



The Georgia Association of Veteran Certifying Officials invites applications and nominations for the ***Rick Middleton Scholarship Award***. Student veterans must complete an online application and submit the required documents and letters of reference by ***February 03, 2017*** in order to be considered. The scholarship winner will be announced at the 2017 GAVCO Conference Association Dinner and will receive a \$1,500 award. The application will be made available online starting November 1, 2016.

Eligibility

All successful candidates must:

- Be a current student veteran, as proven by a DD FM 214 having received an honorable discharge or in good standing with his/her branch of service
- Be enrolled as a full-time degree seeking (undergraduate or graduate) student at an accredited GAVCO member school in the state of Georgia during the Spring 2017 semester
- Possess a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or above as evident by an official college or university transcript
- Have completed a minimum of 15 semester credit hours towards degree attainment
- Demonstrate a commitment to service, leadership, and engagement in their community

Essay

Please provide answers to the following two essay questions: Each essay question should be typed, double spaced 12pt Times New Roman Font and responses should be no longer than one page each.

1. Please describe your educational goals and what you hope to accomplish upon degree completion. In your answer, please describe how your military experiences have influenced these goals.
2. Please provide 1-2 examples of how you have exhibited leadership in your community, your college or university, or while serving as a volunteer. Explain how you were influential in what you were trying to achieve.

Supporting Documentation

In addition to the application cover page, all candidates must also provide a SEALED official copy of their academic transcript and two letters of recommendation from a school administrator, instructor, or professor. Both letters must attest to the candidate's academic, personal, and/or professional achievements as well as character and leadership qualities. Both letters must be printed on official college or university letterhead, contain an original signature, and be housed in a SEALED envelope.

All documents must be submitted by February 03, 2017 as ONE packet to:

**Luther Rice College & Seminary
Attn: Gary Cook/GAVCO Scholarship
3038 Evans Mill Road
Lithonia, GA 30038**

