Since 1899, the mission of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. has been to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts; to serve our veterans, the military and our communities; and to advocate on behalf of all veterans. This is why our programs to support today's student veterans are so vital. Below are some of the ways the VFW serves you as today's warrior-scholars, as well as ways you can become involved in our important work to show that NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

**Scholarships: Helping Further Your Education**

The VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" provides service members and veterans with the financial assistance they need to complete their educational goals without incurring excessive student loan debt. It's just another way for the VFW and our partners at Sport Clips to say “thank you” to those who fought for our freedoms. Scholarships of up to $5,000 will be awarded to qualified applicants each semester. To learn if you may be eligible and to apply, [click here!](#)

**Fellowship Opportunities: Teaching You About Legislative Activism**

The VFW-SVA Legislative Fellowship grants 10 exemplary student veterans (Fellows) the chance to join the VFW legislative team on Capitol Hill during the VFW Legislative Conference in early spring each year. As a Fellow, you will walk the halls of Congress, educating your legislators on the issues facing today's student veterans and have the opportunity to meet with policy-makers from federal agencies responsible for implementing veterans' policy. You may also earn academic credit for your hard work and experiences throughout the semester-long fellowship. To learn more, [click here!](#)

Not sure if the VFW-SVA Legislative Fellowship is right for you? Learn about all the ways that the VFW advocates for your rights and your benefits on Capitol Hill and other ways you can be involved by joining the VFW Action Corps. To learn more about our advocacy efforts and to sign up, [click here!](#)

**Claims Representation: Helping You Navigate Your Earned Benefits**

As a student veteran your earned VA benefits can help alleviate stressors of academic life by providing access to health care, access to training programs like Vocational Rehabilitation, or simply providing supplemental income to relieve financial stress. The VFW understands the VA claims process can be confusing, but you don’t need to navigate it alone. VFW's global network of highly trained and accredited advocates are here to help every step of the way, free of charge. To learn more and to find an advocate near you, [click here!](#)

**Join the VFW: Welcome to Our Ranks!**

We understand the unique bond you share with other veterans of overseas conflicts because we, too, have been there. Since 1899, the VFW has been the nation’s leading veterans service organization in the fight to better the lives of all those who've worn the uniform of the United States military. No matter which conflict called you to service, we invite you to join us. Stand strong with the more than 1.5 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary as together, we continue to fight for all that’s good FOR VETERANS. To learn how you can join our ranks, [click here!](#)

To learn more about all of the VFW’s programs or ways you get involved, visit [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).