

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1071

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2026 Tony Lopez Scholarship Announcement

October 2025

Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1071 Scholarship Program. Three \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded under this program.

In order to qualify for a VVA Scholarship you must:

1. Be a child or grandchild of an active-duty U.S. military or U.S. military veteran (living or deceased)
2. Be accepted into an accredited college, trade or technical school
3. Be a graduate of a Colorado high school or a Colorado college student and/or the veteran is a Colorado resident
4. Not be a previous Chapter 1071 Scholarship awardee
5. Write a non AI-assisted essay and make a VVA Chapter 1071 meeting in-person presentation and
6. Submit a completed VVA Chapter 1071 Scholarship Application by **January 31, 2026**

Regarding your essay, it must not exceed 1,000 words and can be on any one of the following topics with references to the sources of your information. You will get extra credit for interviewing a veteran and including the contents of that interview in your essay. Your personal opinions should be clearly indicated in the content of your essay and essay should be written from your perspective (not that of the veteran). If help is needed in contacting a veteran, contact Jerry Zimmer at 303.886.4233 or director12@vva1071.org.

- A. What is your opinion of the decision of the United States to enter the Viet Nam War?
- B. If someone in your family is a Viet Nam Veteran, explain how that has affected your family.
- C. What can be done to address the catastrophe of military veterans committing suicide?
- D. What has contributed to the average American's current perception of the Vietnam War and its veterans?

Preference will be given to descendants of Vietnam Veterans, especially Chapter 1071 members. Applicants may be invited to a personal or video interview with the Scholarship Committee. After any interviews and evaluation of each application, winners will be notified by phone or e-mail. Winners will be required to read their essays at a VVA General Meeting (at 10:00 am, third Saturday of a month in Lakewood CO).

**2026 Tony Lopez Scholarship Application
Vietnam Veterans of America--Chapter 1071**

Contact Information

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone (____) _____ Email: _____

Eligibility

Veteran Parent or Grandparent's Name: _____

Relationship to you: Parent _____ Grandparent _____ DD Form 214 must be attached (veteran) or copy of ID card (active duty)

Applicant is related to a Chapter 1071 Member: Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, please provide the Member's name _____.

Educational Status

High School/College Last Attended: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Most recent transcript must be attached.

Name of College/University/ Technical School to which you have applied for admission, or been accepted to or at which you are a full-time student:

School Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Acceptance notice must be attached or provided prior to Scholarship being granted

School Sponsored Extra-Curricular Activities

Activity	Description	Time spent per week	Awards Earned

Extra-Curricular Activities (Other than School Related) example Scouting, Big Brother/Big Sister Program, etc.)

Activity	Description	Time spent per week	Awards Earned

Work Experience

Employer	Dates	Position	Responsibilities	Hours/Week

Attached extra sheets as needed.

**VVA Chapter 1071 Scholarship Application
Supporting Documentation Checklist**

The following documentation must accompany this application to be considered for a scholarship.

_____ VVA Chapter 1071 Scholarship Application

_____ Essay on one of the required topics (submitted in Word or similar electronic Format: Do not submit screen shots or information from an i-phone).

_____ A copy of the Letter of Acceptance from the institution you plan to attend.
(If not currently available, include a brief explanatory note. Scholarship award is pending until an acceptance letter to an accredited college/university, trade or technical school is provided)

_____ A copy of your most current high school or college transcript.

_____ Proof of parent or grandparent military status (For Veterans a DD Form 214 with SSN blacked out or for Active Duty personnel a copy of an ID Card).

**Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1071
Application Certification Statement**

I certify that all the information contained in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I agree to allow VVA Chapter 1071 to (a) contact me at a future time to remain in touch and learn of my scholastic accomplishments, (b) use my picture in the VVA Chapter 1071 Scholarship brochure and on their website and (c) publish the results of the winners of this Tony Lopez Scholarship.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of Parent/ Guardian: _____

Date: _____

The completed application form must be submitted no later than **January 31, 2026** to be considered. Please send all completed forms to the Scholarship Committee at director12@vva1071.org with a **Subject Line of only "Scholarship Application"**.

<p>NOTE: The application process will not be considered completed until the applicant receives a confirmation email from the Scholarship Committee.</p>
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