

BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY

RENE FELDMAN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

January 15, 2017

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Enclosed are all of the forms you need to apply for the Renee Feldman Scholarship offered by the Blinded Veterans Association Auxiliary. This will be the Thirtieth (34th) year that the BVA Auxiliary has offered scholarships to the children or spouse of Blinded Veterans.

Please be sure to fill all of the forms completely. Remember, as you fill in these forms, that each will have to be copied for the use of each Scholarship Committee member.

Please be sure that they are completed on a typewriter, word processor, or printed legibly in black ink on 8 1/2 X 11 inch paper. Our Scholarship committee is looking forward to reviewing your completed application materials and selecting the top three candidates for the scholarships.

Two of the recipients will receive \$2000 and one will receive \$1000 for the 2017-2018 academic years--half will be sent in August and the remaining half in December. If you have any further information that you feel the Committee should have, please type or print it on an additional sheet, NOT on any of the forms.

Best wishes to each of you.

Sincerely,

Lottie Davis, Chairperson

Renee Feldman Scholarship Committee

Blinded Veterans Association Auxiliary

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RENEE FELDMAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

The Auxiliary of the Blinded Veterans Association will award three scholarships for the **2017-2018** academic year. There will be two scholarships in the amount of \$2000 each, and one Scholarships in the amount of \$1000, to the children or spouses of Blinded Veterans whose blindness is either SERVICE CONNECTED or NON SERVICE CONNECTED. The award is made in two installments, (August and December) to the institution in which the student is enrolled, and may be used only for tuition, books, and fees.

This scholarship is open only for full time students in an accredited vocational technical school, community college, college, or university. Students may apply each year of study and may receive up to three annual scholarship awards.

To be eligible, an applicant must be either a child or spouse of a Blinded Veteran. Grandchildren are not eligible. The veteran need not be a member of the Blinded Veterans Association. The veteran's blindness may be either Service Connected or Non Service Connected, but it must meet the following definition:

Central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with corrective glasses, or central visual acuity of more than 20/200 if there is a field defect in which the peripheral, field has contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees in the better eye.

APPLICANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR INSURING THAT THE REQUIRED TRANSCRIPTS, DOCUMENTS, THREE-HUNDRED WORD ESSAY, AND LETTERS OF REFERENCE REACH THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON BY THE DEADLINE DATE OF **MAY 5, 2017.**

Please fill out every form completely. Applicants will be selected for the award on the "best-qualified" basis, with the major emphasis for consideration based on need and academic achievements. However, your 300-word essay describing your post-education, life time plans, and career goals, also weigh heavily. Remember you may be awarded a scholarship up to three times during your academic years. If you have any questions about these forms or requirements, please write or call the Chairperson of the committee, listed below.

With best wishes to each of you,

Lottie Davis, Chairperson

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Application Form
BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY
RENEE FELDMAN SCHOLARSHIP
2017 -2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

General Instructions

1. Please read the instructions and questions on this application carefully before attempting to supply the information requested.
2. Please type, prepare on word processor, or print plainly in black ink the information requested on this form and in all supporting statements.
3. Whenever the space provided on the form is inadequate, please attach a separate sheet or sheets (on 8-1/2" x 11" paper) to present fully the information requested.
4. Applicant's name should be clearly printed on each page of this form, on each additional sheet and on all documents submitted.

DATE OF APPLICATION: _____

NAME: _____

First Middle Last

Date of birth: _____ Sex _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

Street No. City State Zip

HOME TEL: # _____ SOCIAL SECURITY NO: _____

STATE IN WHICH YOU CLAIM RESIDENCE: _____

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR BLINDED VETERAN.

NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

First Middle Last

VA FILE NUMBER: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

APPLICANT'S NAME _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS OF BLINDED VETERAN _____

Street Address

City

State

Zip

PERMANENT TELEPHONE NO# OF BLINDED VETERAN: _____

MARITAL STATUS OF STUDENT _____ SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

(S, M, D, SEP)

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED a BVAA SCHOLARSHIP? _____

IF SO, WHEN AND AT WHAT INSTITUTION? _____

TRANSCRIPTS: YOU MUST SUBMIT A TRANSCRIPT OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL RECORDS. IF YOU HAVE ATTENDED AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION (OR SEVERAL OF THEM) YOU MUST SUBMIT A TRANSCRIPT OF YOUR RECORDS AT EACH INSTITUTION.

