



MIKE VOTH MEMORIAL CHAPTER 5
VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
Eau Claire, Wisconsin
HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP
2026



Mike Voth Memorial Chapter 5 of the Vietnam Veterans of America in Eau Claire, Wisconsin has developed three \$1,000 high school scholarships for seniors with an average GPA who attend any school within the bordered counties of Eau Claire. The best essay receives an additional \$500. To qualify for this scholarship, a senior must interview a Vietnam Era veteran and write an essay based on that interview of the veteran's experience and the student's understanding of that conflict. The student should also consider what patriotism means and how that plays out in their community and country.

Preference will be given to graduating seniors of Chapter 5 members first, followed with any senior who meets the criteria of interviewing a Vietnam Era veteran, composing their essay following all elements of correct structure, grammar, and spelling, and submitting a teacher or mentor recommendation along with their application. Please note, if a student does not know of any Vietnam Era veteran, there are plenty of Chapter 5 members who would be willing to be interviewed for this process.

A Vietnam Era veteran is any veteran who served in any branch of the U.S. Military, including those in the National Guard or Reserves, in active duty from 28 February 1961 to 7 May 1975. As most military jobs do not involve direct combat roles, it is not necessary for the interviewed veteran to have been in combat, nor have served in Southeast Asia to qualify, however, proof of their service is required via a copy of their DD214. If the veteran does not have their DD214, verification from their CVSO is required. Again, Chapter 5 members are willing to be interviewed for this purpose and their DD214's are already on file.

Graduating seniors may attend any accredited school, in or out of state, for any field of study; this includes those who wish to attend a trade school as well. We would hope the student would explain how their interview has affected them and their sense of what Americanism and Patriotism means to them as they become adults and the future of their communities and country.

For 2026 submissions must be received by April 1st, 2026, for consideration of the current calendar year. Only school counselors of winning applicants will be notified, and arrangements made to present the winners with their awards at their school's Scholarship Award Program. Scholarship will be paid once a full semester has been completed with proof of transcript required from their college or trade school. Transcripts should be submitted to our Treasurer, Mike Smith. He may be contacted via our address below or his phone number 608-466-0557, with any questions, request a Chapter member for interview, or submission of application, essay, and interviewed veteran and teacher/mentor recommendation forms.

Thank you for your interest and Good Luck!

Membership of Chapter 5

Mike Voth Memorial Chapter 5 Vietnam Veterans of America
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Teacher/Mentor Evaluation Form

This Teacher/Mentor evaluation form should be completed and returned separately from the student's scholarship application. If you have been asked for a recommendation and do not feel capable of fulfilling this request, please inform the student so they may reach out to someone else. We appreciate a candid assessment of the applicant and your comments. Please feel free to comment on the back of this page or by attaching a separate piece of paper, and submit it to our P.O. Box 832, or please contact our Treasurer, Mike Smith, at 608-466-0557.

Applicant's Name _____

How long have you known this applicant? _____

In what capacity have you interacted with this applicant? _____

Please rate the applicant's qualifications:

Academic Achievement _____

(Please note our scholarship is for those with at least an average GPA, who will be able to achieve success at an institution of higher learning or trade school.)

Extra-Curricular Activities _____

Career Potential _____

Applicant's Strengths _____

Comments _____

Signature _____

Title _____

Date _____

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Veteran Information Form

I, _____ served in the _____
(Branch of Service, Guard, Reserve)

From _____ to _____

DD214 copy attached _____

Date of student interview _____

Signature _____

(I hereby authorize the release of the above information for identification purposes only.)

I am a member of Mike Voth Memorial Chapter 5 VVA in Eau Claire, WI _____

If DD214 is NOT attached, please have your CVSO verify your above stated service.

Signature _____

County _____

Date _____

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