

Applications Open for 2024-2025 VFW-SVA Legislative Fellowship

The opportunity allows student veteran VFW members to address issues directly with Congress

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WASHINGTON — The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and Student Veterans of America (SVA) are now accepting applications from student veterans interested in participating in the upcoming 2024-2025 VFW-SVA Legislative Fellowship program. Now in its 11th year, the fellowship will bring select student veterans — who must be VFW members — to Washington, D.C., early next March to meet face to face with their members of Congress and senior policymakers.

Student veterans interested in applying must complete an application package that includes a 400 – 600-word essay and video proposal on the importance of veteran advocacy. The submission should include a discussion of why advocacy is important to the veteran community, and how the fellowship candidate plans to address solutions through community-based advocacy.

Past fellows have earned academic credit for their experience, found internships, accepted additional academic opportunities, and landed fulltime employment as a result of their fellowship experience. Several fellows have even had their research integrated into laws, which makes an everlasting impact on veterans, service members and their families.

VFW-SVA Legislative Fellowship opportunities are open to all currently enrolled student veterans. VFW eligibility criteria can be [found here](#). Selected fellows will attend and participate in SVA's 17th Annual National Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Jan. 2 – 4, 2025. They will then be flown to Washington, D.C., to ensure the veterans' message is delivered to Capitol Hill alongside 500 fellow advocates as part of the VFW Legislative Conference, March 1 – 5, 2025.

All applications must be submitted by midnight on Sept. 15. For full details about the VFW-SVA fellowship and to apply, visit [VFW.org/StudentFellowship](https://www.vfw.org/StudentFellowship) or contact Joe Grassi, VFW,

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The VFW-SVA Legislative Fellowship is another example of the strong collaboration between VFW and SVA that resulted from a memorandum of understanding signed by the two organizations at the SVA National Conference in January 2013.