

# JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER



## SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

### The American Legion Legacy Scholarship

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship is a needs-based scholarship for children of Post-9/11 fallen servicemembers or Post-9/11 veterans with a 50% or higher VA disability rating. It is designed to fulfill a financial gap remaining after all federal and state educational grants/scholarships available to an eligible applicant have been utilized. Applications must be completed by March of each year.  
(Check website for details)

#### Who May Apply:

- Children, adopted child or stepchild of U.S. military members who died while on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001.
- Children, adopted child or stepchild of post-9/11 veterans having been assigned a combined disability rating of 50 percent or greater by the Department of Veterans Affairs also qualify.

#### Eligibility Information:

##### Children of fallen post-9/11 servicemembers

- Child/children or legally adopted child/children or the child of a spouse by prior marriage or dependent child as defined by the United States Armed Services of active duty United States military and National Guard and military reservists, who were federalized and died on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001
- Official (Form DD1300) military death certificate
- FAFSA Summary showing Student Aid Index (SAI)
- If applicable, any award notifications from federal or state veteran benefits programs (for example, The Gunnery Sergeant Fry Scholarship, GI-Bill benefits, etc.)
- Financial Aid Package notification from their prospective/current institution of higher education for the upcoming school year
- Breakdown of all education-related expenses to include but not limited to tuition, fees, books, program costs, meal plan, housing and transportation
- High school senior or high school graduate currently accepted or attending an accredited institution of higher education within the United States

##### Children of post-9/11 veterans VA-rated 50% or higher disabled

- Child/children or legally adopted child/children or the child of a spouse by prior marriage or dependent child as defined by the United States Armed Services of active duty United States military and National Guard and military reservists, who were federalized and received an injury while on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001 leading to a Department of Veteran Affairs disability rating of 50 percent or higher
- Official disability rating paperwork from VA
- FAFSA Summary showing Student Aid Index (SAI)
- If applicable, any award notifications from federal or state veteran benefits programs (for example, GI-Bill benefits, etc.)
- Financial Aid Package notification from their prospective/current institution of higher education for the upcoming school year
- Breakdown of all education-related expenses to include but not limited to tuition, fees, books, program costs, meal plan, housing and transportation
- High school senior or high school graduate currently accepted or attending an accredited institution of higher education within the United States
- DD214 and/or NGB Form 22 showing dates of service and condition of discharge

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## GET OUTDOORS

### How to Explore the World's Best Backyard

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T-Bird Nation Blog



There are so many breathtaking places to experience the great outdoors and Southern Utah University is right in the middle of several National Parks, National Monuments, and other bucket-list stops. Going to SUU allows students premium access to all these geographic wonders. Along with lots of outdoor activities and educational recreation opportunities provided by the university, there are many other ways to explore the world's best backyard.

#### Locations Within Three Hours of Cedar City

Not only is there a great scenic background in the city, but SUU is only a short distance away from lots of popular attractions. Brian Head Resort, Cedar Breaks National Monument, and Zions National Park are all within an hour of the university.

A little further down the road, one may happen upon Bryce Canyon National Park, which is a ninety-minute drive from SUU. In the three-hour zone, students can travel to Las Vegas, Nevada; Great Basin National Park, Lake Mead, the Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, and Capitol Reef.

#### Locations Within Five Hours of Cedar City

Salt Lake City, Utah is only a mere three and a half hours from SUU. Directly to the southeast, travelers may come across Arches National Park, Colorado National Monument, Canyonlands National Park, Monument Valley, and the world-famous Four Corners. Just beyond that is Flagstaff, Arizona- about five hours south of Cedar City.

Four hours northwest of Cedar City is the Great Salt Lake. Four hours in the opposite direction you can find Death Valley and the Mojave Desert.

#### Location Within a Day's Travel of Cedar City

Hoping to go out of state for spring break? Look no further than neighboring nature attractions!

The Canyon de Chelly National Monument in Arizona is about a five-and-a-half-hour drive from Cedar City.

Interstate National Parks within an eight-hour journey include Mesa Verde, Chaco Culture, Petrified Forest, Joshua Tree, and Sequoia. Rocky Mountain National Park is about a ten-hour drive. The three National Monuments across nearby state lines are Hovenweep, Dinosaur, and Canyon de Chelly.

Other destination locations that aren't categorized as National Parks include Phoenix, Arizona; Sedona, Arizona; Disneyland, Hollywood, and Huntington Beach. Topping the list at a twelve-hour travel period is San Francisco, California.

## TRIVIA

### Who can help you create a degree plan?

The first 5 students to email the correct answer to [veterans@suu.edu](mailto:veterans@suu.edu) will be placed in a drawing for a Veterans Center trucker hat!

