



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

Dear Counselor/Instructor,

Please find enclosed, for your students use, the Glen Dale Bennett Scholarship Application packet, sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County (V.V.V.C.). Each spring, the V.V.V.C. seeks to assist students in furthering their education through our scholarship program. We recognize that an education is the most valuable tool an individual can possess.

Glen Dale Bennett was a Vietnam Veteran who died as a result of his exposure to Agent Orange.

Agent Orange/Dioxin Use in Vietnam: About 60 percent of the herbicides used in Vietnam were Agent Orange. More than 43 million liters (11.4 million gallons) of it were used from 1962-1970. More than 30 million liters (about 8 million gallons) of Agent White, Blue, Purple, Pink and Green were also sprayed. The concentrations were 20 to 55 times normal agricultural use for killing plants. Estimates of the amount of dioxin in the herbicides vary because each manufacturer and each batch of 2,4,5-T had different levels of the dioxin contaminant.

In the spirit of honoring his service to this country, we have named our scholarship in his honor. The amounts to be awarded are \$1,000.00 for first place and \$661.00 for second place.

We have included in this packet a brief history of our organization as well as background information on Glen Dale Bennett. You are welcome to photocopy as many copies as you need as long as they are complete. **Completed applications must be received by the V.V.V.C. by April 30, 2015.**

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the numbers below.

Respectfully,

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**In honor of
Glen Dale Bennett Scholarship**

What is it?

The Glen Dale Bennett Scholarship is a \$1,000.00 for first place and \$661.00 for second place essay scholarship named in honor of Glen Dale Bennett, one of America's Veterans of the Vietnam War who died as a result of his exposure to Agent Orange. This scholarship is designed to give students an opportunity to voice their feelings on various issues concerning the Veteran Community. Questions are 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 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 when required, support you ideas with concise references and quotations.

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

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| 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 fills out the Scholastic Reference Form and returns 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 30, 2015** to:

Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County, Inc.
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
Glen Dale Bennett Scholarship
P.O. Box 3218
Ventura, CA 93006-3218

Winner will be notified by **May 15, 2015** and scholarship will be presented at the Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County's general membership meeting **June 20, 2015**. Be prepared to read and present your essay. Out of area winner essays will be presented by a member of the scholarship committee.

Important Dates to Remember:

April 30, 2015

All documents must be received **on or before April 30, 2015**. Only complete packets will be reviewed and eligible for consideration. Allow time for mailing.

May 15, 2015

Winners will be notified. Ensure that all contact information is accurate and complete.

June 20, 2015

Presentation of awards.

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

GLEN DALE BENNETT SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDS APPLICATION

The purpose of this application is to bring together all essential information about you. This information will be used only in regard to scholarship screening. Please fill in this form accurately and completely; failure to do so will be considered grounds for disqualification. Be assured that all the information received by the Scholarship Committee will be held in complete confidence. **Return this application and the Scholastic Reference Form by April 30, 2015 to:**

Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County
Attn: Scholarship Committee
Glen Dale Scholarship
P.O. Box 3218
Ventura, CA 93006-3218

NAME: _____ BIRTH DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

TELEPHONE NO. _____ CURRENT GRADE IN SCHOOL _____

Date of High School graduation _____

Name of Post-Secondary School/College you are attending (if applicable) _____

List the Post-Secondary Schools/Colleges to which you have made formal application:

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| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
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Fill in the following school and/or community activities information that is applicable to you.

School/Community Honors and Awards Received (based solely on merit, not financial need).

School/Community Service:

School/Community Activities:

Offices held in School/Community Organizations:

Applicant's Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

(If applicant is under 18 years of age)

GLEN DALE BENNETT SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDS APPLICATION
ESSAY TOPICS

Please write an essay in response to **one** of the questions below. The essay must be at least 250 words. Please list any references used.

- 1) Agent Orange was one of a class of color-coded herbicides that U.S. forces sprayed over the rural landscape in Vietnam from 1961 to 1971 to defoliate trees and shrubs and kill food crops that were providing cover and food to opposition forces. It was a 50/50 mixture of two herbicides: 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T. It remained toxic for only days or weeks and then degraded, but it had a toxic contaminant, dioxin, that did not degrade as readily and is still causing health problems in Vietnam.
 - a. Considering the health problems affecting Vietnam Veterans due to their exposure to Agent Orange, what are your views on the health problems affecting the veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq from their exposure to the “Burn Pits”?
 - b. Is our Government currently providing sufficient support to these veterans or just delaying their care as they did and are currently doing with the Vietnam Veterans?
 - c. What are your views?

- 2) Compare the treatment and welcome home the Vietnam Vets received versus the current Iraq/Afghanistan vets.
 - a. Cite specific references.
 - b. Explain why, if any, these differences exist.

GLEN DALE BENNETT SCHOLARSHIP
REFERENCE FORM

(To be filled out by high school counselor, college department head or college instructor)

REGARDING: _____, Scholarship Applicant. BIRTHDATE: _____

Please furnish information which might be useful to the Scholarship Committee in considering the applicant for a scholarship. Please note our scholarship awards are based solely on merit, and not financial need.

1. What is the nature and extent of your acquaintance with the applicant?

2. Give reasons you feel this applicant should be considered for this scholarship?

3. What is your impression of his/her school citizenship record?

4. Are you familiar with the applicant's involvement and participation in school activities and/or school service? _____

5. Are you familiar with any special school achievements or awards the applicant has received?

6. At this point in time, is applicant meeting graduation requirements? _____
7. Additional comments, if desired. _____

Signature: _____ Position/Title _____
Name of School: _____ Address: _____
Telephone No: _____ Date: _____

I hereby authorize the appropriate certificated school personnel to have access to the scholarship applicant's records, for the purposes of completing the Scholastic Reference Form.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date: _____
Signature of Pupil (if 18 years or older) _____ Date: _____

Please return this form in a sealed envelope to the applicant.
Applicant will submit this completed Reference Form and the Scholarship Application (attached).