



Benjamin O Davis

VFW Post 311

Richton Park, IL



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

VFW POST 311 Commander's Scholarship 2018

1. **DEADLINE** for scholarship applications is Friday July 1, 2018 (NO EXCEPTIONS).
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.). Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.
4. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered.
5. You will be notified by phone or mail regarding the status of your application.
6. If you have any questions about the application, please call Rupert Evans, VFW Post 311 Scholarship Committee Chairman at 708.362.1850 or by email at ScholarshipFoundation@vfwpost311.org.

PURPOSE: The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 311 Commander's Scholarship Fund was established in 2013. The mission of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to graduating high school seniors who are descendants (son, daughter, granddaughter, grandson, great granddaughter, great grandson, brother, sister, wife or husband) of Veterans, enrolled for undergraduate study in a college or university. The VFW Post 311 Commander's Scholarship targets two and four-year academic programs.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE is based on financial need, academic performance, leadership potential, and participation in VFW Post 311 programs. Scholarships are awarded annually provided funds are available.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS: The VFW Post 311 of Richton Park awards scholarships based on a comprehensive process. Areas that are reviewed by the committee include but are not limited to the following: Academic Accomplishments, Community Service, (2) Letters of Reference (demonstrating leadership potential, character, community involvement, etc.), Personal Essay and Financial Need. VFW Post 311 pays scholarship funds directly to the recipient's institution. The VFW Post 311 Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation.

CRITERIA

- Applicants must be a **descendant** of an honorably discharged veteran.
- Applicants must reside in Illinois or Northwest Indiana.
- Applicants must be a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States.
- Applicants must be completing or have completed high school successfully with a minimum unweighted GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent on a 5.0 scale.
- Applicants must be accepted as a full-time student at a college or institution for the upcoming academic year.
- Applicants must demonstrate a need for financial assistance.
- Preference may be given to applicants **who have participated** in VFW Post 311 programs.
- Applicants must submit a copy of their 2017-2018 Student Aid Report (SAR) from Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- All applicants must apply for a Pell Grant.



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TIMELINE

- Applications are due no later than July 1, 2016.
- Candidates that are selected for interviews will be notified by the Scholarship Committee by the end of June 2018.
- Applicants are notified if awarded a scholarship near the middle of July 2018.

APPLICATION PROCESS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:

- Completed application form.
- Copy of DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) of veteran descendant.
- Official high school transcript in a sealed envelope from the institution.
- Two letters of references which demonstrate leadership potential, character, community involvement, etc)
- Proof of acceptance at an academic institution for post-secondary studies.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- Applicant must provide their student ID, the correct mailing address of their institution and the department where their scholarship check is to be mailed.
- Checks for scholarship recipients will be mailed to the institution **ONLY** after notice has been received and verification of institution enrollment has been completed by VFW Post 311.
- If notification is **NOT** received at VFW Post 311 by the end of the academic school year following the notification of award, scholarship will be forfeited.
- If applicant is awarded a scholarship, the recipient agrees that VFW Post 311 may use their name and academic information in news releases or promotional publications regarding this award.

Deadline for this application is **JUNE 1, 2018**. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.

Please mail application to:

Benjamin O. Davis VFW Post 311
ATTN: Commander's Scholarship Chairman
P.O. Box 777
Richton Park, IL 60471

Or submit in person to:

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ATTN: Commander's Scholarship Chairman
22341 So. Governors Highway
Richton Park, IL 60471

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Application 2018 must be filled out by applicant.

Please **type on a separate sheet** or **print** your answers below. If application is not legible it will be returned to you.

1	Last Name:	First Name:
2	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____	
3	Daytime Telephone Number: () _____ Email Address: _____	
4	Current High School:	
5	I will be attending the following school in the Fall of <u>2018</u> _____ School Address/ Phone	
6	Will you be a full-time student? Yes____ No____	
7	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) GPA _____(On a 5.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA; your most recent official school transcript required.	



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8	ACT Score: _____ Or SAT Score: _____ A copy of your ACT or SAT score sheet on official high school transcript is required.																				
9	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Use reverse side of application if you need more space. Name (s) _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Home phone of parents or legal guardians: _____																				
10	What specialty/major do you want to study and why?																				
11	List expenses you expect to incur per academic year: (Approximate figures acceptable) Make additional comments if needed.																				
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Please list the following information on a separate sheet if needed.



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13	SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Please list school extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Note leadership roles and dates.
14	AREA OF STUDY: What do you want to study and why?
15	ORGANIZATIONS: Please list community organizations such as VFW Post 311, service, volunteer and religious organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Note leadership roles and dates.
16	RECOGNITIONS: Please list important awards and recognitions received. Note organizations presenting honor and date.
17	GOALS: What are your short term goals?
18	NEED: Please explain your need for the VFW Post 311 Scholarship.



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19	CAREER PLANS: What are your career plans and what would you like to be doing in 10 years?		
20	<p>ESSAY: Between 200 and 400 words (typed, using 12 pt. Times New Roman font, double space with 1" margins on all sides), your essay topic is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“My Vision for America and How Would It Impact My Community”</p>		
21	<p>A. The following “CHECKLIST” items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.</p> <p>B. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.)</p> <p>C. Circle “YES” or “NO” to be sure you have attached each item as required in this checklist.</p>		
	YES	NO	DD Form 214. Photocopy of this document is acceptable.
	YES	NO	Two Letters of Reference.
	YES	NO	Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment. Notification of enrollment from institution is required for receipt of funds.
	YES	NO	Most recent <u>official</u> high school transcript. Photocopy of your transcript is <u>not acceptable.</u>
	YES	NO	Answers to questions 1-20
	YES	NO	FAFSA completed to include Application of Pell Grant.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the VFW Post 311 Scholarship Committee is true, correct and without forgery. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the VFW Post 311 Scholarship Program.



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I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to VFW Post 311's scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Witness _____ Date: _____

**The deadline for this application to be received by VFW Post 311 is
July 1, 2018 No exceptions!**