



## The Parker Foundation Veterans IT Scholarship

Information Technology (IT) certifications and education programs provide opportunities and credibility for veterans seeking to start a career in the IT field. Being certified and educated by a reputable institution allows anyone to stand out from the crowd and be more likely to succeed in their positions.

Having IT certifications have several benefits to include:

- ❖ ***Assistance in getting hired.*** Having an IT certification or education gives veterans an advantage when hiring managers look at their resumes.
- ❖ ***Job Retention*** - In a volatile economic environment, businesses are always looking for ways to cut costs. Having an IT certification or education can mean the difference between keeping a job or having a leg up to seek a new one.
- ❖ ***Promotions*** – Climbing the corporate ladder or into a better, higher-paying company job may be made more accessible by holding new technology skill certifications.
- ❖ ***Professional Credibility*** - Earning an IT certification or education provides immediate professional credibility. In addition, having earned one (or more) of these certifications or degrees demonstrates dedication and motivation to professional development.

To make IT certifications, education, and the benefits that come with them available to all veterans, the **Parker Foundation** is offering an IT scholarship.

**Scholarship Amount:** up to \$2,000 scholarship (*depending on the institution or course*)

**Eligible Recipients:** United States military veteran enrolled in an accredited university, junior college, trade school technology program, or an accredited IT certification course.

**Scholarship Prompt:** Students are required to submit a scholarship application and write an essay of no less than 500 words on a topic of their choosing.

**Other Scholarship Documentation:** DD Form 214.

**Scholarship Deadline:** No deadline; applications are reviewed, and scholarships are awarded throughout the year.

APPLICANT INFORMATION					
First Name:		Last Name:		Amount Requesting:	
Home Address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
Email:				Chapter:	
Home phone:		Cell phone:			

REQUIRED INFORMATION			
Essay Title:			
IRS Form 1040 Years attached (If applicable)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
DD-214 Attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Military Service Dates	
Name of School		Name of Course or Program Attending:	
Address of School			
Enrollment Contact Name			

DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE			
<p>By signing below, you state that the information outlined above is accurate. The amount of scholarship funds you are requesting is necessary for the applicant to attend this school or program. You realize that funds for financial assistance are very limited and that receiving the total amount of funds requested is not guaranteed. In order to receive scholarship awards, participants must successfully complete the program, which means participants must attend and complete the program without withdrawing, failing, or any disciplinary problems. Should the participant withdraw, fail, or be sent home for disciplinary problems, the participant must reimburse the Parker Foundation for the total amount of the scholarship award.</p>			
Signature:			Date:

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Date received:		Received by:		Scholarship award:	\$
Reviewed by:		Approved by:		Need/Merit:	Need <input type="checkbox"/> Merit <input type="checkbox"/>