



Severely Injured Veterans Scholarship *Operation Comfort*



UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX SEVERELY INJURED VETERANS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR TEXAS

University of Phoenix has created a Severely Injured Veterans scholarship program to honor Texas' brave men and women who return home from service in Iraq and Afghanistan with severe injuries. Through full-tuition scholarships, injured veterans are empowered to reach their academic goals or pursue second careers. University of Phoenix programs are tailored to meet the needs of students' busy schedules.

As one of the nation's leading educational institutes, the University of Phoenix has partnered with Operation Comfort to provide college scholarships to our nation's heroes is to enable them to rebuild their lives and help them make the often difficult transition back in to their communities and lead productive, fulfilling lives. Operation Comfort is proud to partner with the University of Phoenix to spearhead this valuable program in Texas. Operation Comfort is grateful to Soldiers Angels who have pledged that each recipient of a University of Phoenix scholarship will also receive a laptop computer. Operation Comfort will work with other charitable organizations wherever to assist with lodging or family financial needs while the service member attends school and will work closely local veteran's organizations in the recipient's hometown and state-wide to assist the new graduates with job placement opportunities. Five (5) full-tuition scholarships will be awarded. These scholarships can be used toward one bachelor's or master's degree program of choice.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates for the scholarship must demonstrate the following to be considered:

1. Applicants who reside in the United States must meet one of the following requirements: be a legal resident of the United States; have been granted permanent residency; have a valid visa that does not prohibit educational studies; have been granted temporary protected status along with approved Notice of Action issued by Citizen Immigration Services and verified through CIS Form g-845; or have been granted asylum along with the approved Notice of Action issued by the Citizen Immigration Services.
2. Must be a resident of Texas.
3. Applicant must be:
 - a. Currently serving in one of the Armed Services of the US military with a medical disability board rating or pending medical disability board rating of 30% or more for military service rendered in the Iraqi or Afghanistan Theatres of Operation or;
 - b. Honorably discharged from one of the Armed Services of the United States and medically classified by the Department of Defense or the Veterans' Administration as severely disabled from injuries received from military service in the Iraqi or Afghanistan Theatre or Operations.
4. Applicant must submit valid DD214 and have at least a 30% disability rating.
5. Are not currently receiving 100% tuition reimbursement from either a government or civilian scholarship program.
6. Applicant must not be currently enrolled nor in the process of enrolling at any University of Phoenix campus or in any online program at any time prior to the scholarship award date. Applicants who enroll after submitting an application or before the scholarship award date are not eligible to be a recipient of this scholarship.
7. Applicant must meet all [admissions requirements of the University of Phoenix](#).
8. Are not employees or family members of employees of Apollo Group, Inc., University of Phoenix, Western International University, Institute for Professional Development or any other subsidiary of Apollo Group, Inc.
9. Submit a complete, signed application, together with all supporting documentation, if any, by the deadline date listed below. The completion of the application form does not create an obligation to award a scholarship to applicant.



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10. Submit a completed questionnaire. High importance will be placed on the applicant's desire to advance in their education, with an emphasis on furthering their careers, and their making a positive impact in the community for which they reside.
11. Only five (5) full tuition scholarship(s) will be awarded. The scholarships are designated for Undergraduate or Master's degree program only.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. This scholarship opportunity is in partnership with Operation Comfort, a non-profit organization and the scholarship process is managed by a staff member at Operation Comfort. The process includes but not limited to application creation, application submission, forming selection committee and finalizing recipient list. Non-staff members may assist in the selection committee process.
2. The recipient of this Scholarship will be selected by the Scholarship Committee consisting of representatives from Operation Comfort, pre-certified panel of Texas Educators, community leaders, and military veterans.
3. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit a complete and signed application and all the supporting documentation in one package which must be received on or before the deadline date as set forth below. The Scholarship Committee accepts no responsibility for incomplete applications, applications not in proper form, lost applications, or any other submission in exception to the above instructions.
4. The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final and not subject to a review process.
5. Scholarship selection shall be made without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, or disability.
6. The scholarship award will be based on the Committee's scores of the overall quality of the application and the scholarship essay(s). The higher the average score, the higher the probability of selection.

Deadline Date:

A complete application and all supporting documentation, if any, must be received on or before **August 15, 2009**. Applications received by any other method of delivery will not be considered. Applications received after the designated Deadline Date will not be considered. No exceptions.

Award Date:

The Scholarship Committee will determine the recipients of the scholarship by August 31, 2009. You will be notified via email on the award date regarding the status of your scholarship.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

All materials must be submitted by mail to the following address and received on or before the deadline date.

Operation Comfort
c/o Janet Asghar
1150 North Loop 1604 West
Suite 108-493
San Antonio, Texas 78248

For any additional information, please e-mail janet_asghar@yahoo.com



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STUDENT INFORMATION

Full Legal Name of Applicant: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____ Evening: _____

Email Address: _____

Branch of Service _____ Rank _____ OIF _____ OEF _____

DoD or VA Rating _____ If not available brief description _____

Degree Program: _____

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Answer the following questions in essay format on a separate document; submit a complete and comprehensive two-page essay. To be considered, the essay must meet the following requirements:

- a. Each of the four questions should be answered in complete sentences and paragraph format with approximately 4-7 sentences,
- b. Double spaced,
- c. 12 point font,
- d. 8 x 11 paper, and
- e. Pages must be paper-clipped together (no staples).

