

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.
Western New York Chapter 77
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PETER P. TYCZ II

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Chapter 77 of the Vietnam Veterans of America is proud to have established the Peter P Tycz II Memorial Scholarship. Sergeant First Class Tycz was a US Army Green Beret who died in the line of duty in Paktika Province Afghanistan in 2002. The chapter has chosen to honor this Tonawanda native because of his local ties, involvement in the community, his devotion to his family and country, and exemplary military service. He was the son-in-law of chapter member, Bill Parmentier and is survived by his wife, Tami J Tycz and 5 daughters. This \$250 scholarship is designed for a graduating high school senior who:

- resides in Niagara or Erie County,
- has a relative who is/was a veteran (Reservists who have completed 180 continuous days of service are considered veterans.),
- shows a unique blend of academic achievement and community service,
- and anticipates enrollment in an accredited program of higher education beginning in the fall of 2012.

For further information regarding the scholarship:

Write: V V A, Chapter 77, 57 Main St, Tonawanda, NY 14150

E-Mail: vva77@verizon.net

Phone: (716) 693-4479

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SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

Education is one of the hallmarks that help to make our country great. As we all know, the cost of higher education has skyrocketed beyond the average rate of inflation and, in our area, there are many students who are in need of financial assistance. To address this need, Chapter 77 of the Vietnam Veterans of America created the Peter P Tycz II Memorial Scholarship.

Since its inception in 2005, we have received an average of over 110 applications per year with the number of \$250.00 scholarships awarded tied to fundraising. Thanks to our fundraising efforts in the last 4 years, we were able to award 150 scholarships with a total value of \$37,500.00. This year, with the continued downturn of the local economy, we expect the number of students in need to escalate and anticipate receiving more applications than in previous years.

We ask for your help in supporting the Peter P Tycz II Memorial Scholarship Fund. Our main fundraiser is a spaghetti dinner held at the American Legion Tonawanda Post 264, 60 Main Street, Tonawanda, NY in January of each year. Other than our main fund raiser, we must rely on donations at the local level. We would graciously appreciate ANY monetary support that you can give. Contributions of \$250 or more will be recognized by placing the donors name on a plaque located at the Chapter 77 Museum located at 57 Main Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (716) 693.4479

Thank you for your consideration.

P. S. If you decide to support the scholarship, please make checks payable to the Peter P Tycz II Memorial Scholarship Fund and mail to Vietnam Veterans of America, 57 Main St., Tonawanda, New York 14150

Applicant instructions and application are listed below.

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Selection criteria are based on the completed application, academic achievement, essay and letter of recommendation. The scholarship winner will be notified in writing by August 1, and disbursement will be made to the winner in August/September upon receipt of proof of enrollment in a college or university. The application must be postmarked by May 1, 2012.

PLEASE ASSEMBLE THE FOLLOWING:

- Completed Application (If additional space is required, please include it as an attachment.)
- Proof of relation to a veteran (ex: DD Form 214 or 1 other form of veteran /military status)
- Transcript
- Essay
- Letter of recommendation

SEND THE DOCUMENTS LISTED ABOVE TO:

Scholarship Committee
V V A, Ch 77
57 Main St
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DEADLINE: Postmarked by May 1, 2012

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MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION

Name _____ Male _____ Female _____
Address _____ Date of Birth _____
_____ Place of Birth _____
Phone (716) _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____
High School _____
Address _____

VETERAN INFORMATION:

Name _____ Branch of Service _____
Address: _____ V V A Member (Yes/No) _____
_____ Relation _____
Phone _____ Deceased: (Yes/No) _____

Enclose **DD Form 214 or 1** other proof of veteran/service status. Reservists who have completed 180 continuous days of service are considered veterans. **Please make any sensitive information unreadable.** All applications and enclosed information will be destroyed after the scholarship winners are determined.

ACTIVITIES, LEADERSHIP and HONORS (including sports):

Activity	Number of years	Position, Office or Honor	Leadership Role (if any)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Organization	Dates:	Volunteer Activity	Supervisor	Telephone
_____	to _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	to _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	to _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	to _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	to _____	_____	_____	_____

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Business	Dates	Job Description	Supervisor	Telephone
_____	to _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	to _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	to _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	to _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	to _____	_____	_____	_____

COLLEGE PLANS:

Career Goals: _____

College Applied to:

Acceptance Status:

_____	Yes _____ No _____	No Reply Yet _____
_____	Yes _____ No _____	No Reply Yet _____
_____	Yes _____ No _____	No Reply Yet _____
_____	Yes _____ No _____	No Reply Yet _____
_____	Yes _____ No _____	No Reply Yet _____

ESSAY: In 250 words or less, attach a typed essay that describes what effect having a veteran as a relative had on you.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained herein is complete and accurate. **Please make any sensitive information unreadable.** All applications and enclosed information will be destroyed after the scholarship winners are determined.

 (Signature)

 (Date)