notary Public (Notary Stamp Required)

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby state that I have or had (if child is now 18 or older) legal guardianship or official authority over the child stated in the above application and that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed: _____
(Parent Signature Required)

Instructions to Applicant: Ohio War Orphan & Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarship

1. Read eligibility requirements carefully.
2. Attach copy of DD214 form. **DO NOT SUBMIT ORIGINALS**.
3. Attach a copy of US Dept. of Veteran Affairs overall disability rating AND Death Certificate if applicable. **DO NOT SUBMIT ORIGINALS**.
4. Attach Student Acknowledgement Statement. This statement is **required** to complete your application.
5. This completed form and required documents must be sent by mail or fax on or before May 15, 2027. If mailing, please make Attn: **War Orphans Program Manager, Ohio Department of Higher Education, Office of Financial Aid, 25 South Front St., Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414**. If faxing, please make Attn: War Orphans Program. If completing an electronic War Orphans application, PLEASE **DO NOT SUBMIT** ANOTHER APPLICATION BY MAIL OR FAX, UNLESS REQUESTED.
6. Incomplete applications will be returned. In order to qualify for assistance beginning with the fall term, the fully completed application and required documentation must be submitted no later than May 15, 2027. Incomplete applications mailed to the War Orphans Scholarship Board when there is insufficient time to complete and resubmit the application and, if applicable, required documentation by **May 15, 2027** will not be processed.

PARENT REQUIREMENTS

In order for the child to be eligible either parent must have met the following requirements:

1. The "veteran" parent as described under **DEFINITIONS** must be deceased or disabled at the time application is made, or considered MIA or POW. If the "veteran" parent served only in the Ohio National Guard or organized reserves, the "veteran" parent must have been killed or permanently and totally disabled while at a scheduled training assembly, or a field training period of any duration or length, or active duty for training pursuit to bona fide orders issued by a competent authority.
2. The "veteran" parent must have entered the armed services of the United States as a resident of Ohio. Refer to Section 2 under Applicant Requirements for exceptions to this provision.
3. If disabled, but not as a member of the Ohio National Guard or organized reserves, the "veteran" parent must have a sixty percent or greater service-connected disability or must be receiving Veteran's Administration benefits for permanent and total non-service connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
4. **Parent e-mail address is required.**

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible for consideration of a scholarship, the child of an eligible person must meet the following requirements:

1. At the time of application, have attained his or her sixteenth but not his or her twenty-fifth birthday;
2. At the time of application, if a child of a veteran who entered the armed services: (a) As a legal resident of Ohio, have resided in the state for the last preceding year; (b) Not as a legal resident of Ohio, have resided in the state for the year preceding the year in which application for the scholarship is made and any other four of the last ten years;
3. Be in financial need, as determined by the Board.
4. **Student e-mail address is required.**

CONTENTS OF SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship can be used to pay general and instructional fees only. The applicant may be required to pay various miscellaneous fees. The amount of the scholarship is determined by which institution of higher education the student is attending. Students attending Ohio private non-profit institutions of higher education will receive amounts no greater than the average amounts paid for students attending public institutions.

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

Eligible institutions are Ohio state-assisted colleges and universities, Ohio private non-profit institutions which have received a certificate of authorization from the Chancellor pursuant to Chapter 1713 of the Ohio Revised Code and Ohio proprietary institutions which have received a certificate of registration from the **State Board of Career Colleges and Schools**. Students who attend an institution which holds a certificate of registration must be enrolled in an associate or bachelor's degree program which has been authorized under Section 3332.05 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Board shall determine how many scholarships are to be granted based upon available funds provided by the Ohio General Assembly. If funds are available, all eligible applicants shall be granted a scholarship.

DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

No person shall be granted a scholarship for more than five academic years of undergraduate education. The Board shall provide minimum scholastic requirements for recipients and shall withdraw the aid from any person who fails to maintain such requirements.

DEFINITIONS

1. "Child" includes natural and adopted children and stepchildren who have not been legally adopted by the veteran parent provided that the relationship between the stepchild and the veteran parent meets the following criteria: (a) The veteran parent is married to the child's natural or adoptive parent at the time application for a scholarship granted under chapter 5910. ORC is made; or if the veteran parent is deceased, the child's natural or adoptive parent was married to the veteran parent at the time of the veteran parent's death; (b) The child resided with the veteran parent for a period of not less than ten consecutive years immediately prior to making application for the scholarship; or if the veteran parent is deceased, the child resided with the veteran parent for a period of not less than ten consecutive years immediately prior to the veteran parent's death; (c) The child received financial support from the veteran parent for a period of not less than ten consecutive years immediately prior to making application for the scholarship; or if the veteran parent is deceased, child received financial support from the veteran parent for a period of not less than ten consecutive years immediately prior to the veteran parent's death.
2. "Veteran" includes any person who was a member of the armed services of the United States for a period of ninety days or more or was discharged from the armed forces because of a disability incurred while a member with less than ninety days service, or who died while a member of the armed forces; provided that such service, disability or death occurred during one of the following periods: **April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918; December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946; June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955; January 1, 1960 to May 7, 1975; August 2, 1990, to the end of operations conducted as a result of the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq, including support for Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, or was a member of the armed services of the United States and participated in an operation for which the armed forces expeditionary medal was awarded as declared by the President of the United States or the Congress; or any other period of conflict established by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for pension purposes**. Persons who served as a member of the Ohio National Guard or organized reserves are included as veterans.
3. "Armed Services of the United States" or "United States Armed Forces" includes the army, air force, navy, marine corps, coast guard and such other military service branch as may be designated by Congress as a part of the armed forces of the United States.
4. "Board" means the Ohio War Orphans Scholarship Board created by Section 5910.02 of the Revised Code.
5. "Disabled" means having a sixty per cent or greater service-connected disability or receiving benefits for permanent and total nonservice-connected disability, as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, except for National Guard (please see 5910.031 for Ohio National Guard eligibility).

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application must be postmarked no later than May 15, 2027. Scholarship funds will be disbursed beginning with the fall term for all approved scholarship recipients.

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