- What would you like to do with your college degree?
- What are some of the challenges facing your community, or your family and friends?
- How will you use a college education to assist in resolving the challenges described above?
- What obstacles might you face in pursuing your degree and how will you overcome them?

CHECK LIST

_____ University of Phoenix Severely Injured Veterans Operation Comfort application completed

_____ University of Phoenix Terms and Conditions completed and signed

_____ Essay Questions

_____ DD-214 or LES statement. (Military status will be verified through the US Department of Defense

_____ Disability rating documentation

_____ Keep a copy of entire packet for your records



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UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX: TERMS, CONDITIONS AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

By applying for a University of Phoenix scholarship and/or accepting the scholarship award, the applicant/recipient agrees to the following terms and conditions for the distribution of scholarship funds.

1. All application submissions shall become the property of Apollo Group, Inc. and University of Phoenix regardless if applicant is awarded the scholarship. In addition, applicant agrees to cooperate with the Apollo Group, Inc. and/or University in executing a consent and release form if requested.
2. Upon the award of the scholarship and applicant's acceptance, Apollo Group, Inc. and/or University of Phoenix shall have the right to use and republish submitted application and any of its contents to reference and acknowledge applicant's/recipient's name and authorship of the application for any purpose, whatsoever. In addition, applicant/recipient agrees to cooperate with the Apollo Group, Inc. and/or University of Phoenix in executing a consent and release form if requested.
3. Scholarship award is a non-cash credit to recipient's University account in the amount stated by the scholarship. No check or other cash monies will be given and/or refunded to award recipient at any time. No exceptions.
4. Scholarship may be applied to tuition and fees only, as specified on the scholarship application; education supplies and living expenses are not included.
5. If applicant/recipient's a current student he/she is not receiving or not enrolled will not receive a total of 100% tuition reimbursement from any source(s).
6. Applicant/recipient must meet all University of Phoenix admissions requirements for selected program and campus. Information regarding admissions is available in the University of Phoenix Catalog. Scholarship may only be used toward degrees that are specified on the scholarship application; doctoral degrees are not covered by the scholarship. No exceptions.
7. Applicant/recipient must enroll at University of Phoenix no later than thirty (30) days following the scholarship award date, unless otherwise determined by the Scholarship Committee and/or University officials in their sole discretion. Applicants who enroll during the scholarship process or before the award date are not eligible for the scholarship, and any such enrollment in violation of these scholarship terms and conditions will result in the termination of the scholarship award.
8. Applicant/recipient must stay in attendance as a full time student with no more than a twenty-nine (29) day break.
9. Applicant/recipient must maintain the minimum grade point average for the selected degree program, make satisfactory progress towards completing selected degree program (satisfactory progress is measured as successfully completing a minimum of 16 credits during each 24 attempted credits), and complete selected degree program within the maximum time frame allowed according to federal regulations (The maximum time frame allowed is based on the required number of credits for graduation from the degree program, less any transfer or assessed credits, times 150%).
10. Should recipient withdraw from or otherwise fail to complete a course for which registered and for which the Scholarship or a portion of the Scholarship has been used to pay, any refund due shall be only applied to recipient's University Account as a non-cash credit. In no event will any cash refund be given at any time. No exceptions.
11. If recipient wishes to re-take a course, recipient must pay the entire cost of the course. No scholarship award will be given on a re-taken course. A "re-take" of a course means scholarship recipient has completed the course to a point of earning a letter grade of A-F and has been scheduled to repeat the same course.
12. Recipient will relinquish all unused scholarship credits should recipient fail to meet the above terms and conditions for any reason. Determinations of failure to meet the stated terms will be made by the Scholarship Committee and/or University officials in their sole discretion. Any unused portion of the Scholarship will be returned to the University and is non-transferable. This scholarship does not apply towards doctoral degree programs.



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13. These terms and conditions are in addition to any other terms and conditions set forth in any other part of this document. Any necessary determination or clarification as to the interpretation or to the application of a particular term shall be made by the Scholarship Committee and/or University officials in their sole discretion. Furthermore, the University reserves the right in its sole discretion to make any changes or modifications to the scholarship, including but not limited to, the criteria, the selection process, the deadline dates, and the terms and conditions.
14. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the scholarship will result in termination of the scholarship.
15. In the event that any provision of the terms and conditions of this Scholarship shall be held void, voidable, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. I have read and agreed to the above terms and conditions of the Scholarship and I understand the nature of the Scholarship and the extent of my obligations.
2. I certify to the best of my knowledge and ability that the above statements are true and correct. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission of fact is cause for disqualification and my application will not be considered.
3. This application is subject to the policies and procedures set forth in the applicable University catalog. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the scholarship and the catalog, the terms of the scholarship will control.
4. This form may be executed by facsimile. A facsimile signature may be used in lieu of an original signature. In such instance, said facsimile signature shall be valid and enforceable in all aspects as the original.

Printed Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

If signatory/applicant/recipient is under the age of 18, the Parent or Legal Guardian must also sign below. By signing below said Parent or Legal Guardian represents that he/she has the legal right to and does consent to the terms and conditions of this scholarship. Said Parent or Legal Guardian further certifies to the best of his/her ability that the information contained in this application is accurate.

Printed Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ **Date:** _____

Address (If different from child's): _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____ **Evening:** _____