

PFC Salvatore P. Cemelli Memorial Foundation Scholarship Application 2024

General Information

Salvatore P. Cemelli was a dedicated soldier who sacrificed his life in the Vietnam War. This foundation was established in his memory and honor. This year's scholarship award is in the amount of **\$1,000**, non-renewable, and will be granted to a Weehawken resident, high school senior, attending a college or university full-time in the 2024-2025 school year. The award will be presented to the winning candidate at the Weehawken Memorial Day Ceremonies (May 27, 2024) following the annual parade.

Eligibility

- A. Educational requirements: The candidate must be a Weehawken resident, high school senior, who will be a full-time student at a college or university in the 2024-2025 school year.
- B. Financial need: Financial need will be considered.
- C. Timeframe: The candidate must pursue his/her course of college study within the academic year of the scholarship grant.

Required Information and Documents

- A. Completed 5-part Application Form, printed legibly.
- B. Part 4 of the Application Form completed and signed by the candidate's guidance counselor.
- C. One Letter of Recommendation of approximately **200-250 words** from a guidance counselor, teacher, coach, organization leader, or employer (cannot be a parent or relative).
- D. Official Transcript showing most recent grades and official standardized test scores.
- E. One essay of approximately 500 words addressing one of the following prompts:
 - a. Imagine you are a soldier. Write a letter you would have liked to receive while in service. Keep in mind the importance of their work and sacrifice. Incorporate your understanding of the work of soldiers and their addition to the country. Finally, be creative!
 - b. After coming out of service, many veterans struggle to obtain jobs and build sustainable lives. In fact, the VA (US Department of Veteran Affairs) reported that there was about a 14% increase in homeless veterans in 2023 versus 2022. What programs would you put in place to improve the quality of life for veterans who come out of service with no secure job or home?

Filing of Applications

- A. Application must be completed in its **entirety** with no components missing. If any requested documentation is missing, the candidate will not be considered for the award.
- B. All applications are due **April 19, 2024**. Late applications will not be accepted.
- C. All components of your completed application must be submitted virtually, **by the applicant**, to **pfcspcfoundation@gmail.com** with the subject **"2024 Scholarship Application Submission"**

Application Form

Part 1: Personal Information

Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Phone () _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Email Address _____ SSN ____-____-____

High School _____

Address _____

Phone () _____ Guidance Counselor _____

Part 2: Family Information

Mother's Name _____	Father's Name _____
Occupation _____	Occupation _____
Address _____	Address _____
Phone () _____	Phone () _____

Annual household income: \$ _____

Do you have a family member in the service, active or veteran?

Yes No

If **yes**, please answer the following (list up to three, if applicable):

Name _____
Last First Middle

Branch _____ Active Veteran Relationship _____

Name _____
Last First Middle

Branch _____ Active Veteran Relationship _____

Name _____
Last First Middle

Branch _____ Active Veteran Relationship _____

Part 3: Academic Standing (to be filled out and signed by Guidance Counselor)

Expected Graduation Date _____ GPA _____ Weighted Unweighted
Month Year

Best SAT score (can be super-scored) _____ Best ACT score: _____/36

Signature of Guidance Counselor _____

Part 4: Education, Extra-curricular, and Volunteering (Resume may be attached for sections A-D)

A. Honors and Awards (**List chronologically**) Date Received

B. Extra-curricular activities (**List chronologically**) Participation Dates

C. Volunteer activities (**List chronologically**) Participation Dates

D. Employment, if applicable (**List chronologically**) Employment Dates

E. Colleges applied to (**in order of preference; indicate acceptance status**) Tuition and Fees

Briefly discuss your educational objectives, future career plans, and why this award will benefit you.

Part 5: Essay

Construct a **typed** essay of approximately **500 words** discussing ONE of the following prompts:

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