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A California Non-Profit Corporation
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THE DIANE GRIEGO 2026 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The American Veterans United, Inc. Scholarship Program recognizes students who want to become the makers of tomorrow; the dreamers, inventors, guardians and pioneers; those who dare to see a brighter future.

Each year, American Veterans United awards three scholarships of \$1,000 to graduating high school seniors, assisting them to follow their dreams and empowering them to make positive changes.

This is an opportunity for American Veterans United to give back to our Veteran families, assisting their high school seniors advance their education and take part in shaping our future.

Students must be a 2026 graduate, reside in Orange County, have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 and must be a sibling, niece or nephew, child or grandchild of an honorably discharged former U.S. Military member.

Request a Scholarship Application or further information at scholarshipsavu@gmail.com

SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS MARCH 17, 2026

**AVU SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY – AREA 3**



To 2026 High School Graduating Seniors:

American Veterans United Inc. is a California Non-Profit Corporation that supports Veterans and their families. This year the organization is offering **three** \$1,000 scholarships to 2026 graduating high school seniors.

You **must** meet the following criteria to be eligible:

Be a sibling, niece or nephew, child or grandchild of a former U.S. military service member who was honorably discharged.

Be a resident of Orange County.

Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5.

Be entering a college, university or an accredited vocational/technical school as a full-time student for the fall 2026 semester.

Winning students and their families will be invited to attend an award presentation and luncheon on Saturday, April 25, 2026. Winners must be present to accept the award.

For questions and/or to request an application, please contact scholarshipsavu@gmail.com

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026

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2026 APPLICATION FOR THE THE DIANE GRIEGO SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Dear Student:

Our goal is to promote and support the full range of issues important to all veterans and to create a new identity for the present and future generations of veterans. Our organization seeks to award scholarships in an effort to assist graduating high school seniors in their pursuit to obtain a higher education. Eligible applicants must be direct descendants of an honorably discharged United State Military Veteran (your sponsor). The Scholarship Committee, which consists of Area 3 AVU members, will consider each individual application based on academic promise, scholastic record, community service, career and life goals, honors and/or awards received; as well as, an essay based on the topic provided.

Winners will be notified no later than March 31, 2026 and will be invited to attend an award presentation and luncheon with their families.

Please note that selected winners must be present to receive the Scholarship Award on Saturday, April 25, 2026.

Sincerely,

AVU Scholarship Committee
Orange County – Area 3

**SEND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DOCUMENTS TO
scholarshipsavu@gmail.com
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SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. APPLICANT

Must reside in Orange County, California

2. DESCENDANT STATUS

Applicant must be a sibling, niece, nephew, child or grandchild of a United States honorably discharged Military Veteran (At time of scholarship packet submission, a copy of your sponsor's DD214 must be provided)

3. GRADE LEVEL

Applicant must be a graduating High School Senior (Class of 2026) and entering a college/university/accredited vocational/trade school full-time in the 2026 fall semester

4. GPA

Applicant must include a current high school transcript and have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 (Or documented evidence of an extenuating circumstance that caused a lower GPA)

5. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicant must provide two letters of recommendation; one from a school official (from a teacher, counselor, administrator, etc.) and one from an employer or community member
(Letters from parents or relatives WILL NOT be accepted)

6. ESSAY

On a separate piece of paper, write an essay based on the following topic:

What Approach Should Our Government Take to Reduce the High Number of Veteran Suicides

7. RESUME TOPICS

Please provide a brief description of each of the items listed on the Resume Topics page and submit with the scholarship package

Scholarships are NOT limited to any specific field and may be used by full-time students at an accredited vocational/technical school, college or university. Winners will be notified no later than Tuesday, March 31, 2026 and will be invited to attend a Presentation/Award Luncheon with their families on Saturday, April 25, 2026. Recipients may be awarded this scholarship one time only, thus ending future eligibility. Payment of the scholarship money will be issued in the name of the student.

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Program Information

Our goal is to promote and support the full range of issues important to all veterans which includes creating a new identity for the present and future generations of veterans. The American Veterans United, Inc. Scholarship Program assists graduating high school seniors attain a higher education. Graduating high school seniors who apply for a scholarship must be an immediate family member or direct descendant of a United States Military Veteran. The Scholarship Committee, which consists of local area members, will consider each individual application based on academic promise, scholastic record, community service, career and life goals, and honors/awards received. An essay based on the topic provided will be part of the decision-making process. A total of 3 applicants will be selected to receive a \$1,000 award.

Eligibility

- . Must be a 2026 graduating high school senior
- . Must reside in Orange County, CA
- . Must be a sibling, niece/nephew, child or grandchild of an honorably discharged United States service member
- . Must include a current high school transcript and have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 (or documented evidence of an extenuating circumstance that caused a lower GPA)
- . Must provide two letters of recommendation (one from a school official; teacher, counselor, administrator, etc. and one from an employer or community member)
- . Must write an original essay based on the topic provided
- . Must complete the Scholarship Application, Resume and submit with a copy of the service member's DD214, as well as, the items listed above.

If your sponsor is not in possession of the DD214, please notify us immediately as it takes time to receive the document in the mail. You will be sent the name and telephone number of the AVU member who will assist you in obtaining this document.

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APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME _____
First Middle Last

HOME ADDRESS _____
Number/Street City State Zip Code

MAILING ADDRESS (if different than home address)

Number/Street City State Zip Code

TELEPHONE NUMBERS _____ | _____
Home Cell

CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL _____

SCHOOL PLANNING TO ATTEND FALL 2026 _____
(College/University/Trade)

MILITARY SPONSOR'S FULL NAME _____

APPLICANT'S RELATIONSHIP TO SPONSOR _____
(If Veteran is deceased, applicant must provide proof)

MILITARY SPONSOR INFORMATION _____
Rank Branch of Service Active/Retired/Deceased

The information you provide on this application is confidential and will be used solely for the determination of a scholarship award. Your signature below gives consent to American Veterans United, Inc. to use the information you have provided in order to verify eligibility and to publicize your scholarship award, should you be selected.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ Date _____

AMERICAN VETERANS UNITED, INC.

RESUME TOPICS

Please provide a brief response to each of the topics listed below:

1. Student Activities (sports, clubs, activities, etc.)
2. Special Awards/Recognitions
3. Community Involvement (include employment)
4. Hobbies/Interests
5. Personal Accomplishments and/or Challenges
6. Future Goals

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