



GO FOR BROKE ASSOCIATION

2027 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Deadline: March 12, 2027



Background

The Go For Broke Association announces its Scholarship Program for the year 2027 through its website, <https://www.gfbassn.org>, and begins accepting applications from November 1, 2026, through March 12, 2027. All people submitting applications must be post-marked no later than March 12, 2027.

The Go For Broke Association, established in 1978 as a 501 (c) (19), is a veteran's non-profit organization. Twenty years later, the Association initiated a scholarship program to encourage Soldiers serving in the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment, United State Army Reserve, in pursuing post-secondary education, graduate or post-graduate studies. As both State and Federal governments extended education incentives, the Association extends its scholarship program to the Soldier's immediate family.

Today, the Association's Scholarship Program provides current life members, Soldiers and immediate family members of active reservist assigned to the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment, and a Life Member's grandchildren with up to \$4,000.00 awards to students attending a post-graduate, or post-secondary institution, or to high school seniors that have received acceptance to an institute of higher education.

The Go For Broke Association strives to:

- Preserve the legacy of "Go For Broke" spirit, established by the World War II nisei veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442d Regimental Combat Team, and continued through the Soldiers of the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment, from the Vietnam, Iraq, and Kuwait conflicts.
- Provide incentives for the Association's Life Members, Soldiers of the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment, and/or family members to pursue post-secondary education.
- Assist students enrolled in institutes of higher education with the costs of post-secondary education.

Eligibility

The applicant must be or have one of the criteria below:

1. A Soldier currently serving in the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment.
2. A Life Member of the Go For Broke Association (GFBA).
3. A spouse or child of a Soldier currently serving in the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment. A GFBA Life Member must sponsor all non-members.
4. A spouse or child of a GFBA Life Member. A GFBA Life Member must sponsor all non-members.

5. A grandchild of a Soldier currently serving in the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment. A GFBA Life Member must sponsor all non-members.
6. A grandchild of a GFBA Life Member. A GFBA Life Member must sponsor all non-members.

In addition, the applicant must have (one of the criteria below):

1. graduated from high school.
2. earned a General Education Diploma (GED).
3. enrolled, or accepted into a program at an accredited post-graduate or post-secondary educational institution that leads to a degree, diploma, or certificate.

Applicant Information

Name of Unit/Life Member: _____

100/442 Unit/Life Assignment: _____

Go For Broke Association Sponsor: _____

Applicant's Name: _____
(Last) (Middle) (First)

Applicant's relationship to Unit/Life Member: _____

Residence Address: _____

_____ City State (Zip)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Educational Background

High School (s) Attended

Institution	City	State/Country	Dates Attended	Graduation Date

Post-Secondary Institutions Attended (including current post-secondary institutions and institutions you will be attending in 2027-2028 academic year)

Name	City	State/Country	Dates Attended	Degree/Diploma

Current Class Standing (e.g., Freshman, sophomore) _____

Expected date of graduation (Month/Year) _____

**Scholarships, Leadership, Achievements, Community Service and Honors
Received in High School and at Post-Secondary Institutions**

List scholarships received for post-secondary education

Name of Scholarship(s) received	Year Received	Amount Received

List leadership positions you have held in High School and at Post-Secondary Institutions and a brief description of your accomplishments in these leadership positions:

Position Held	Dates in Position	Brief Description of Accomplishments

List academic and other achievements and honors (e.g., Honor Roll, Dean's List. Recipient of Athletic or Community Service Award):

Name of Achievement or Honors	Year Received

List community organizations you were a member of during and after High School a brief description of your accomplishments in these organizations:

Position Held	Dates in Position	Brief Description of Accomplishments

Essay

Select a topic from below and submit an essay with the application packet.

Today's Soldiers assigned to the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment have a duty and responsibility to perpetuate the legacy of the World War II Nisei Soldiers for the sacrifices they made to achieve such stellar military achievement.

1. How does the Japanese terms “giri” (duty, obligation, responsibility), or “kansha” (gratitude) guided you to perform your duties and responsibilities in the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment?
2. How have you benefited from the sacrifices the World War II Nisei Soldier made to those who set the standard for dedication, sacrifice, and family?
3. What have you done, or are you doing to continue the spirit of Go For Broke?
4. What makes the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment relevant today?

Directions

1. Applicant Essay – 1,000-word maximum, share your knowledge of the famed World War II Nisei units, the 100th Infantry Battalion or the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, how its historical accomplishments have benefited yourself, and the proposed use of the scholarship funds.
2. Format requirements:
 - a. Word Count: Maximum 1,000 words
 - b. Use separate sheets of paper.
 - c. Place your last name and page number on each sheet of paper.
 - d. Double spaced
 - e. 12-pitch font
3. Two (2) support letters from anyone (other than the applicant) who can provide the nominating committee with a perspective as to why the applicant deserves this scholarship.
4. Submit a photo of yourself (required) and a short one-minute video introducing yourself (optional).
5. Mail all documents to the address provided below, postmarked no later than March 12, 2027; or e-mail electronic copy to [www.https://gfbassn.org](https://gfbassn.org).

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2027 SCHOLARSHIP SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST



Applicant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Date Submitted: _____

E-mail Address _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

The application packet consists of the following items:

	Item	Status
1	Essay (1,000-word maximum)	
2	Two (2) Letters of Recommendation	
3	8" X 11" Photograph, Color (Required)	
4	One-minute video introducing yourself (optional)	
5	Application Checklist	