



The Retired Major General Andrew H. Anderson's 5th Infantry Regiment Association Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Criteria and Application for Academic Year 2024

The 5th Infantry Regiment Association has established the following criteria for administering and awarding various higher institutions of learning scholarships for Undergraduate, Associate and Accredited Vocational Technical (VoTech) School Degrees, Diplomas and/or Certificates of Completion / Certification.

Individual scholarships of up to \$1,500.00 for Undergraduate and Associate Degree Programs and up to \$750.00 for Accredited VoTech School Certificates of Completion / Certification are based solely on the decision(s) of the Scholarship Committee and available funds. The decisions will be culled from each Applicant's Submission Packet (henceforth referred to as "Applicant or Awardee"). Scholarships are from the Retired Major General Andrew H. Anderson's 5th Infantry Regiment Association Memorial Scholarship Fund (henceforth referred to as the "General Anderson Scholarship").

The General Anderson Scholarships that are awarded are not intended to be "full ride" scholarships. The funds awarded are intended to provide *some* financial relief from the overall high expense of a college education or an Accredited VoTech School Degree, Diploma and/or Certificate of Completion / Certification.

The funds awarded are required to be used to help defray the overall cost of a higher institution of learning's *education* expenses, i.e., towards books, lab fees, on-campus dormitory/housing, on-campus meals, tuition, etc.

1. The respite the scholarships offer is intended to assist the most deserving Applicants who meet one (1) of the following guidelines listed below:
 - a) A current active member of the 5th Infantry Regiment Association who has been a member for at least the preceding 12 months *prior to* the application date deadline.
 - b) The spouse of the current active member of the 5th Infantry Regiment Association who has been a member for at least the preceding 12 months *prior to* the application date deadline or is an Associate Member under current 5th Infantry Regiment Association guidelines.
 - c) A child(ren) or legally adopted child(ren), stepchild(ren) and/or grandchild(ren) of a current active member of the 5th Infantry Regiment Association who has been a member for at least the preceding 12 months *prior to* the application deadline *or* are Associate Member(s) under current 5th Infantry Regiment Association guidelines.
 - d) The un-remarried spouse (widow) of a deceased member of the 5th Infantry Regiment who was Killed In Action (KIA) in combat *or* a member of the 5th Infantry Regiment who was mortally Wounded In Action (WIA) in combat and as a result thereof, became deceased because of their injuries.
 - e) A child(ren), legally adopted child(ren) or grandchild(ren) of a deceased member of the 5th Infantry Regiment who was KIA in combat *or* a member of the 5th Infantry Regiment who was mortally WIA in combat, and as a result thereof, became deceased because of their injuries.
 - f) Affiliate Members of the 5th Infantry Regiment Association are NOT eligible and/or otherwise qualified to submit an application for a General Anderson Scholarship.
 - g) Honorary Members of the 5th Infantry Regiment Association are NOT eligible and/or otherwise qualified to submit an application for a General Anderson Scholarship.

The following limitations are established:

1. **The Scholarship Committee will not process any incomplete applications.**
Applications will be screened for completion prior to the formal review and possible subsequent selection.
2. **Applications received with a postmark *after* May 15th, 2024, will not be processed.** It is the sole responsibility of the Applicant to ensure that the completed application is mailed early enough to be received before the closing date. The 5th Infantry Regiment Association nor its Scholarship Committee is not responsible for late or delayed mail under any circumstances. Err on the side of caution! Mail early!
3. The General Anderson Scholarship awards will only be considered for those applicants who will be enrolling in an Undergraduate Degree Program, an Associate Degree Program or an Accredited VoTech School. The VoTech School program is limited to two

(2) years but required mid-course work study periods do not count towards the two (2) year time period. Apprentice and/or Probationary work after the completion of the course of study is NOT considered part of the overall Accredited VoTech School course of study. To clarify, the General Anderson Scholarships are for Academic Years only. Non-Traditional Academic Years (VoTech only) will be considered based on course enrollment periods.

