

VISIONARY VOICES

A TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is Visionary Voices - A Tribute to Our Veterans?

Visionary Voices - A Tribute to Our Veterans is a fund-raising dinner for the Veterans' Victory Scholarship. The Veterans' Victory Scholarship is the latest example of National University's ongoing, nationally recognized efforts to provide accessible and affordable college educations to those who have served in the military.

To spearhead the campaign, military leader and nonprofit founder RADM Ronne Froman, U. S. Navy (Ret.), and entrepreneur and community leader Linden Blue, Vice Chairman of General Atomics, have taken the helm as co-chairs of the inaugural dinner, which will be held at 5:30 p.m., on Saturday, October 27, at the Marriott Marquis & Marina.

2. What does the Veterans' Victory Scholarship do?

The scholarship will be used exclusively to provide funds for National University veteran students. Available funds will be dispersed on a needs-only basis to veteran students. Funds will be administered by the Vice President of Student Affairs and will be separate from all other National University funds.

3. Why do veterans need these funds?

Veteran students continue to encounter delays, benefit interruption, or benefit expiration prior to completion of an academic program.

In addition, the Defense Department is implementing a reduction in forces across all branches of the military. National University wants to be prepared to assist veterans with the funds needed to pursue or continue their educational goals.

4. What are some examples of how funding can help veterans?

\$2,000 Scholarship - Covers academic tuition for one undergraduate or graduate course plus additional funds of approximately \$500 to cover books costs.

\$3,500 Scholarship - Covers academic tuition for one undergraduate or graduate course, book stipend, and approximately \$1,800 to cover other needs, such as housing.

In a move that demonstrates its commitment to veterans' student success, National University has committed to matching, dollar-for-dollar, all sponsorships at \$5,000 or above.

5. Why National University for veterans?

- National University has over 5,000 veteran students.
- National University supports veteran students through the Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success. The center is the result of a \$621,299, three-year grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE).
- Because military students are routinely on the go and keep irregular schedules, National University offers a one-course-per-month format. With classes that start each month, and online programs, students are able to finish their degree no matter where in the world they are stationed.
- According to the Department of Education, the U.S. student loan default rate is 8.8 percent. In comparison, National University's student loan default rate is 4 percent.
- National University is the second-largest private, nonprofit institution of higher education in California.
- National University has been accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) since 1977.

6. Can you provide real-world examples of VA funding challenges?

After two tours of heavy and prolonged combat in Iraq, a veteran enrolled at National University. While coping with severe post-traumatic stress disorder, he encountered another traumatic event and missed several classes. His absence resulted in the cessation of his benefits for both tuition and housing. A scholarship bridged the gap for rent until the veteran could resume his courses.

Another veteran's benefits were interrupted because the units for his final undergraduate project were not sufficient to qualify him as a full-time student. A short-term scholarship allowed him to finish his degree requirements and graduate.

7. Who do I contact if I have additional questions?

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