

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN OF WAR TIME VETERANS

It's that time of year again! The North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs has a scholarship that is offered to children of war time veterans. Parts of this scholarship are competitive and other parts are an automatic. This scholarship is awarded in January and July of each year. March 1st is the deadline to turn in all scholarship applications.

Changes have been made to the scholarship application and process. Changes include maintaining a 2.5 GPA to continue to receive the scholarship. You can also go to the www.ncdoa.gov/vets website to apply and get forms. In person interviews are no longer being conducted.

There are several eligibility requirements to remember. At the time of the application, the application must be under age 25 and a resident of North Carolina, or the applicant must be a natural child or adopted child prior to age 15, born in North Carolina and has been a resident of North Carolina continuously since birth.

This is a four year scholarship to any State funded or private college in the state of North Carolina. This scholarship cannot be used outside of NC and does not cover books, computers and supplies.



The application can still be picked up at your local County Veterans Service Office and you can still be assisted by a Service Officer to help you complete the application.

Please keep in mind that all applications must be in the Raleigh office by March 1st. Any applications received after will be looked at for the following year Scholarship season.

Some of the items needed to apply for this scholarship include the Veteran's DD-214, birth certificate of applicant, most recent Federal Tax Returns, transcripts from high school, and a Copy of Selective Service registration for all males age 18 and older.

Please contact your local County Veterans Office for a complete application package.

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NC4VETS RESOURCE GUIDE

In November 2014, the North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs launched the new NC4Vets Resource Guide. This guide is geared toward North Carolina Veterans, their dependents and survivors.

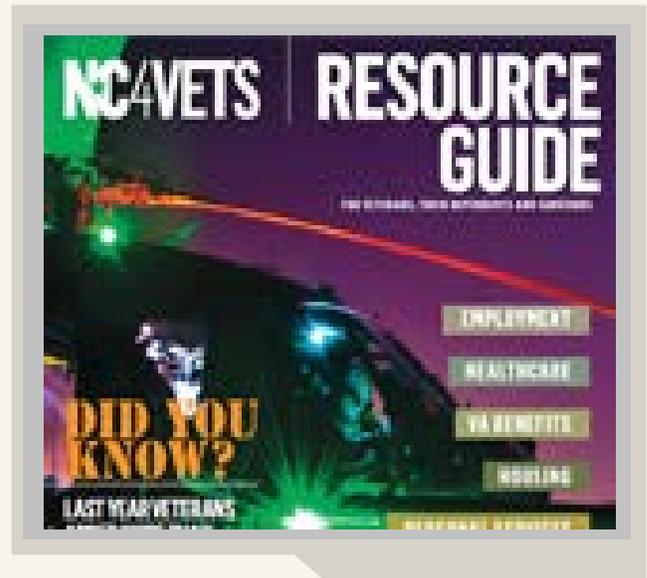
The book contains information every North Carolina Veteran should know. It has everything right at your fingertips, from employment to education. There is information and contact information from agencies across the state.

This is a free guide and can be picked up at your local Veterans Office. You can also download a copy online at www.ncdoa.gov.

This guide is a start to trying to make North Carolina a more Veteran friendly state and to make resources for Veterans more readily available.

This guide will be updated each year with new information and new programs and services that may be available for Veterans and their dependents.

Please stop by our office to pick up your copy today!





Tax Relief for Totally Disabled Service Connected Veterans

If you are a 100% Service Connected Veteran with a Permanent and Total disability, you are eligible for a tax relief discount through your local tax office.

This program excludes up to the first \$45,000 of the appraised value of the permanent residence of an honorably discharged Veteran who has a total and permanent disability that is service connected or who receives benefits for specially adaptive housing.

There is no age or income limitation for this program. This benefit is also available to the unmarried surviving spouse.

Contact your local tax office for an application.

Reminder

- Scholarship season is here. If you have a child who will be starting college soon, get your applications in for the NCDVA Scholarship. Deadline is March 1st, 2015.
- If you have ideas for a topic or something you would like to know more about to put in the newsletter please let me know. Email me at ctravis@catawbacountync.gov or call me 828-465-8255 and I will try and get it in the next newsletter.