



Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America

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NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

2026 Application

Each year, the Jewish War Veterans sponsors an essay contest for current service members and veterans **who are starting their first undergraduate-level degree program starting fall 2026**. The National Achievement Program is open to any United States veteran regardless of race, religion, creed or culture. Applicants must be legal residents of the United States.

The following grants will be awarded following the 2026 Annual National Convention:

Robert M. Zweiman Memorial Grant	\$5,000
Charles Kosmutza Memorial Grant	\$2,500
Charles Kosmutza Memorial Grant	\$1,000
Max R. & Irene Rubenstein Memorial Grant	\$1,500

Requirements

Applicants must submit the following **as one PDF attachment*** to an email with the subject line “National Achievement Program.” **Send the email to alperstein300@gmail.com**

- _____ This page filled out completely
- _____ A copy of applicant’s undergraduate program acceptance letter for Fall 2026 semester
- _____ Proof of honorable military service (i.e. copy of DD-214, military ID, etc.)
- _____ Essay (see below)

* Emailed applications with multiple attachments will not be considered. Additional materials may lead to the disqualification of the applicant. **DUE DATE: June 2, 2026, at 11:59 pm Eastern Time**

Essay: How will your military experience help you achieve your ultimate career goal?

Essays must be between 350 and 500 words. Only typed essays will be accepted.

Applicant Last Name, First Name, MI

Street Address, city, state, ZIP

Email:

Phone Number:

Name of Educational Institution

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