

March 4, 2022

Dear Counselors and Applicants,

The Northland Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation was established in 1994 with a twofold purpose. First, maintaining the condition of the Northland Vietnam Veterans Memorial located on the Lake Superior Lake Walk and second, promoting the memory and commitment of those who served during the Vietnam War. It is our intention, as a foundation, to make available a minimum of two (2) scholarships each year beginning September 1997.

This letter is to serve as notification of the scholarship set up for Vietnam veterans and their relatives (A verifiable relative is a child, grandchild, sibling, niece/nephew of a Vietnam era veteran (including step family) who wish to further their education. **For purposes of this scholarship, a “Vietnam Era Veteran” shall be those persons who served in and were honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States, any Reserve or National Guard component thereof. Service shall be at any time starting or ending January 1, 1959 to December 31, 1975, inclusive.**

Our objective with this scholarship is to keep alive the memory of those commemorated on the Memorial wall. **As part of that, we are requiring qualified applicants to interview a Vietnam Veteran (if possible) and write a brief essay (500 words or less) entitled:**

**“In your research and study, what was the cause of the Vietnam War?**

**Then interview a Vietnam Veteran, if possible, ask him/her to explain his feelings about how the war started.”**

In 2016 the family of Frank W. Budd, MD, Capt. USN began to offer a \$1,000 scholarship to promote the importance and commitment of our medical personnel who serve in the military in time of war and peacetime. Our organization offers one scholarship to a student accepted in or intends to enter the medical field.

**“After doing research, Explain The Mobile Army Surgical Hospital: Vietnam War MUST vs MASH”**

**The enclosed applications are due May 14, 2022.** The award will be presented at a ceremony on May 30, 2022 and we ask that the recipients be present (with parents and sponsor if possible) and take part in the program by reading their essay.

We ask that the application and attachments be mailed to the address listed on the application.

If you are not the appropriate contact, please forward this information to the proper department. We ask your assistance with making this application available to qualified students. **Please destroy the applications for 2020 and feel free to make any extra copies of the current application as needed.** If you would like further information, do not hesitate to call me at 218-491-3991 OR email bennettcatherine@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,

Bradley J. Bennett, President  
Northland Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation