**NORTH CENTRAL MN Chapter # 7 of the**

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS (DAV)**

**DEPARTMENT of MINNESOTA**

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The following information is published announcing the DAV MN Chapter 7 Scholarship program. This program assists students with the ability and desire to receive an education beyond High School. The program will provide six (6) $1,000.00 scholarships to the winners of an open competition for high school seniors or currently enrolled students attending a university, college, or trade school or for those planning to attend a university, college, or trade school commencing after July 1st of the current year.

**ELIGIBLE SCHOLARSHIP PARTICIPANTS:**

To be eligible for consideration of a scholarship announced herein, the student must:

1. Be majoring (or planning to major) in any trade, technical, or institutions of higher learning.
2. Have a direct relationship to **ONE** of the following:

(A direct relative would include son, daughter, or grandchild and legally adopted children or grandchildren.)

1. A Current or deceased member of the DAV organization or disabled Veteran (preference will be given to a MN Chapter 7 relative).
2. An active duty or retired Military member.
3. An honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces of the United States.
4. If the applicant has no direct relatives in one of the above categories, but the applicant is a JROTC or CAP Cadet, they are deemed to be eligible for the scholarship.
5. All other applicants who do not fall into categories a-d.
6. Be enrolled in or plan to attend an institution of higher learning, technical or trade school commencing after July 1st of the current year.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** Each applicant wishing to be considered for a scholarship must provide the following to the scholarship committee **no later than April 15th**:

1. A completed application with the following attachments:
2. An unofficial transcript of the student’s scholastic records from the high school, university, college, technical or trade school they are presently attending or have attended.
3. Two letters of recommendation from adults familiar with the applicant, other than a parent/grandparent. Examples of acceptable sources include a school counselor, teacher/professor, employer, or pastor.
4. A statement of the applicant’s past year accomplishments and activities (including academic achievements, church, community, or social) and their career educational goals.
5. A 500-750-word essay (MLA or APA formatted) entitled: “What is my obligation to the United States of America.”
6. A photograph suitable for posting on our website and in our newsletter (think class photo or passport). If not submitting by email, print your name and date on the back of the photo and place the photo into an envelope with the rest of your application.

**Utilization of Scholarship:** The Scholarships awarded by Chapter 7 of the MN DAV shall be utilized at an accredited institution of higher learning deemed appropriate by the scholarship committee. The monies awarded shall be paid directly to the institution of higher learning to which the recipient will attend, in the name of the recipient. The monies shall be used for tuition, books, and/or fees and direct educational costs required by the institution.

**Submission:**

**Note: Applications received after the April 15th cutoff date may be considered with mitigating circumstances/reasons attached to the application.**

**All applications must be submitted to the Chairman of the DAV Chapter 7 Scholarship Committee no later than April 15th of the current year at the following address:**

**Disabled American Veterans North Central MN Ch 7**

**PO Box 564**

**Bemidji, MN 56601**

**Attn: Scholarship Committee**

**Email;** **davch7@paulbunyan.net**

**DAV Chapter # 7**

**Scholarship Application Guidelines**

 **Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Name: First Middle Last Phone #

Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

1. Using the ELIGIBLE SCHOLARSHIP PARTICIPANTS criteria, what qualifies you for this scholarship? If it is a relative from the DAV or a veteran, active duty, reserve, National Guard, or retired, please list their name, relationship, and phone number.
2. Name, Address, and phone number of the institution of higher learning that you will be (or are attending).
3. What are you planning to major in?
4. I consent and authorize the use and reproduction of photographs and/or audiovisual materials of my daughter, son, or other minor in my care for use in publicity material, whether print or electronic format (Brochures, Newspapers, Website, Facebook, etc.).Circle one: Yes No
5. Student Signature:
6. Parent/Guardian signature (If the applicant is under the age of 18):

**Don’t forget to include the following items as an addendum to this application:**

1. An unofficial transcript of the student’s scholastic records from the high school, university, college, technical or trade school they are *presently* attending.
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