

# Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation



Founder and Permanent Honorary President

General of the Army DOUGLAS MacARTHUR  United States

Permanent Honorary Presidents

Brigadier General HENNING LINDEN  United States

Major General HARRY J. COLLINS  United States

General HENRI GOURAD  France

Major General JOSEPH J. TALUTO  United States

Tammy E. Moss-Hicks, Scholarship Chair  
18 Columbine Avenue  
South Glens Falls, NY 12803

Tel: 518-409-0610

Email: [42IDScholars@gmail.com](mailto:42IDScholars@gmail.com)

## GRADUATE RDVF Fellowship Instructions (2026):

The Graduate RDVF Fellowship is a new program designed to support continuing education. Today's foundation is dedicated to its continued growth and has extended the program to include eligibility to all Soldiers assigned to "Aligned for Training" Brigades of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division. This RDVF Fellowship is merit based similar to the undergraduate scholarship. Each year the RDVF scholarship committee reviews applications from eligible college-age students and selects winners and scholarship amounts. (**This application is for graduate students**)

Through the generosity of families and organizations and/or the significant efforts of members who have managed the scholarship program over the years the following endowed scholarships exist:

Two graduate fellowships may be awarded each year with a value of up to \$2500. This is a **ONE time award**, unless the recipient is a Gold Star family member.

If funds allow, more than two awards may be given at the recommendation of the scholarship committee.

**Eligibility:** A Scholarship Applicant must be either a graduating undergraduate senior who is accepted to a college, enrolled in graduate school, and/or eligible to attend graduate school in the fall and who is also one of the following:

1. A current Soldier, in good standing, assigned to the following 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division units:  
42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division (NY ARNG)  
27<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team (27<sup>th</sup> IBCT) (NY ARNG) 44<sup>th</sup>  
Infantry Brigade Combat Team (44<sup>th</sup> IBCT) (NJ ARNG) 86<sup>th</sup>  
Infantry Brigade Combat Team (86<sup>th</sup> IBCT) (VT ARNG) 42<sup>nd</sup>  
Combat Aviation Brigade (42<sup>nd</sup> CAB) (NY ARNG)  
42<sup>nd</sup> Division Artillery (42<sup>nd</sup> DIVARTY) (NY ARNG)  
197<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade (197<sup>th</sup> FAB) (NH ARNG)  
26<sup>th</sup> Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (26<sup>th</sup> MEB) (MA ARNG)  
369<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade (NY ARNG)
2. A descendant of a current RDVF Veteran or Legacy Member (A descendant is defined as: All spouses, children, spouses of children, descendants and spouses, and all blood and adopted relatives and their spouses, or...)
3. An immediate Gold Star Family Member of an OIF/OEF Soldier (or a more recent Named-Operation) who died in service under the command of a 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division unit. (Mother, Father, Sibling, Spouse, or Child)

**Sponsorship Requirement:** All applicants must be sponsored by a current RDVF Veteran or Legacy Member who is a paid-up Lifetime Member prior to the date of application.

1. **Applicant:** The applicant is responsible to obtain a sponsor and to coordinate that portion of the application process with them. Assistance with securing sponsorship may be requested by contacting the Scholarship Chairman.
2. **Sponsor:** The Scholarship Sponsor must be a valid RDVF Lifetime member and can only sponsor one applicant per scholarship year. The RDVF Lifetime member start date must be included on the application. Life Membership information can be found under the Member Center Tab at [www.Rainbowvets.org](http://www.Rainbowvets.org). The sponsor must vouch for the applicant's eligibility in writing. Veteran and Legacy RDVF Members can sponsor their own descendants as long as they meet the Lifetime membership criteria.

## **Graduate Application Process:**

To be considered for a scholarship, an applicant must provide a completed application packet which includes the following:

1. \_\_\_ A completed scholarship application form (included with these instructions).
2. \_\_\_ A letter of nomination from the scholarship sponsor which clearly delineates the applicant's eligibility to apply and the sponsor's review certifying the application is complete.
3. \_\_\_ Official college transcripts directly from the college or transcript service as appropriate.
4. \_\_\_ Two letters of recommendation: These need to come from the author by email or regular mail. One letter must be from a school representative (teacher, professor, coach, counselor, principal etc.) The second letter can be a general character reference.
5. \_\_\_ Essay consisting of at least 600 words, but no more than 1500 words that covers the following topics:
  - (a) Briefly describe your relationship to the sponsor.
  - (b) Discuss your connection to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division.
  - (c) Finally, discuss the ultimate purpose driving you to pursue this degree.
6. \_\_\_ When preparing your essay, please review our website [www.rainbowvets.org](http://www.rainbowvets.org) for history and information related to the 42nd Infantry (Rainbow) Division and the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation.
7. \_\_\_ The application period is from March 1<sup>st</sup> through July 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. Inquiries and completed applications with supporting material must be mailed or electronically submitted to:

Tammy E. Moss-Hicks, Scholarship Chair  
18 Columbine Ave., South Glens Falls, NY 12803  
Tel: 518-409-0610 or Email: [42IDScholars@gmail.com](mailto:42IDScholars@gmail.com)
8. \_\_\_ The postmark or email deadline for completed applications is July 15, 2025. Accuracy and completeness is the responsibility of the applicant. When mailing the application packet please use a minimum 9x12 size envelope so that no pages are folded. When emailing the application, send all available documents together in a single portable document file (pdf) format. The Scholarship Committee expects all official transcripts to arrive separately from the responsible institution.

The scholarship committee will evaluate each applicant utilizing a merit evaluation process, examining academics, extracurricular activities, committee member assessment and applicant essay. Individual scholarships will be valued up to \$2500; however, available funds dictate scholarship amounts and numbers each year.