4. The Awardee pursuing a single Undergraduate Degree Program or single Associate Degree Program **MUST enroll in and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours PER SEMESTER and be registered as a full-time student.**
5. If a General Anderson Scholarship Awardee receives a scholarship based on an Associate Degree Program and then later changes their mind and wants to pursue an Undergraduate Degree Program, depending on when they make that decision, the awarded scholarship will still only be valid for the Initial Year Award and the one (1) consecutive follow-on year (if they meet or exceed the 3.0 GPA prerequisite). To clarify, **THEY WILL HAVE TO REAPPLY FOR AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM BUT IT WILL ONLY BE AWARDED FOR TWO (2) OR THREE (3) FOLLOW-ON YEARS DEPENDING ON THE ELAPSED PERIOD OF ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM ALREADY COMPLETED!**
6. General Anderson Scholarships will only be awarded for one (1) degree program, whether it is an Undergraduate Degree, an Associate Degree or an Accredited VoTech School Degree, Diploma and/or Certificate of Completion / Certification for four (4) or two (2) years regardless of how much longer than that period of time the Awardee needs to complete the program. The Accredited VoTech time period is also for only two (2) years but does not include Work Study Periods performed in conjunction with the VoTech School training.
7. The Applicant can already be a college/university student, enrolled under the aforementioned guidelines and still apply for a General Anderson Scholarship **BUT THE APPLICANT SHOULD EXPECT THAT THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS WILL NOT BE EXTENDED PAST THE TIME PERIODS SHOWN.** Furthermore, if an Applicant is in fact already attending college/university, the transcript of post high school Undergraduate Degree or Associate Degree credit hours must be submitted **in addition to** a transcript of **ALL** the Applicant's high school credits.
8. For Applicant's applying for a General Anderson Scholarship, for an Undergraduate Degree Program, it will only be considered for renewal for three (3) additional consecutive academic years after the first academic year, regardless of how long it takes to complete the degree program.

9. For Applicant's applying for a General Anderson Scholarship, for an Associate Degree Program, it will only be considered for renewal for one (1) additional consecutive academic year after the first academic year, regardless of how long it takes to complete the degree program.

10. The Awardee pursuing an Accredited VoTech School Certificate of Completion/Certification ***MUST be enrolled full time*** and regardless of the grading system used, the equivalent of a 3.0 or better Grade Point Average (henceforth referred to as "GPA") must be maintained for scholarship renewal consideration. Further, *it is the sole responsibility of the Awardee* to have the Accredited VoTech School inform the Scholarship Committee ***HOW*** it determines that a student is maintaining an equivalent 3.0 or better GPA if the style they use is different than a standardized GPA and *if* the Awardee is meeting that equivalency.
 - a) For ***ALL*** awarded General Anderson Scholarships, the Awardee must maintain a 3.0 or better GPA in order to be considered for renewal for the next academic year.
 - b) This requirement ***must*** be satisfied by means of a certified copy of the student's official transcript sent *by* the institution of higher learning to the 5th Infantry Regiment Association's Scholarship Committee at:

General Anderson Scholarship
22637 W Antelope Trail
Buckeye, AZ 85326 – 5978
 - c) *Any costs associated with the aforementioned requirement is the burden of the individual Awardee, to include any postage costs.*
 - d) When this stipulation is satisfied, the General Anderson Scholarship will be renewed without the Awardee having to reapply except as noted above for changing degree program levels (see paragraph 5).

The completed application must include the items listed below:

1. A personal letter from the Applicant, composed by the Applicant, giving at least two (2) reasons for the scholarship request itself, plans for the future, summary of school activities and any other interests, hobbies, or other points the Applicant wishes to convey to the Scholarship Committee for possible favorable consideration. ***THIS PERSONAL LETTER CANNOT BE COMPOSED, GENERATED and/or COMPLETED BY ChatGPT, Google, the MetaVerse OR ANY OTHER ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) SOFTWARE PROGRAM OR APPLICATION.*** It is preferred that this personal letter from the Applicant be handwritten, *but it may be typed*. It must be legibly signed by the Applicant. Regardless of how written, it must also be attested to as having been written by the Applicant by at least one (1) parent and/or guardian.

2. A transcript of high school credits *through* the first semester of the senior year to include rank in class and most recent ACT or SAT college entrance test scores. If the Applicant's desired institution of higher learning is no longer using ACT or SAT Test Scores for admission, as some are doing, *it is the sole responsibility of the Applicant* to have the Director of Admissions, or equivalent, from that higher institution of higher learning attest to that on official letterhead stationery and it be included in the Applicant's submission. ACT/SAT Test Scores are not required for VoTech Scholarship submission requests.
3. Letters of Recommendation from three (3) diverse leaders. One (1) must be the Applicant's High School Principal, Assistant Principal or Primary Guidance Counselor. If the Applicant is a General Equivalency Degree (GED) graduate, the letter must be from the Applicant's State Authority who certifies high school equivalency. If the Applicant is already attending college/university, the Office of Admissions may attest to the Applicant's GED. Another Letter of Recommendation can be from the Applicant's high school Primary Varsity Sports Head Coach, Extracurricular Activities Sponsor or an appreciated Educator/Teacher. The final Letter of Recommendation must be from a Community Leader and can be from a Member of the Clergy, a City Official (Mayor, Vice-Mayor, Police Chief, Fire Chief, etc.). In lieu of the second letter being from a member of the Applicant's high school, a second letter(s) from a Community Leader is acceptable. The Community Leader letters must be on official letterhead stationery. No letters from employers are acceptable.
4. A letter of acceptance from the institution of higher learning selected by the Applicant. A list of applications pending selection is acceptable, *but* the General Anderson Scholarship will not be awarded until the Applicant's acceptance to a specific institution of higher learning *is* selected and verified.
5. A full-face head and shoulders color photograph of the applicant, not larger than 2.5" X 2.5" in a self-addressed sealed envelope. The envelope should not have postage affixed to it and whether the picture is used or not, it will not be returned. No headgear may be worn in the picture. *This photo will not be used during the evaluation for the scholarship.* Its sole purpose is for publication in our 5th Infantry Regiment Association "Bobcat Bulletin" Newsletter which is published quarterly if the Applicant becomes an Awardee.
6. All postage expenses, regardless of how sent (First Class Mail, Certified; Return Receipt Requested, Priority Three (3) Day, Overnight, etc.) for the submission of General Anderson Scholarship Application Packet sent, is the sole responsibility of the Applicant.

