

The George and Gwendolyn Goodin Endowment Fund provides one-year college and university scholarships to Napa County residents who are military veterans, or Napa County residents who are dependents of military veterans who died while in active service. The number of scholarships awarded and the amount of each scholarship will be determined by the Fund's Scholarship Selection Committee, and the value of each scholarship will typically range from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: March 1, 2016.

Who's Eligible:

- Candidates must be residents of Napa County at the time of application
- Candidates must be military veterans, or children/spouses of military veterans who died while in active service
- For the purpose of this scholarship, a military veteran is someone who has served in active duty other than for training purposes and has been discharged in anything other than dishonorable conditions. Special consideration may be made for individuals who did not meet active duty requirements due to discharge for a service connected disability
- Candidates must be attending, or planning to attend a two- or four-year college/university pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies, or a vocational college (the school you plan to attend may be outside of Napa County)
- Candidates must be in good standing with the school attended most recently, and have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least a 2.0 with that institution, or have received a California High School Equivalency Certificate by passing the General Educational Development Test (GED)
- Former recipients are eligible to apply again in subsequent years

How to Apply: Candidates must submit a completed application form, including the required attachments, to Ellen Drayton, Grants Administrator, **via email** at ellend@napavalleycf.org on or before March 1, 2016.

Selection process: A Scholarship Selection Committee (Committee) comprised of veterans, Napa Valley Community Foundation (NVCF) staff and staff of local veteran-serving organizations will select recipients. In any given year, scholarship awards may not be issued if the Committee determines that none of the candidates meet the eligibility guidelines and application criteria. Candidates will be judged on the following criteria:

- Accuracy and completeness of application packet
- Educational goals and ability to meet those goals

Payment process: NVCF will issue a check to the financial aid office of the student's school contingent upon enrollment verification. Scholarship Funds may be used for any educational expenses included in the cost of attending the college, vocational college, or university, like tuition, books, fees or equipment required for coursework. If the student's account is paid in full, the scholarship may be refunded to the student for other attendance expenses. If the student is unable to use any portion of the scholarship towards his/her cost of attendance, we request that the school return such funds to NVCF.

Management of Fund: This Scholarship Fund is administered by Napa Valley Community Foundation. Questions regarding the scholarship should be directed to Ellen Drayton, Grants Administrator, at 707.254.9565 ext.14 or ellend@napavalleycf.org.

Please review the eligibility criteria in the Guidelines before applying. Email completed application form and requested documents to: Ellen Drayton, Grants Administrator, at ellend@napavalleycf.org. Incomplete applications, applications not including the required attachments or applications that arrive after March 1, 2016 will not be considered.

I am a (Check all that apply):

- veteran
- dependent of a veteran that died while in active service (verification of relationship may be required)

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address (must be in Napa County): _____

Email: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Name of college or university that you are attending or applying to:

Student ID Number (if currently enrolled in a college/vocational college/university): _____

Course of study and how many units you plan to take: _____

What is the specific amount of funding you are seeking that is not currently covered by other financial aid (including scholarships, the GI Bill and other military benefits) and what would you use these Funds for?:

NOTE: Scholarship Funds can be used for any educational expenses included in the cost of attending the college or university. However, we encourage its use for nontaxable purposes including tuition, books, fees or equipment required for coursework.

In a separate attached Word document, please answer each question in 200 words or less:

1. What are your educational goals, and why? How do you plan to meet these goals? **OR** If you are a previous recipient of this scholarship, what progress have you made toward your goals from last year and how have they changed?
2. Why do you need this scholarship? How would receiving this scholarship remove any barriers that exist to meeting your academic goals?
3. Please describe the community activities in which you have been involved and how you have impacted the community in a positive manner (example: volunteering).

Please include the following scanned documents as attachments to your email:

1. Your most recent **Member Copy-4** DD214 form or the most recent DD214 form reflecting character of service, or your parent or spouse's DD214 form specific to their death on active duty (if you need a copy contact the National Archives at www.nara.gov)
2. A transcript for the last year of school you attended, or GED Certificate
3. One letter of recommendation (using the included "Recommendation Form") submitted by a teacher/professor, college counselor, employer or professional contact
4. Proof of residency in Napa County (driver's license or State issued ID, utility bill, or copy of current lease). If the candidate is a minor, include parent or guardian's proof of residency

Part I (To be completed by the Applicant)

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

Name of college or university currently attending or applying to: _____

Part II: (To be completed by the Referee)

INSTRUCTIONS: The student named above is applying for the George and Gwendolyn Goodin Scholarship at Napa Valley Community Foundation. Your evaluation is required as part of the application process. The information you provide in this recommendation will be kept confidential and will only be shared with the scholarship committee. For more information about the scholarship, please visit Napa Valley Community Foundation's website:

<http://www.napavalleycf.org/nonprofits/apply-for-a-grant/scholarships/>

Please complete the section below and attach a separate letter of recommendation (approximately one page) in support of the candidate. We would like to hear about his/her character and accomplishments. Please try to use a couple of specific examples that illustrate why this applicant would be a worthy recipient of the George and Gwendolyn Goodin Scholarship. Thank you for taking the time to participate in this process.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity? _____

Referee's Name: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Title/Position: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Letters of recommendation must be received by **March 1, 2016** for the student's application to be considered. Please return the completed form and letter of recommendation by email or mail to the address below:

Napa Valley Community Foundation
Attn: Ellen Drayton
3299 Claremont Way, Suite 2
Napa, CA 94558
ellend@napavalleycf.org

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