Franklin County Veterans Affairs We Support You Scholarship Application INSTRUCTIONS

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Franklin County Veterans Affairs "We Support You" Scholarship Program is an opportunity to provide area veteran dependents' High School Seniors, residing in Franklin County, who plan to pursue a course of study in an accredited higher learning institution and who are in need of financial assistance. A portion of the funds generated from donations in the Franklin County Veterans Outreach Fund will be reserved for the creation of a Scholarship Program.

AWARD: Up to a maximum of \$2,500 dependent on number of applications received and availability of funds. Scholarships will be available every calendar year to area Franklin County veteran dependents' High School Seniors. The scholarship is open for full-time and part-time students who have been officially accepted into an accredited higher learning institution. The scholarships will be awarded to those demonstrating financial need.

RENEWABILITY: This scholarship is a one year scholarship and will only be awarded to area Franklin County veteran dependents' High School Seniors.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- 1. Resident of Franklin County (12 consecutive months)
- 2. Enrollment will be in a full-time or part time accredited program
- 3. Academic achievement, including a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale (current students)
- 4. Demonstrate a financial need
- 5. Service to the community (volunteering)
- 6. Extracurricular activities (sports, organizations, clubs etc.)(current students)
- 7. Be accepted to an eligible public postsecondary or an eligible private postsecondary institution
- **8.** Be a dependent child of a qualified veteran whose official military and residency status is certified by the Franklin County Department of Veterans Affairs (children only)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

- 1. Veterans DD-214
- 2. Active Duty Military Orders (If applicable)
- 3. Proof of Franklin County, PA Residency
- 4. Copy of Child's Birth Certificate (Children only, if applicable)
- **5.** High School Transcripts
- 6. College Acceptant Letter
- 7. College Transcripts (If applicable)
- **8.** Letters of Recommendation (3)
- 9. Copy of VA Disability Rating (If applicable)

WHEN TO APPLY: The application process opens on January 10, 2024 and closes on March 22, 2024 at 4:30 PM.

WHERE TO APPLY: The applications will be available electronically or hard copies may be picked up (during working hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, excluding holidays) at Franklin County Veterans Affairs, 425 Franklin Farm Lane, Chambersburg, PA, 17202.

HOW TO APPLY: Applicants shall complete the Franklin County Veterans Affairs "We Support You" Scholarship Application in its entirety. Be sure to include the 3 REFERENCES: <u>ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS</u> must have letters from their High School Guidance Counselor and two additional Personal References. Personal references shall be completed by an adult, who is not related to you and would provide a favorable recommendation. (Examples include a teacher, clergy, work supervisor, or neighbor.) The persons completing these references shall place them in a sealed envelope and returned to you and submitted with your portion of the application. Mailed submissions must be received by March 22, 2024. Franklin County Veterans Affairs will not consider applications that are incomplete, missing documentation, received past deadline or other issues beyond our control. Do not submit items that have not been requested. Any additional paperwork submitted that has not been requested will be shredded. Questions pertaining to the We Support You Scholarship application will be answered by calling the Veterans Affairs Department at (717)263-4326 or via email at

jpmcpaul@franklincountypa.gov.

WHERE TO MAIL APPLICATION: Applications will be accepted in person during working hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, excluding holidays and via mail at the address listed below. Applications must be received by March 22, 2024.

Franklin County Veterans Affairs
425 Franklin Farm Lane
Chambersburg, PA 17202

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ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES: A committee of local professionals and County representatives will select scholarship recipients each year. The awardees will be announced at a mutually agreed time and location.