



Special Operations Fund

2021 Vocational, Technical, and Community College Scholarship

Introduction

In 2019 the Special Operations Fund (SOFund) Board of Directors established the Vocational School, Technical School, and Community College (VOTECH) Scholarship to provide students with an opportunity to compete for a merit-based scholarship up to \$3,000, limited to two years, to support their studies at vocational schools, career or technical institutions, and community colleges. The purpose of this program is to identify and support the next generations of skilled workforce leaders as they prepare themselves for the future.

2021 VOTECH Scholarship Guidelines

The SOFund will provide annual VOTECH scholarships to children or spouses of current or veteran service members from the Night Stalker Foundation (NSF).

Eligibility requirements include:

- VOTECH candidates will be a currently enrolled high school senior, have their high school diploma/GED, or enrolled at a career/technical school, or community college at the time of awarding (must provide proof of enrollment that includes a student identification number).
- VOTECH program selected should be either at a career/technical school from which graduation results in a professional license in their chosen career (HVAC, welding, plumbing, metal working, electrician, landscaping, beautician, culinary, aesthetician, auto mechanic, gun smithing, commercial driver's license, court reporting, bookkeeping, veterinarian technician, dental technician, computer sciences, paramedic/EMT, etc.), or a community college course of study or program that results in a degree or diploma (A.A., A.S., LPN, etc.). Questions regarding eligibility of a chosen program should be addressed to the SOFund's Programs Director.
- A candidate must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher (on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent) from either high school or most recent educational institution.



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Applicants for the VOTECH scholarship will email their completed VOTECH applications (*in a single PDF file*) directly to the Night Stalker Foundation (NSF). Each VOTECH applicant will provide the following information: name of the career/technical institution, or community college they are enrolled in or planning to enroll; a one-page letter explaining why they chose this particular educational field and their plans for the future; a list of employment experience and/or volunteer service; two letters of recommendation that address the student's capability and desire to enter the chosen field; and complete transcripts from high school or most recent educational institution.

The VOTECH scholars will be chosen based on successful employment experience, volunteer service, academic achievements, leadership, and their written goals.

Special Operations Fund will disburse the VOTECH scholarship to the career or technical institution, or community college after proof of enrollment is received, and includes a student identification number.

VOTECH scholars maintaining at least a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale, making satisfactory progress towards meeting their graduation requirements, and providing the appropriate documentation, are eligible to receive a VOTECH scholarship for an additional year.

The VOTECH scholarship can be revoked at any time if a VOTECH scholar fails to advance academically, or their personal conduct reflects negatively on the school, the Special Operations Fund and/or the Night Stalker Foundation.

Applications with all attachments must be emailed to NSF.Scholarship160@gmail.com no later than 7 June 2021.

All documents must be in PDF format