



Special Operations Fund

2024 Vocational, Technical, and Community College Scholarship

Introduction

In 2019 the Special Operations Fund (SOFund) Board of Directors established the Vocational, Technical, and Community College (VOTECH) Scholarship to provide students an opportunity to compete for a merit-based scholarship up to \$5,000, limited to two years, to support their studies at vocational, career, or technical institutions, and community colleges. The purpose of this program is to identify and support the next generations of skilled workforce leaders.

2024 VOTECH Scholarship Guidelines

VOTECH scholarships are granted annually to children or spouses of current or veteran service members.

Eligibility requirements include:

- VOTECH applicants are a current high school senior, have a high school diploma/GED, or are enrolled at a career/technical school/community college at the time of awarding (must provide proof of enrollment including student identification number).
- VOTECH program selected can be either:
 - a career/technical school which results in a professional license (HVAC, welding, plumbing, metal working, electrician, landscaping, beautician, culinary, aesthetician, auto mechanic, gunsmithing, commercial driver's license, court reporting, bookkeeping, veterinarian technician, dental technician, computer sciences, paramedic/EMT, etc.)
 - a community college course of study or program which results in a degree or license (A.A., A.S., LPN, etc.).

Questions regarding program eligibility should be directed to the SOFund's Programs Director at hmajuri@specialoperationsfund.org.

- Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher (on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent) from their most recent educational institution.



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VOTECH recipients will be chosen based on successful employment experience, volunteer service, academic achievements, leadership, and their written goals. Additionally, applicants are required to submit two letters of recommendation that address the student's capability and desire to enter the chosen field, along with complete transcripts from high school or most recent educational institution.

The completed VOTECH application and attachments will be emailed (*in a single PDF file*) directly to the Night Stalker Foundation, at nsf.scholarship160@gmail.com. The completed application must be received by NSF no later than midnight, 3 May 2024. Applications received after that date will not be accepted.

Special Operations Fund will disburse VOTECH scholarship tuition directly to the vocational, career, technical institution, or community college once proof of enrollment with student identification number is received.

VOTECH recipients are automatically eligible to receive second year funding if they maintain at least a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale, and/or are making satisfactory progress towards graduation. Renewal Form and transcripts (or equivalent) are required.

The VOTECH scholarship can be revoked at any time if a recipient fails to advance academically, or personal conduct reflects negatively on the institution, the Special Operations Fund and/or the Night Stalker Foundation.