

VPF DEA SCHOLARSHIP

HONORING OUR PAST TO BUILD OUR FUTURE



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This scholarship will help me continue my college education and stay financially stable as I continue my studies; taking a lot of financial stress off myself and my family. I sincerely appreciate being awarded this scholarship and the support of my education, which does not go unnoticed.

*- Summer S.,
Musical Theatre Major*

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After graduation, I hope to build a life that allows me to care for my dad, not only to show my gratitude for his service, but to make up for the time we lost. Your generosity brings me one step closer to that goal and allows me to give back to someone who gave so much so I could be where I am today.

*- Sophia A.,
Elementary Education Major*

EDUCATION. OPPORTUNITY. PROMISE.

The Valor Partners Foundation (VPF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to transforming sacrifice into opportunity. Through strategic partnerships with colleges, universities and technical schools, VPF provides matched scholarships to the dependents of fallen or 100% disabled veterans. These awards support DEA Chapter 35-eligible students—whether part- or full-time—who face unmet financial needs on their path to higher education.

UNITED IN GRATITUDE.

The VPF envisions a nation where military families are recognized and supported in all aspects of life. Guided by the three stars in the Valor Partners logo—Honor, Educate and Innovate—they uphold integrity, build collaborative partnerships and strive for excellence through innovation. Together, we empower students with the tools to carry forward a legacy of service through the life-changing impact of higher education.

MANY TEAMS. ONE MISSION.

VPF will match up to \$25,000 per year for scholarships for this population of students. Our shared goal is to secure annual gifts and pledges through the current partnership agreement, which runs through 2027 and may be renewable, to maximize this opportunity. With the help of VPF scholarships and donor matching funds, qualifying students receive personalized support through financial assistance for tuition, fees, supplies, meal plans, emergency aid and other essential needs. To instill a sense of lifelong empowerment and success, the University of South Dakota provides a \$1,000 scholarship to each recipient; this comes directly from USD, in addition to any other scholarships or veteran-related benefits they may receive.

This unique partnership model doubles the impact of every donor dollar while allowing universities to better serve military-connected students facing financial hardship. Together, we ensure that students feel valued by their community, inspired to succeed and empowered to carry forward the legacy of those who served.



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