

DISCLAIMERS / WAIVERS / CONSENT

To be eligible for any Paralyzed Veterans of America – Wisconsin Chapter (PVA-WI) program/benefit, an individual must be in good standing with the organization, must not be under suspension or subject to disciplinary action, and must conduct themselves in a manner that does not disparage PVA-WI's reputation or mission.

Eligibility Requirements for PVA-WI Programs/Benefits

To participate in PVA-WI programs/benefits, individuals must:

- Meet the eligibility requirements for the applicable program/benefit as outlined in this Manual.
- Comply with all obligations described in the PVA-WI Chapter bylaws, this manual, and any required registration forms. Noncompliance will result in suspension of eligibility until the requirements are met and approved.
- Agree to complete a brief survey, if requested, to aid in research or donor development efforts.

Additional Program Information

- Programs/benefits, policies, and procedures may change at any time and are contingent upon the availability of chapter funds.
- Applications and forms are available at: <https://wisconsinpva.org/forms>.
- For questions or additional information, email info@wisconsinpva.org or call (414) 328-8910.
- All application materials will be kept confidential.

Liability Waiver

By participating in PVA-WI events or programs, participants release and discharge PVA-WI, event organizers, sponsors, volunteers, staff, property owners, affiliated organizations, and their representatives from any liability, claims, or actions arising from injury, loss, or damage experienced while participating in, observing, or traveling to or from an event.

Media Consent

By participating in PVA-WI programs or events, participants grant permission to PVA-WI to use their verbal or written statements, photographs, digital images, and audio or video recordings. These materials may be used for publicity, promotional, educational, or informational purposes, including but not limited to newsletters, websites, social media, marketing materials, and other PVA/PVA-WI communications, in any medium now known or developed in the future.

FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM POLICY & PROCEDURE

Eligibility

Life Members and their Spouse, Children, or Granchildren: Eligible

Associate Members and their Spouse, Children, or Granchildren: Not eligible

PVA-WI offers annual tuition scholarships of up to **\$1,000** to support undergraduate education for eligible life members and their families. This program is intended to assist with educational expenses while recognizing the impact of living with or being connected to a veteran with a spinal cord injury or disease.

Program Guidelines

- Only **one application** may be submitted per PVA-WI fiscal year (Oct 1 - Sept 30).
- The scholarship may be awarded **no more than four times** in a lifetime.
- Scholarship funds are **paid directly to the educational institution** and are not distributed to the applicant.

Application Review and Notification

- **Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.**
- Scholarship applications are **reviewed at the monthly board meeting** (2nd Wednesday of every month).
- To be considered at that month's Board meeting, the application **must be received no later than the 1st Wednesday of the month**; otherwise, it will be reviewed at the following month's meeting.
- Applicants will be notified of the funding decision via email within **2 weeks** of the committee vote.

Application Requirements

To be considered for a scholarship, applicants must submit the following documents to info@wisconsinpva.org:

- Complete the **PVA-WI Family Scholarship Application** available in the forms section of our website or by visiting: <https://forms.office.com/r/eNwX5abqyk?origin=IprLink>
- Proof of enrollment in an **accredited college, university, technical school**, or certifying authority.
- A description of any civic engagement or community involvement activities (included in the online application)
- A **500–600 word essay** describing how the applicant has been impacted by a veteran living with a spinal cord injury or disease.
- Proof of a **cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher**, including the most recent transcript showing grades and GPA (if currently or recently enrolled).
- An **itemized bill** from the educational institution showing charges and a due date
- Incomplete applications may not be considered.