



Vietnam Security Police Association
J.J. CHESTNUT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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Deadline: September 1, 2025

The VSPA (USAF) has established a scholarship fund in memory of J.J. "Jacob" Chestnut. J.J. was a career USAF Security Policeman and served two tours in the Republic of Vietnam, with the 12th Security Police Squadron and the 633d Security Police Squadron. After completion of his military career, J.J. Chestnut became a member of the U.S. Capital Police. In 1998, during an attack which shocked the nation, J.J. Chestnut was killed in the line of duty defending the U.S. Capital Building by a deranged individual attempting to gain access to sensitive areas. J.J. Chestnut is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

All VSPA members, spouses, children, grandchildren, stepchildren/step-grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are eligible to compete for this scholarship. Normally one \$1000.00 award is given annually. The award will be granted to those seeking education beyond the high school level and may include trade schools, community colleges, junior colleges or four-year college or university.

The deadline for submission of this scholarship application is the first day of September each year. The basis for the award will be recommendation(s), Grade Point Average (GPA) and the applicant's response to one of the below listed questions and recommendation.

VSPA members may request applications on behalf of applicants via the public bulletin board on the VSPA Web Site, email, or telephone. Applications may also be requested by survivors of a deceased VSPA Member.

Please complete the biographical data and recommendation. On a separate piece of paper please respond to one of the following questions, in 500 words or less:

1. In what instances, if any, do you feel that the United States is justified in taking military action?

Or

2. Many people feel the military today is alienated from the general population. How can this alienation be eliminated or prevented?

Submit the completed application **no later than September 1st of the year applying** via e-mail to: rickgano@gmail.com or regular mail to:

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APPLICANT'S BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF VSPA MEMBER: _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING OR LAST ATTENDED:

CURRENT DEGREE/EDUCATION LEVEL: _____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL CURRENTLY OR PLANNING ON ATTENDING:

GRADE POINT AVERAGE: _____

**RECOMMENDATION OF SCHOOL OFFICIAL, PRINCIPAL, UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATOR,
DEPARTMENT CHAIR, OR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR**

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

COMMENTS CONCERNING APPLICANT'S QUALIFICATIONS AND POTENTIAL:

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL MAKING RECOMMENDATION

