

# HARRY A BOUGHNER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

## History

Harry A Boughner was a Korean War veteran who, upon returning from the war, dedicated his career to serving fellow veterans. He worked from the Otsego County MI offices.

Harry recognized the need for ongoing training and development in the veterans' benefits field. In 1963 he called the first meeting of fellow County Veterans' Counselors in Michigan and founded the MACVC.

It is in his memory that the Harry A Boughner Scholarship Fund was established for the purpose of providing educational financial aid to individuals sponsored by MACVC members. Historically this has been provided to college students. As the organization and claims work has evolved it has become important for the actual MACVC members to become accredited with the DVA. Recognizing the need for this accreditation, the membership voted on September 23, 2011 to change to focus of this scholarship to provide monies for members to become accredited and/or for the ongoing training needs of members.

## Purpose

The purpose of this scholarship is now for non DVA accredited members to become NACVSO accredited. When all members are accredited it is to provide those in need with training to maintain their accreditation.

## Selection

Selection for scholarship(s) will be conducted annually by the MACVC board of Trustees with final approval by the Executive Board.

## Award

Up to one thousand dollars will be paid annually. Announcement of recipients will be made no later than January 31. Scholarship(s), when awarded, will be paid to the individual four weeks prior to the event.

## Criteria of Eligibility

Priority will be given in the following order:

1. For NACVSO accreditation training. If there are one or less applicant(s) for accreditation training then requests for MACVC training will be considered.
2. Preference given to non-recipients.
3. Members whose counties cannot cover expenses.

4. Applicant's length of membership in MACVC.

#### Rules For Applicants

Applicants for this scholarship must:

1. Be a MACVC member in good standing as verified by the MACVC treasurer,
2. Not be accredited or need training to maintain accreditation,
3. Apply for a NACVSO scholarship (if training is not being provided within the State of Michigan),
4. Have a letter of support from a county official in their county and/or their veterans' committee,
5. Complete an application and submit with the supporting documents by the annual deadline.

#### Deadline

**August 31.** Please send to: HAB Scholarship; OCVS; HAB Scholarship; 1151 Crooks Rd, Ent B; Troy MI 48084-7135.