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Veterans Services Announces Scholarships

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Veterans Services Office has announced two new scholarship programs for children of Cumberland County veterans.

In appreciation for the service and sacrifices of North Carolina's war veterans, a four-year scholarship program has been established for qualifying children under the age of 25 who attend North Carolina colleges and universities. The scholarship pays for four years of tuition and fees.

Any child with a veteran parent who died during wartime service or from a service-connected disability is automatically granted the scholarship. Automatic grants are also offered for children of 100-percent disabled veterans and children of former veterans classified as POW/MIA.

Competitive scholarships are available for children with a veteran parent who is partially disabled and/or has received a Purple Heart or other campaign medal.

A second scholarship program from the North Carolina Association of Veterans Services Officers has been established to honor all deceased Veteran Service Officers. The program is open to any graduating senior whose parent is a resident of North Carolina and an honorably discharged veteran. The scholarship pays \$500.

Applications and additional qualification information on both of these programs are available at the Cumberland County Veterans Services Office located on the ground floor of the Department of Social Services, 1225 Ramsey St. The phone number is 677-2970. The deadline for applications to be returned is Feb. 15.