

Ralph Rojas Scholarship Fund Sparta VFW



This scholarship is made possible by private donors and Sparta VFW Post #7248 in memory of **Ralph Rojas (Korean War Veteran)** and was established for Sussex County NJ veterans, spouses of veterans, and dependents of veterans who are pursuing either a technical/trade school or an undergraduate/postgraduate degree. It is also available to active duty military personnel and their dependents stationed at Picatinny Arsenal NJ, and to Sussex County NJ students who have been accepted in an ROTC program or a Service Academy/School. The scholarship can be applied for annually provided the qualifications and residency requirements are fulfilled.

Description:

Scholarships will be awarded each school year in the amount of \$1,000 up to \$2,000 per recipient based on available funds. The recipients will be selected by the Scholarship Committee evaluating veteran status, character, and academic achievement. Phone or in person interviews may be conducted if deemed necessary by the selection committee.

Once the recipients are selected, the VFW will notify them by email. The recipient will receive a check which can be applied to educational related expenses, such as: tuition, books and fees. The scholarship shall be used in the academic year following acceptance.

Application Requirements:

1. A completed application shall include: personal information, documents establishing veteran status, residency, and acceptance to College, University, Trade School, ROTC program or Service Academy/School (if applicable).

2. An essay not longer than one-page double spaced describing:
 - Your academic goals;
 - Your connection to the military and its influence on you to pursue this scholarship;
 - How the military has affected or is expected to affect your character;
 - If you are awarded this scholarship, how will it help you achieve your goals;

3. One signed letter of recommendation/character reference. This recommendation can be from a teacher, a supervisor, or the director of an organization in which you participate;

4. For high school students, a copy of your official high school transcript;

5. Proof of acceptance into a technical/trade school or accredited college/university indicating your goals/intended major;

6. Completed applications must be received no later than **April 30**.
Scholarships will be awarded in May.

All applications and supporting documents should be mailed to:
Sparta VFW Post # 7248
66 Main Street
Sparta , NJ 07871
Or E-mailed to: spartavfw7248@gmail.com
(Sparta VFW will confirm receipt of applications by email)

RALPH ROJAS SPARTA VFW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Date of birth:

Email:

Phone:

Current address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Resident of Sussex County or active duty at Picatinny Arsenal? (Y/N)

MILITARY INFORMATION

Are you a current/former member of the US Armed Forces? (Y/N)

If so, provide a brief statement of your Military service, grade, and dates of service.

Are you a dependent or immediate family member (spouse/son/daughter) of a current or former member of the US Armed forces? (Y/N)

If so, what is your relationship? Spouse/Son/Daughter

EDUCATION INFORMATION

High School attending/attended and date of graduation:

Name and location of college, university, trade school, or school of higher learning you are enrolled in, participating in, or accepted to attend:

Educational Goals:

Estimated total annual expense for school chosen:

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Are you using GI Bill benefits for the school year this scholarship will apply? (Y/N)

MILITARY DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT YOUR ELEGIBILITY

Please attach a copy of any one of the following applicable documents with this application:

DD214, VA Disability Verification Letter, Military Medical Retirement documentation, Military ID Card

SIGNATURES

I authorize the verification of the information provided on this form. I have received a copy of this application.

Signature of applicant:

Date: