



## **Vietnam Veterans of America Texas State Council Scholarship Announcement**

Dear Texas VVA Members:

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Texas State Council, wishes to award the Don Carlos Kennedy Memorial Scholarship to a Vietnam Veteran, current spouse, his/her child or grandchild.

Applications will be given to the Texas VVA Chapters at the TSC meeting in October, 2016 and be sent via email and mailed to chapters without an email address in January, 2017 as an additional reminder. If the applicant's essay is sent by email or mail to any chapters or VVA TSC members before the TSC meeting in April, 2017 then the application is disqualified. All essays will be given to several professionals (including a college professor). They will select the top three essays and VVA Texas chapters at the TSC meeting in April, 2017 will select 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The integrity of the essay is done by removing the applicant's name from each qualified essay. Please do not pass out the essays before the meeting and do not disclose the name of the applicant. This scholarship belongs to the Texas Vietnam Veterans of America and each chapter has a vote. The winner's essays are judged by content, grammar, appearance, originality, and punctuation. **DO NOT CHANGE THE NAME OF THE ESSAY IT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED EVEN IF ONE WORD IS LEFT OUT OR INCLUDED.**

The completed application must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2017. Please send all completed forms to:

VVA Texas State Council  
Scholarship Chair  
100 Elmwood  
Fritch, Texas 79036

If you have any questions, please contact me (Percilla Newberry) at home 806-857-0409.

Sincerely,  
Jim W. Boyd, Chairman  
Percilla Newberry, Co-Chair



## **DON CARLOS KENNEDY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

### Scholarship Criteria

#### **What is it?**

Vietnam Veterans of America, Texas State Council, offers a scholarship for veterans of the Vietnam War, their children, step-children, grandchildren, current spouses and widows who have not remarried who reside in the State of Texas and attend a fully accredited Texas College or University\*, enrolled in 12 credit hours or more or will be graduating seniors in high school. (\*Texarkana VVA Chapter will have exceptions due to the location).

#### **Who is Don Carlos Kennedy**

He was a member of VVA Chapter 1000. He was a founding member of the VVAFT, Inc. Former Vietnam Veteran Texas State Council Vice-President June 2006 to April 2014. Also former VVA Texas State Council President and Secretary. He was a former Vice-President of Chapter 292 in Beaumont, Texas. Until his death Don was the President of the VVAFT, Inc., Treasurer of Chapter 1000 and he was Chairman of the Vietnam Veterans Texas State Council Scholarship and also served on the Financial Committee.

He served as a Sgt. in the United States Air Force 1967-1971. His tour of duty in Vietnam Feb. 1969 – August 1969. Don proudly served in the United States Air Force until he was medically discharged due to his tour in Vietnam in 1971. He later worked as a teacher, having earned a Masters in Agricultural Science.

Donnie had a love for education and for his students. His biggest delight and passion was researching topics for the next TSC VVA scholarship. A week before Donnie passed away he again had some very interesting topics and we decided on the topic for this year's scholarship. Donnie passed away on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016, but he left us the topic and it was decided that this scholarship would be in his honor and memory.

### **How the Scholarship may be used?**

This scholarship money **must** be applied toward tuition, books and other fees.

### **How do I apply?**

- ◆ Fill out the application
- ◆ Attach all of the requested support documents
- ◆ Write the essay
- ◆ Completed entries must be postmarked on or before **March 1, 2017**

### **What About the Essay?**

The topic – **Discuss the Reasons Why America Couldn't Win the Vietnam War**

1. Minimum of 1,500 words
2. Judged on Content, Appearance, Grammar, Originality and Punctuation.



**TEXAS STATE COUNCIL  
VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA  
DON CARLOS KENNEDY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - 2017

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or PO Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone Number: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Vietnam Veteran or Vietnam Era Veteran? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, provide service number \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Type or Discharge \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR DD-214

Are you the child, grandchild or the current spouse or widow of a Vietnam Veteran or Vietnam Era Veteran? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

Please state relationship \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, attach:

- \* Veteran's DD-214
- \* Valid copy of your birth certificate
- \* Copy of Marriage License (for Spouse only)
- \* Notarized statement from the veteran certifying you to be his or her child or spouse
- \* Copy of death certificate (for Widow of Veteran)

For college students only:

Have you completed at least 12 hours at an accredited college or university during the 12 month period prior to the date of this application? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, attach:

Copy of transcript

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Are you currently enrolled and are attending on a full-time basis (12 semester hours) at accredited college or university? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, attach:

Statements from your college or university register certifying that you are a student in good standing.

What is your major or field of study? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your overall GPA? \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a letter of your career ambition on completion of your degree

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For High School Seniors:

Are you a high school Senior? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have at least a 2.5 GPA? \_\_\_\_\_

Please include your:

- \* Act or SAT Scores
- \* Copy of High School transcript
- \* Letter of acceptance from public, private or parochial college or university, or business or technical college.
- \* Letter from high school principal, counselor or high school teacher

Attach a written essay of 1,500 words or more (anything less will disqualify your application) on the topic: **Discuss the Reasons Why America Couldn't Win the Vietnam War**

Must be typed and doubled spaced. You may use information from books, personal interviews from a veteran's experiences and you may use information from the internet. All of your information cannot come from the internet. Suggestion – interview a veteran. A bibliography must be included in your application.

Essays will be judged on content, appearance, grammar, originality and punctuation. Each essay will be checked for **PLAGIARISM**. This can disqualify you immediately.

Send completed application with required information and a hand written letter explaining your need/desire for this scholarship.

VVA TEXAS STATE COUNCIL  
Scholarship Committee Chairperson  
Jim W. Boyd/Percilla Newberry  
100 Elmwood  
Fritch, Texas 79036

**Deadline: MARCH 1, 2017**