



SEVERELY INJURED VETERANS SCHOLARSHIP



UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX SEVERELY INJURED VETERANS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

University of Phoenix has created a scholarship program to honor Arizona's brave men and women who return home from service in Iraq and Afghanistan with severe injuries. Through full-tuition scholarships, injured veterans are empowered to reach their academic goals or pursue second careers. University of Phoenix programs are tailored to meet the needs of students' busy schedules.

An excellent way to show gratitude to our nation's heroes is to enable them to rebuild their lives and help them make the sometimes difficult transition back in to their communities and productive, fulfilling lives. Organizations can donate computers, participate on the University's scholarship selection committee, or provide other resources that enable severely injured veterans to freely pursue higher education. University of Phoenix is especially proud to partner with Heroes to Hometowns in paying tribute to those who fight heroically for the protection of American freedoms. A special thank you goes out to Salute A Soldier and Soldiers' Angels for donating laptops and peripherals, to NPower Arizona for providing job placement opportunities, and to Arizona Veterans Programs Association, Military HomeFront, and National Association of Veterans Programs Administrator for supporting awareness.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates for the scholarship must demonstrate the following to be considered:

1. Applicants who reside in the United States must meet one of the following requirements: be a legal resident of the United States; have been granted permanent residency; have a valid visa that does not prohibit educational studies; have been granted temporary protected status along with approved Notice of Action issued by Citizen Immigration Services and verified through CIS Form g-845; or have been granted asylum along with the approved Notice of Action issued by the Citizen Immigration Services.
2. Must be a resident of Arizona.
3. Applicant must be or has served in US Military in support of Iraq or Afghanistan with an honorable discharge and 30% disability rating.
4. Are not receiving 100% tuition reimbursement.
5. Are not employees or family members of employees of Apollo Group, Inc., University of Phoenix, Western International University, Institute for Professional Development or any other subsidiary of Apollo Group, Inc.
6. Submit a complete, signed application, together with all supporting documentation, if any, by the deadline date listed below. The completion of the application form does not create an obligation to award a scholarship to applicant.
7. Submit a completed questionnaire. High importance will be placed on the applicant's desire to advance in their education, with an emphasis on furthering their careers, and their impact in the community for which they reside. To be considered the essay must meet the following requirements:
 - a. Each of the four questions should be answered in complete sentences and paragraph format with approximately 4-7 sentences,
 - b. Double spaced,
 - c. 12 point font,
 - d. 8 x 11 paper, and
 - e. Pages must be paper-clipped together (no staples).
8. Only five (5) full tuition scholarship(s) will be awarded.



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CHECK LIST

1. University of Phoenix Severely Injured Veterans Scholarship application completed and signed
2. Essay questions
3. Keep a copy of entire packet for your records

SELECTION PROCESS

1. The recipient of this Scholarship will be selected by the Scholarship Committee consisting of representatives from University of Phoenix, Department of Defense, and Arizona VA Services.
2. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit a complete and signed application and all the supporting documentation in one package which must be received on or before the deadline date as set forth below. The Scholarship Committee accepts no responsibility for incomplete applications, applications not in proper form, lost applications, or any other submission in exception to the above instructions.
3. Scholarship selection shall be made without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, or disability.
4. The scholarship award will be based on the committee's scores of the overall quality of the application and the scholarship essay(s). The higher the average score results in the higher probability of selection.

Deadline Date:

A complete application and supporting documentation, if any, must be received on or before May 1 2008. Applications received by any other method of delivery will not be considered. Applications received after the designated Deadline Date will not be considered. No exceptions.

Award Date:

The Scholarship Committee will determine the recipients of the scholarship by June 1, 2008. You will be notified via email on the award date regarding the status of your scholarship. You will receive a notification email regardless if you were selected as a recipient or not.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

All materials must be submitted by mail to the following address and received on or before the deadline date.

Kathy Pearce
P.O. Box 31646
Mesa, AZ 85275

For any additional information, please e-mail scholarships@phoenix.edu.



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name of Applicant: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____ **Evening:** _____

Email Address: _____

Degree Program: _____

ESSAY QUESTIONS

On a separate document, please answer each question in paragraph format (approximately 4-7 sentences) under the scholarship program you selected above.

