



JAMES "POP" JOHNSON MEMORIAL CHAPTER 602, INC.
VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA



Annual High School Grant Competition
Arlene Douglass Chairman

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. (VVA) is the only congressionally chartered Veterans Service Organization (VSO) dedicated to advocating for Vietnam-Era veterans and their families. Founded in 1978 and Congressionally chartered in 1986, VVA is a not-for-profit corporation exempt under Section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. VVA's goals are to promote and support the full range of issues important to Vietnam veterans, to create a new identity for this generation of veterans, and to change the public perception of Vietnam veterans. Organized in 49 states, VVA has chartered more than 600 local chapters with more than 57,000 members nationally. VVA takes great pride in its records of accomplishments. For many years, VVA's motto has been "In Service to America" and its founding principle is "Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another."

The James "Pop" Johnson Memorial Chapter 602, Inc., *Vietnam Veterans of America* is a non-profit organization. Programs and services for the benefit of the community are funded by membership dues, donations, and fund-raising drives. In 2021 The James "Pop" Johnson Memorial Chapter 602, Inc., *Vietnam Veterans of America*, will award three \$1,000 grants to three Cape May County high school seniors graduating in June 2021

Eligibility includes but is not limited to: a child, spouse, or grandchild of a veteran (preference is given those related to veterans who served during the Vietnam Era [1959-1975]); a child, spouse or grandchild of a former prisoner of war (POW), a veteran listed as missing in action (MIA), or a veteran listed as killed in action (KIA). If the applicant is claiming one of these three relationships to a veteran, a legible copy of the veteran's Certificate of Honorable Service (before 1954) or a legible copy of the veteran's DD form 214 (issued after 1 July 1954) **MUST BE ATTACHED** to the application.

Finally, in order to qualify, the applicant **MUST BE REGISTERED** to attend **FULL TIME**, an accredited college or university or post-secondary training institution **AT THE TIME THE GRANT AWARD IS ANNOUNCED**.

REQUIRED INFORMATION:

1. A completed application (form attached)
2. High School transcripts
3. Photocopy of SAT or ACT results
4. A letter of acceptance from the college or university or post-secondary training institution
5. A letter of understanding from the applicant stating that if, for any reason, they do not complete the course of instruction for which they are receiving the scholarship, they will repay the amount in full
6. A letter, in the applicant's own words, expressing current educational goals and objectives, individual accomplishments, and any personal information that may assist the review committee in the selection process. Students are encouraged to communicate personal financial-planning information related to accomplishing their present academic goals and objectives.
7. An essay, of not more than 500 words, addressing: "How higher education will help me help others."

OPTIONAL INFORMATION:

The awards are competitive and may be based upon consideration of one or all of the factors listed below. It is highly recommended that your completed application packet contain the following **OPTIONAL** items:

1. Academic standing for the year prior to application for this scholarship (GPA or equivalent),
2. Statement describing applicant's financial need,
3. Letters of reference (at least two) from a current or former teacher, academic advisor, employer, community leader, minister, etc., attesting to the applicant's character.

Return application and attachments to: Arlene Douglass Grant Committee Chairman, 609 Seashore Road, Cape May New Jersey 08204

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. NOTHING SUBMITTED WILL BE RETURNED. COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE. NO HAND DELIVERIES, PLEASE!

2021 GRANT APPLICATION

(Please type or print clearly.)

Veteran Affiliation

- My parent, grandparent, brother/sister, or other (please specify) _____ is a veteran. (CIRCLE ONE)
 I have no family affiliation to a veteran.

Veteran's Status (please check all that apply below)

- WHEN WWII Korea Vietnam Desert Storm Through Present Day Deployment
TYPE Combat Time Overseas Duty Retired Active Duty Retired Reserves National Guard Service

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name (First, Middle, Last) _____
Street Address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
Home Telephone Number _____
Date of Birth _____
Income of parent(s) or guardian(s) if claimed as a dependent on their income tax return _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

2021 Graduation Date _____
Name of High School _____
Street Address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
Area of Study _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

Name of School _____
Street Address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
Area(s) of Study _____
Expected year of graduation _____

The processing of applications and selection of award recipients is within the sole discretion of The James "Pop" Johnson Memorial Chapter 602, Inc., *Vietnam Veterans of America* and is not subject to appeal or outside review.

I certify that I am a high school senior and that my legal residence and current school of attendance are both located in Cape May County, New Jersey.



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Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____