



## **VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF KENDALL COUNTY**

### **SCHOLARSHIP POLICY**

On June 13, 2012, the Veterans Assistance Commission of Kendall County (VACKC) created a scholarship to honor the memory of deceased VACKC President Gene A. White. This policy has been enacted to serve as a guideline for the application and selection process. In November 2016, the scholarship expanded to honor two additional veterans: 2002-2006 VACKC Superintendent Arnold J. Bitterman, 2014-2016 VACKC Superintendent Bradley “Steve” Barrett and 2019 Kendall County Veteran Jim “Flash” Likeness

**Title:** This scholarship shall be known as the *Veteran Memorial Scholarship: In Honor of Gene A. White, Arnold J. Bitterman, Bradley “Steve” Barrett, and Jim “Flash” Likeness*

**Eligibility:** It is the intention of the VACKC to award this scholarship(s) to an honorably discharged veteran, the spouse of an honorably discharged veteran, or the child or grandchild of an honorably discharged veteran. All scholarship applicants must reside within Kendall County.

**Applications:** In years where funding is available, application requirements will be available on January 31st and distributed to area high schools, colleges, and various social media outlets. All applications must be returned to the VACKC office no later than March 1st of the award year.

**Selection Process:**

- The VACKC Board shall select a committee consisting of Board members and family members of the scholarships’ namesake
- As each application is received, a sequential number will be assigned to the cover page that denotes the applicant’s identity
- To establish anonymity, all information identifying the applicant will be removed before the application is distributed to committee members
- All applications will be graded based on the scholarship scoring sheet criteria
- Three applications shall be identified as winners
- Winners will be personally contacted by the VACKC staff and announced via the VACKC website and various other social media sites.

**Presentation:** The VACKC President or appointed representative will present the scholarship(s) to the recipient at a special presentation ceremony.