

Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County, Inc.
P.O. Box 3218
Ventura, CA 93006-3218

In honor of
S/SGT James M. Ray Scholarship

What is it?

For 2017, the S/SGT James M. Ray Scholarship has been set as a \$2,000.00 for first place and \$1000.00 for second place competitive essay scholarship named in honor of S/SGT James M. Ray, one of America's Prisoner of War (POW) during the Vietnam Conflict. This scholarship is designed to give students an opportunity to research and then share on various issues concerning of the Veteran Community. Questions/subject matter were selected by the Scholarship Committee.

Who is eligible?

Applicants must be:

- 1). A student enrolled in the 12th grade and properly enrolled in a public, private, parochial high school, or a home studies program in the United States.

Or

- 2). Enrolled in at least 6 units at an accredited college in the United States.

Who is not eligible?

Previous VVVC Scholarship winners.

How are essays judged?

All eligible essays will be judged on their interpretation of the assigned question. The submitted written essay must be the applicant's original work and a product of the applicant's own thinking. Essays are to be printed, doubled spaced 10 pitch Arial font at least 250 words long. Quotations and references are highly encouraged. Proper footnotes and notations are to be properly identified and referenced. Proper grammar and correct spelling are important. Ensure that your thoughts flow in an orderly manner that when read, the reader can draw the same conclusion based on your assessment. Be sure to support your ideas with concise references and quotations. Understand that your work will be judged by a group of 'old' veterans and their wives.

There are a total of 50 points, which can be awarded for each essay. Points will be awarded in the following manner:

Content/References	1 to 20 points
Originality	1 to 20 points
Mechanics/Neatness	1 to 10 points

How do I apply?

1. Type or neatly print the information outlined in the application. You may reproduce the application if necessary; however the format and content of the application may not be altered in any way.
2. Application must be signed and dated by applicant. If applicant is under the age of 18, parent, step-parent or guardian must sign and date the application also.
3. Have your high school counselor, college department chair or college instructor fill out the Scholastic Reference Form and return it to you. (You must include this form when submitting the application)
4. Return completed application packet (Scholarship Awards Application, Scholarship Essay and Scholastic Reference Form) **by April 15, 2017** to:

Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County, Inc.
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
S/Sgt Jimmy Ray Scholarship
P.O. Box 3218
Ventura, CA 93006-3218

Selectees will be notified in May 2017 and scholarships will be presented at the Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County's general membership meeting in June 2017. Be prepared to read and present your essay. Out of area winners essays will be presented by a member of the scholarship committee.

Important things to Remember:

April 15, 2017

All documents must be received on or before April 15, 2017. Only complete packets will be reviewed and eligible for consideration. Allow time for mailing.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to complete and submit all requirements prior to the above deadlines.