7. Scanned Applications and/or Documents are not an acceptable means of delivery unless requested by email from the scholarship Committee on a case-by-case basis.
8. For help and/or assistance *only* on the completion of or interpretation of the application itself, an email may be sent to the following email address:
general.anderson.scholarship.info@gmail.com

Selection Process:

1. Applicants who qualify for and desire to apply for a scholarship award **must submit a completed application between February 15, 2024 and close of business on May 15, 2024, to:**

**General Anderson Scholarship
22637 W Antelope Trail
Buckeye, AZ 85326 – 5978**

2. Upon the closing date of the submission for scholarship awards, the Chairperson will scan all applications and forward them to all members of the Scholarship Committee to begin the review and selection process. Scholarship Committee Members will be afforded at least seven (7) days, but not more than 10 days to review submitted applications.
3. The Scholarship Committee will convene a Zoom or Teleconference Call to discuss the applications received, begin the selection process and vote on said selections no later than May 31, 2024.
4. Selections for General Anderson Scholarship awards will be gathered from the Scholarship Committee and forwarded to the President of the 5th Infantry Regiment Association. Upon the President's review and concurrence of the Scholarship Committee selections, the President will forward his recommendation for approval to the Board of Directors.
5. The Scholarship Committee, along with the President of the 5th Infantry Regiment Association will announce the winners to the Awardees first and then to the membership of the 5th Infantry Regiment Association by method(s) of their choosing no later than June 15, 2024.
6. Those non-selected will be notified via email no later than June 15, 2024.
7. The Scholarship Committee will then coordinate with the awardees of the **Retired Major General Andrew H. Anderson's 5th Infantry Regiment Association Memorial Scholarship** for disbursement of the funds, initially by email.
8. Effective July 1, 2023, any changes and/or suggested improvements to this Scholarship Criteria **MUST** be approved in writing by the Scholarship Committee.



The Retired Major General Andrew H. Anderson's 5th Infantry Regiment Association Memorial Scholarship Application

Applicants who qualify and who wish to apply for a General Anderson Scholarship must submit an application to the **General Anderson Scholarship 22637 W Antelope Trail Buckeye, AZ 85326 – 5978 between February 15, 2024 and May 15, 2024** for Academic Year 2024. The completed application ***must be postmarked no later than May 15, 2024***. In addition to the other required documents (see Scholarship Criteria), the following information is required:

PRINT LEGIBLY

Name of Applicant (LAST, First, MI): _____

Permanent Address*: _____

Current Mailing Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ (MM/DD/YY); High School Attended and address: _____

_____; Graduation Date: _____ (MM/DD/YY)

Qualifying Veteran's Full Name: _____

Living () Deceased () If Deceased, List Date of Passing: _____ (MM/DD/YY)

If Deceased DURING Combat, give any known details: _____

_____; or attach relevant official documentation**.

Period of Assignment to 5th Infantry Regiment: _____ (MM/YY) to _____ (MM/YY)

If Deceased AFTER Combat because of being mortally Wounded In Action (WIA), in combat, give any known details: _____

_____ ; or attach relevant *official* documentation**.

In either case listed above, include a legible copy of the Service Members DD-214 since a membership with the 5th Infantry Regiment Association would not have been applicable.

Purple Heart Medal Awarded? Yes () No () Unknown ()

Applicant's Relationship to Veteran: _____

Mother's Full Name and Address (if different from Applicant): _____

Living () Deceased () Email Address (for verification): _____

Father's Full Name and Address (if different from Applicant): _____

Living () Deceased () Email Address (for verification): _____

If both parents are deceased, Name and Complete Address of Legal Guardian(s)***: _____

College Degree or VoTech Program you intend to pursue: _____

College or VoTech School you intend to attend: _____

Address: _____

College or VoTech School Official Website: _____

Legible Signature: _____ Date: _____ (MM/DD/YY)

Printed Name (full or same as Legible Signature): _____

Email Address (for correspondence): _____

* All Address points infer number, street, city, state and zip code.

** Relevant *official* documentation from KIA or WIA; ***not*** a copy of the Service Members DD-214 ***but*** can be a copy of Purple Heart Award Citation.

*** Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) info is required for Applicant's under the age of 21 for the Scholarship Committee to have a Point Of Contact.