LIST ALL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS YOU HAVE ATTENDED INCLUDING HIGH SCHOOL.

Name of the
INSTITUTION/LOCATION

DATES OF ATTENDANCE
20— or 20—

DEGREE
RECIEVED OR EXPECTED

INSTITUTION FOR WHICH SCHOLARSHIP IS SOUGHT. (MUST BE AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATIONAL, BUSINESS, SECRETARIAL, OR VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTITUTION: _____

STUDENT NUMBER _____

APPLICANT'S NAME _____

ARE YOU PRESENTLY ATTENDING? _____

IF NOT WHEN WERE YOU ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION? _____

WHAT PROGRAM ARE YOU IN, UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE, FIELD OF STUDY?

WILL YOU BE A FULL-TIME STUDENT? _____

WHEN WILL YOU GRADUATE? _____

COST PAYABLE DIRECTLY TO INSTITUTION:

ITEMIZE THE ESTIMATED COSTS, PAYABLE TUITION, BOOKS, AND OTHER ACADEMIC FEES FOR THE COMING YEAR.

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE: (GIVE EMPLOYER, DATES OF EMPLOYMENT, AND TYPE OF WORK, OR PLACES YOU HAVE VOLUNTEERED AT.)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR APPLICATION OR SEPARATELY (IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT REQUIRED ITEMS REACH THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE BY THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS). YOU MAY SUBMIT OTHER EVIDENCE OF ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ACADEMIC AND/OR NON-ACADEMIC FIELDS, WHICH YOU BELIEVE QUALIFIES YOU FOR A SCHOLARSHIP AWARD. SUCH EVIDENCE MUST BE SUBSTANTIATED BY DOCUMENTATION, I.E. COPY OF THE AWARD CERTIFICATE, COPY OF THE CITATION, ETC.

300 WORDS ESSAY REQUIRED: DESCRIBE YOUR POST EDUCATION, LIFETIME, CAREER GOALS AND PLANS FOR AFTER COMPLETING YOUR EDUCATION AND OUTLINE YOUR PLANS TO ACCOMPLISH THEM. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT THE ESSAY BE PREPARED USING A TYPEWRITER OR WORD PROCESSOR.

CURRENT LETTERS OF REFERENCE: PLEASE SUBMIT THREE LETTERS OF REFERENCE WHICH MUST BE FORMALIZED THROUGH THE USE OF LETTERHEAD PAPER OR BUSINESS STATIONARY BY THE AUTHORS, INSOFAR AS POSSIBLE. LETTERS OF REFERENCE USED FOR PREVIOUS BVAA SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

ONE LETTER OF REFERENCE MUST BE RELATED TO YOUR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS (FROM A PROFESSOR, TEACHER, OR COUNSELOR).

TWO (2) LETTERS OF REFERENCE MUST BE PERSONAL REFERENCES IN WHICH THE AUTHOR MUST IDENTIFY HIS/HER RELATIONSHIP TO THE APPLICANT. (THESE PERSONAL REFERENCES MUST BE FROM SOMEONE OTHER THAN FAMILY MEMBERS.)

MAIL YOUR APPLICATION AND REQUIRED MATERIALS TO:

Lottie Davis, CHAIRMAN.

RENEE FELDMAN SCHOLARSHIP

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THE RENEE FELDMAN SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED FOR ONE YEAR ONLY. APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED THAT BVAA SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES PERMIT AN INDIVIDUAL TO RECEIVE ONLY A TOTAL OF THREE (3) BVAA SCHOLARSHIPS, UNDER THIS PROGRAM.

YOU'RE APPLICATION, AND ALL SUPPORTING MATERIALS, MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE BVAA SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN NOT LATER THAN **May 5, 2017 - TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE 2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR.**