Questions:

1. What would you like to do with your college degree?
2. What are some of the challenges facing your community, or your family and friends?
3. How will you use a college education to assist in resolving the challenges described above?
4. What obstacles might you face in pursuing your degree and how will you overcome them?



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TERMS, CONDITIONS AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

By applying for a University of Phoenix scholarship and/or accepting the scholarship award, the applicant/recipient agrees to the following terms, conditions, and the distribution of scholarship funds.

1. All application submissions shall become the property of Apollo Group, Inc. and University of Phoenix regardless if applicant is awarded the scholarship. In addition, you agree to cooperate with the Apollo Group, Inc. and/or University in executing a consent and release form if requested.
2. Upon the award of the scholarship and applicant's acceptance, Apollo Group, Inc. and/or University of Phoenix shall have the right to use and republish submitted application and any of its contents to reference and acknowledge applicant's/recipient's name and authorship of the application for any purpose, whatsoever. In addition, applicant/recipient agrees to cooperate with the Apollo Group, Inc. and/or University of Phoenix in executing a consent and release form if requested.
3. Scholarship award is a non-cash credit to your University account in the amount stated by scholarship. No check or other cash monies will be given and/or refunded to student at any time. No exceptions.
4. Scholarship may be applied to tuition and fees only, as specified on the scholarship application; education supplies and living expenses are not included.
5. Applicant/recipient must meet all University of Phoenix admissions requirements for selected program and campus. Information available in the University of Phoenix Catalog.
6. Applicant/recipient must enroll at University of Phoenix no later than thirty (30) days following the scholarship award date, unless otherwise determined by the Scholarship Committee and/or University officials in their sole discretion.
7. Applicant/recipient must stay in attendance as a full time student with no more than a twenty-nine (29) day break (or 21 days if attending a Georgia campus) between classes.
8. Applicant/recipient must maintain the minimum grade point average for selected degree program, make satisfactory progress towards completing selected degree program (satisfactory progress is measured as successfully completing a minimum of 16 credits during each 24 attempted credits), and complete selected degree program within the maximum time frame allowed according to federal regulations (The maximum time frame allowed is based on the required number of credits for graduation from the degree program, less any transfer or assessed credits, times 150%).
9. Should recipient withdraw from or otherwise fail to complete a course for which registered and for which the Scholarship or a portion of the Scholarship has been used to pay, any refund due shall be only applied to recipient's University Account as a non-cash credit. In no event will any cash refund be given at any time. No exceptions.
10. If recipient wishes to re-take a course, recipient must pay the entire cost of the course. No scholarship award will be given on a re-taken course. A "re-take" of a course means scholarship recipient has completed the course to a point of earning a letter grade of A-F and has been scheduled to repeat the same course.
11. Recipient will relinquish all unused scholarship credits should recipient fail to meet the above terms and conditions for any reason. Determinations of failure to meet the stated terms will be made by the Scholarship Committee and/or University officials in their sole discretion. Any unused portion of the Scholarship will be returned to the University.
12. These terms and conditions are in addition to any other terms and conditions set forth in any other part of this document. Any necessary determination or clarification as to the interpretation or to the application of a particular term shall be made by the Scholarship Committee and/or University officials in their sole discretion.
13. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the scholarship will result in termination of the scholarship.
14. In the event that any provision of the terms and conditions of this Scholarship shall be held void, voidable, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of shall remain in full force and effect.



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. I have read and agreed to the stated Terms and Conditions of the scholarship and I understand the nature of the Scholarship and the extent of my obligations.
2. I certify to the best of my knowledge and ability that the above statements are true and correct. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission of fact is cause for disqualification and my application will not be considered.
3. This application is subject to the policies and procedures set forth in the applicable University catalog in the event of a conflict between the terms of the scholarship and the catalog, the terms of the scholarship will control.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

If signatory/applicant is under the age of 18, the Parent or Legal Guardian must also sign below. By signing below said Parent or Legal Guardian represents that he/she has the legal right to and does consent to the terms and conditions of this scholarship. Said Parent or Legal Guardian further certifies to the best of his/her ability that the information contained in this application is accurate.

Printed name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Address (If different from child's): _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____ **Evening:** _____