

**AMVETS (American Veterans)
Department of Florida
Service Foundation, Inc.**



**Joseph L. Kee Jr.
Service/Citizenship
Scholarship Award**

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Policy and Application**

MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of AMVETS (American Veterans) Department of Florida Service Foundation, Inc. (ADFSF) is to honor and support veterans daily. We do this by advocating to improve their quality of life, their families, and the communities they live in. We provide leadership and direct support for programs that benefit veterans. We support Veterans State Nursing Homes, National Cemeteries, provide scholarship grants to children of veterans, members of Junior ROTC in high schools, colleges, and universities and recognize Scouts of America reaching the rank of Eagle Scout throughout the State of Florida. We provide education and services through our local posts. We provide hardship assistance to AMVET Veterans and their families when in need. Most important, we provide disaster relief assistance to our AMVETS family members devastated by State and Federal named Hurricanes.

PURPOSE:

Joseph L. Kee was an AMVETS member for a long time. He was a part of the Department of Florida Service Foundation during his time as an AMVET. The Joseph L. Kee Service/Citizenship Scholarship was established to recognize the contributions he made to our organization.

ELIGIBILITY:

The applicant must be a member or have an AMVETS, AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary or AMVETS Son family member to apply. The applicant must be a graduating high school senior or a student attending a vocational, community college or university.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. The applicant must submit an essay of not more than 500 words and not less than 200 words. It should include past accomplishments, educational goals, your volunteer achievements, organizations you volunteered for and why volunteering is important (include community activities, offices held & awards received).
2. Applicants must provide proof of acceptance to a vocational school, community college or university.
3. The applicant must submit at least one (1) letter of recommendation from a non-family member that includes proof of volunteering
4. The applicant must include proof of eligibility (copy of AMVETS current membership card of applicant or immediate family sponsor).

5. Application must be complete including a signed copy of the Privacy Act/Authorization to Release Information Form and FAFSA Application.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Application must be filled out and signed with all required attachments. Application must be post marked no later than May 1st and mailed to:

AMVETS (American Veterans) Dept of FL SF, Inc.
Joseph L. Kee, Jr. Service/Citizen Award
ATTN: PDC A. J. JOHN, Chairman
2780 Cabernet Circle
Ocoee, FL 34761

Upon receipt the Chairman will review the application to ensure all information is provided. After his approval, he will present the applications to the board members at the Annual Meeting during the AMVETS June Convention. The Treasurer will advise the board members the amount of money in the Joseph L. Kee grant fund. The board members will vote on the number of scholarships to be awarded and the value of the scholarships. Upon completion of the voting, the Treasurer will send the checks to the stated vocational school, college or university. A copy of the transmittal letter will be forwarded to the applicant.

Authorization to Release Information

I hereby authorize AMVETS (American Veterans) Department of Florida Service Foundation, Inc. to obtain release to the following:

Name: _____
(Print Applicant Name)

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

The documents to be provided and /or released are described as:

1. High School or College Academic Record/Report Card
2. School Address & Phone Number
3. Letter(s) of recommendation
4. Copy of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
5. Copy of AMVETS current membership card of applicant or sponsor

The records are required for the specific purpose of: Joseph L. Kee Jr. Service/Citizen Award. I understand that my authorization will remain effective from the date of my signature until the end of that year, and that the information will be handled confidentially in compliance with all applicable federal laws.

I understand that I may see the information that is to be sent, and that I may revoke the authorization at any time by written, dated communication. I have read and understand the nature of this release.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PRIVACY ACT PROTECTED: This electronic transmission contains information which must be protected under the Privacy Act of 1974 (see 5U.S.C 552a). Do not release outside of AMVETS channels without the consent of the originator's office unless specifically authorized by the Privacy Act. This information is also exempt from disclosure under exemption 6 of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C 552. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, or an employee or agent responsible for delivering this message to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited.

Joseph L. Kee, Jr. Service/Citizenship Scholarship Application

Applicant Name: _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

My scholarship is for my 1st Year of College, 2nd Year 3rd year 4th Year
(check 1 of the above)

Name of vocational school, college or university attending: _____

College/University or Vocational School Student Identification Number: _____

Please send my scholarship award money to:

Vocational School/College/University: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

CERTIFICATION:

I/We certify that all information on this application is true, complete and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge. I/We agree to provide, if requested, any other documentation necessary to verify information reported. Any information determined to be inaccurate will be cause for denial or withdrawal of the scholarship award.

X _____ Date: _____
(Applicant Signature)

X _____ Date: _____
(Parent or Guardian Signature if under 18)

MANDATORY ATTACHMENTS INCLUDE:

- [] Joseph L. Kee, Jr. Service/Citizenship Scholarship Application (page 4)
- [] School academic record
- [] Letter(s) of recommendation
- [] Copy of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- [] Signed Authorization to Release Information (page 3)
- [] Copy of AMVETS current membership card of applicant or sponsor
- [] Essay 200 – 500 word