

NCVVI Scholarship Program



IN THE BEGINNING, some Vietnam Veterans had a dream to give something back to the community. That dream nurtured into an idea to provide scholarships to Vietnam Veterans, their spouses and their direct descendants. So it came to be in 1992, that the first awards were given. These first awards were given in honor and memory of men who had some special meaning to this organization: Steve Acai, Dan Pitzer, Joe Dean and Nick Rowe. The first group of awards were all local as there was so little time from the "go" signal to award time.

Since those first four scholarships (our yearly goal), NCVVI for the past eight years (including this year) has awarded 37 scholarships. By the end of the year, we will have paid over \$26,000 in award money. The past three years we have awarded 5 scholarships each year because of unusual circumstances and the special remembrance of a son.

In 1996, after soliciting aid from other Vietnam Veteran groups from around the state, the scholarship was changed from statewide to Wake County and the surrounding eight counties. It was also changed from a 4-year, auto-renewable to a 1-year scholarship. In 1997, the scholarship was changed again so that all past recipients were eligible to reapply.

1998 NCVVI Scholarship Winners

