

# UCLA Extension

## Vets Count Scholarship Fund

**For active duty U.S. military personnel and U.S. veterans, and their immediate families, who are interested in pursuing financial programs to assist them in achieving their educational and career goals.**

Seeking an education during or after military service can be challenging for many reasons, including the financial burden that comes with going back to school. Our main goal is to help remove this financial barrier and assist our veterans and their families.

The Vets Count fund assists active duty and retired military personnel, and their immediate families (wives/husbands or un-married children).

The scholarship will pay the registration fees for any two standard-price courses in the Financial Management Programs area (see below) taken within one calendar year beginning the quarter following the date of issuance. An additional, merit-based doubling of the award is available to recipients who use the scholarship in pursuit of one of the following programs:

- Accounting Fundamentals Certificate
- Bookkeeping Specialization
- Enrolled Agent Specialization

Scholarship recipients who successfully complete the first two classes of these programs within the allotted year and with the program-specific grade requirement, will have the remaining two classes paid for by the scholarship fund. These two classes must be completed within the following year, giving recipients a total of two years to complete the program.

Certificate fees and text books are not included in the scholarship award and must be paid for separately.

If an applicant is interested in other courses within the Financial Management program area outside of the programs noted previously the scholarship will pay the registration cost of two courses within a one year timeframe. Scholarships are not transferable and expire one year from the award date.

The Financial Management Programs area includes the following disciplines:

- Accounting, Internal Audit, & Bookkeeping
- Taxation & IRS Enrolled Agent Review
- Finance & Investments
- Personal Financial Planning
- Credit Analysis & Management
- Financial Literacy

## **Eligibility criteria:**

The candidates must be active or retired US military personnel, or be part of the immediate family (husband/wife or un-married children) of such personnel.

The scholarship is not awarded based on financial need and applicants are not required to submit financial documentation.

To apply, candidates must submit:

- **For active or retired US military personnel:** Proof of current or past military status (such as an activity or veteran ID card, or a DD Form 214).
- **Or:**
- **For an eligible family member of an active or retired US military personnel:** Proof of current or past military status of the family member in the military, plus proof of relationship, including (1) identity (I.D. or Driver's License) and (2) relationship – e.g. copy of marriage or birth certificate, Tax forms showing dependency relation, married filing jointly, etc.)
- **And:**
- **A completed application form** ([see below](#))
- **A 250 word typed essay** explaining the reason for applying and for taking courses.

Applications may only be submitted via e-mail to [VetsCount@uclaextension.edu](mailto:VetsCount@uclaextension.edu). The essay may also be submitted as a word document or in the body of the e-mail.

Eligibility criteria for all final candidates will be checked and confirmed by UCLA Extension. Applications will not be returned.

## **Deadlines:**

- **Applicants selected for a scholarship will be notified within 60 working days of the time of their submission.**

Scholarship recipients can utilize their award beginning with the first quarter after they receive the award and up to one year from the award date.

**Application Form:**

**The Vets Count Scholarship Fund**

**For active duty military personnel and veterans and their immediate families, pursuing accounting or financial education that facilitates their return to work.**

First time applicant? Yes or No

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address (Number and street): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Quarter to Enroll \_\_\_\_\_

The course or program which you want to enroll in \_\_\_\_\_

Highest educational degree you achieved \_\_\_\_\_

UCLA Extension employees do not qualify to apply for this Scholarship.

Personal Statement: In 250 words or less, describe how completing your certificate will help you achieve your personal and/or professional goals. Essays may be submitted in the box below, as an attached document in Microsoft Word, or in the body of an email message. Judging of the essay will take into account specific information regarding your goals, the steps you may have taken toward your goal, how your past experience integrates with your future plans, and the value of this scholarship is to you.

UCLA Extension is an equal opportunity education provider for all qualified persons, and prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, creed, gender, orientation, disability unrelated to scholarship requirements, or any other protected status. Financial need will not be a factor in judging Personal Statements.

By submitting this application to [VetsCount@uclaextension.edu](mailto:VetsCount@uclaextension.edu) to be considered for a Vets Count scholarship, I certify that all information on this form, within the email, and any attachment is true, complete, and accurate, and that I am the author of the original personal statement included with this application. Additionally, I give UCLA Extension permission to confirm my eligibility for the scholarship, share my application with the scholarship review committee, and utilize quotes from my personal statement in marketing materials

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_