

VFW and Sport Clips Haircuts Award 93 Veterans with Scholarships

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The Veterans of Foreign Wars is proud to announce 93 veterans have been awarded VFW "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarships" this fall, totaling more than \$380,000.

The scholarships are awarded twice throughout the year exclusively to veterans and help cover the cost of tuition and fees. Recipients are encouraged to reapply as they continue their educations.

Here is the complete list of fall recipients.

The VFW "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" program launched last year and has awarded more half a million dollars in scholarship funds to veterans.

Applications are now being accepted for the spring; the deadline to apply is Nov. 15. For more information, including eligibility criteria, visit vfw.org/scholarship.

"The VFW is here to support our veterans as they transition to civilian life, and we know education is a crucial element to ensuring they succeed. The GI Bill is fantastic, but it has limitations, and this scholarship will help fill the gaps for so many veterans," said VFW National Commander John Stroud.

For students like Joshua Ashley, an Air Force veteran, these scholarships lessen the financial burden associated with meeting post-secondary educational goals. "My GI Bill benefits have been fully expended and I really want to finish what I started. With this opportunity it will enhance my education and ability to secure a better position in the workforce to supply for my daughter."

Sport Clips, the nation's leading men's and boys' hair care franchise, provides funding for the program through its annual "Help A Hero" fundraising campaign. In 2013, more than 1,000 Sport Clips locations across the nation raised more than \$500,000 to benefit the program. Donations were collected in stores and at local fundraising events in the fall with efforts culminating on Veterans Day, Sport Clips' "Biggest Haircut Day of the Year." Stores donated a dollar from every haircut service to the scholarship program. This year's Help A

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Hero campaign will launch on Oct. 13.