



## VFW-SVA Legislative Fellowship

This annual program provides 10 exemplary VFW members who are student veterans the opportunity to make their voices heard on Capitol Hill and in their community.

To continue empowering tomorrow's leaders the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. (VFW) and Student Veterans of America (SVA) will once again host the 2023 VFW-SVA Legislative Fellowship, providing up to 10 exemplary student veterans the opportunity to make their voices heard on Capitol Hill and in their community. This program has been held annually since 2014.

During their visit to Washington, each fellow will be paired with a VFW mentor and accompany their VFW state delegation around Capitol Hill for in-person meetings with their members of Congress. The fellows will receive briefings from federal officials regarding ongoing policy initiatives, as well as learn techniques to work with the media when advocating on veterans' issues.

Candidates will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Current VFW membership (or eligible for VFW membership)
- Proof of current enrollment (e.g. unofficial transcript, class schedule, letter from school, etc.) at an accredited college or university.
- Proof of military service (DD214-member 4 copy, preferred).
- This program is open to all majors, and some may be eligible for college credits.
- Submission of an essay (length between **400 and 600** words) based on one of the following four topic areas:
  - Student Veteran success on campus and beyond
  - Improving veteran's health care and benefits
  - Transition from military to civilian life
  - Challenges for service members and military Families
- Submission of a 30 to 60 second video describing why you want to become a VFW-SVA Legislative Fellow and the basics of your legislative proposal.
- Possible over-the-phone interview with the selection committee

**The deadline for applications is November 1, 2022**

**Start the Journey Here**

[https://studentveterans.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_89cqXkma2nSp07Y](https://studentveterans.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_89cqXkma2nSp07Y)

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