



## S/SGT James M. Ray College Scholarship

### What is it?

For 2019, the S/SGT James M. Ray Scholarship has been set at three awards (\$2000,\$1500&\$1000) for the competitive essays scholarship named in honor of one of America's Prisoners of War in the Vietnam Conflict.

### Who is eligible?

Applicants must be:

1). A student enrolled in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade and properly enrolled in a public, private, parochial high school, or a home studies program in the County of Ventura

OR

2). Enrolled in at least 6 units at one of the Ventura Community Colleges.

### How are essays judged?

All eligible essays will be judged on their interpretation of the chosen subject. 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. Obtain a copy of the application papers from your career counselor or you can find them online at <http://vvvc.org/scholarship> 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 **May15, 2019** 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 June 2019 and scholarships will be presented at the Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County's general membership meeting in July 2019. Be prepared to read your essay to the membership.

### Important things to Remember:

All documents must be postmarked on or before May 15, 2019. Only complete packets will be reviewed and eligible for consideration.