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Scholarships Available for Children of Veterans

FAYETTEVILLE – Scholarships are available for eligible high school seniors who are the children of Cumberland County veterans. The scholarships are from the North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs and the North Carolina Association of Veterans Services Officers.

The North Carolina Division of Veteran Affairs manages a scholarship for the children of certain categories of deceased, disabled, combat or POW/MIA veterans. The scholarship pays for four years of tuition and fees at a North Carolina state college or university. If the student attends a private school, the scholarship pays tuition up to \$4,500 a year for eight semesters, if used within eight years.

To qualify, an applicant must be under the age of 25 and living in North Carolina. The student has to have been born in North Carolina and a resident of the state since birth, or the veteran parent was a legal resident of North Carolina at the time of entrance into the period of service considered for eligibility. The student must be a natural born child of the veteran or have been adopted prior to age 15. A change over last year's qualifications is that applicants must now have a grade point average of at least 2.5.

The second scholarship is from the North Carolina Association of Veterans Services Officers and was established to honor all deceased veterans services officers and is open to any graduating senior whose parent is a North Carolina resident and an honorably discharged veteran. The scholarship pays \$1,000.

The deadline for both scholarships is Feb. 15. Applications and additional information on both scholarship programs are available at the Cumberland County Veterans Services Office at 301 East Russell St. next to the Cumberland County Courthouse. Call (910) 677-2970 for more information.

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