

**“2025” Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County**  
**S/SGT James Ray \$5000 College Scholarship**

Please write an essay in response to the questions/subject matter listed below. The essay must be a minimum **500** words and include any/all references used.

In 1973, President Nixon, after ceasing the military presence in Vietnam 1972, discontinued the use of the draft (active service 2yrs + 4yrs reserve), though all 18 year old males must still register by Federal Law or lose all rights to Federal Benefits and be subject to fines and confinement in Federal prison.

Taking into consideration the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, Afghanistan, the Mid-East wars, and current strife points throughout the world, with our commitment to the ‘War on Terrorism’, and the need to be able to complete our obligations to NATO. The fact that currently less than 1% of eligible males are currently volunteering for military service to protect our countries status in the world, making those willing to serve, forced to do multiple deployments.

- A. Should the U.S. reinstate the draft in some form?
- B. Should a U.S. draft be required for all sex’s?
- C. Should a non-military but U.S. service option be provided?
- D. Is/would a draft required ‘public service option’ for ALL young adults lead to greater appreciation and support of the U.S. Freedoms taken for granted by many today?

**What is being offered for 2025?**

\$5000 To any high school senior or JC student (min 6 units) attending a VENTURA COUNTY school

**How are essays judged?**

All eligible essays will be judged by a committee of VVVC members using the following criteria:

A Content/References (20pts)

B Originality (20pts)

C Mechanical(spelling/grammar)/Neatness (10pts)

**How too apply**

Fill out the provided application fully (signed and dated)

Have a school counselor or other instructor fill out the Scholastic Reference Form (must be included)

Return the application (postmarked) by **MAY 30 2025**

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