

Vets Count Scholarship Fund

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

Application Information

Seeking an education during or after military service can be challenging for many reasons, especially considering 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 scholarship will pay the registration fees for any two courses in the Financial Management Programs area (see below). Applicants who are awarded a scholarship can utilize their award beginning with the first quarter after it's received, and must take their first class within one year from the time the scholarship was awarded. This means if you are awarded a scholarship in November, you have until the following fall quarter to register for and complete the first course. You have an additional year from that point forward to complete the remaining courses. Registration fees for an additional two courses may be awarded if the candidate successfully completes the first two courses, regardless of the financial management program they register for. They will have one additional year to complete these courses.

Certificate fees and textbooks are not included in the scholarship award and must be paid for separately. 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 & Enrolled Agent
- Finance & Investments
- Personal Financial Planning
- Credit Analysis & Management
- Financial Literacy

Eligibility Criteria:

Please note: UCLA Extension employees do not qualify to apply for this scholarship.

The candidates must be active or retired U.S. military personnel or be part of the immediate family (spouse or children) of such personnel.

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

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To Apply, Candidates Must Submit:

- **For active or retired U.S. 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 U.S. 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 taking courses.

Applications are awarded once a year in early November. However, you may submit your application at any time throughout the year. Applications may only be submitted via email to VetsCount@uclaextension.edu. The essay may also be submitted as a word document or in the body of the email.

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

Application Timeline and Deadline:

| Application Cycle | Application Period | Application Deadline | Notification of Winners | Earliest Quarter Eligible to Use Scholarship |
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| Summer 2025 | March 17–May 9, 2025 | May 9, 2025 (at 11:59pm PT) | May 23, 2025 | Summer 2025 |

I. Applicant Information

First time applicant? ☐ Yes or ☐ No

Student's First Name: _____ Last 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: _____

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II. Personal Statement:

Responses must be typed.

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.

Evaluation 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 to you.

Acknowledgement and Personal Certification:

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 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.

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

If you have questions about the Vets Count Scholarship or the application process, please contact UCLA Extension at (310)-206-7247 or fmpcertificate@uclaextension.edu.