

RECYCLING EDUCATION & RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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The Recycling Education and Research Foundation (RERF) is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization associated with Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI). **The Foundation's core mission is to sponsor projects that promote public awareness, education, research, and the advancement of recycling.**

The Recycling Education and Research Foundation is keenly aware of the number of veterans who need financial aid as they seek to complete their undergraduate education. Understanding that not all expenses may be covered through existing government and scholarship aid, RERF created a **stipend of up to \$8,000** open to those who have served in the U.S. armed forces. This stipend covers \$2,000 per year and is renewable for up to 4 years or the length of study, whichever comes first.

Important Dates:

1. This application must be **received no later than June 1, 2021**.
2. Awards will be announced and notifications sent by August 2021.
3. Once approved, the stipend will be sent to the individual.

Eligibility:

1. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, have served a minimum 2 years active duty or 4 years reserve in a branch of the U.S. military and have been honorably discharged. Please note that while this stipend is intended to support those who have completed military service, it does not exclude members of the Ready Reserve who are in a non-drill pay or non-drill status.
2. The applicant must be admitted to an accredited graduate educational institution as listed by the [U.S. Department of Education](#) and by the [Canadian Master Designation List](#), and must be a full-time student and be in a **non-graduate** level program.
3. Board members of the Recycling Education and Research Foundation and their dependents, as well as employees of the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc. and their dependents are not eligible to receive the stipend.

Stipend Retention:

This stipend is for \$2,000 awarded annually for 4 years or the length of your study, whichever comes first. The responsibility relies on the candidate to submit official transcripts prior to the start of fall semester each year showing an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4 point scale to retain his or her stipend. **If a candidate does not submit his transcripts at the beginning of the fall semester, the candidate forfeits his stipend for that year. No back pay of stipend is allowed.**

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Requirements:

1. Completed application.
2. A copy of your DD form 214 (please black out your Social Security Number).
3. Answers to the essay questions.
4. 2 original, signed, and dated letters of recommendation. *Recommendation letters cannot be older than six month from application date.*
5. A resume detailing military duty and awards, volunteer activities, community services and jobs held during the past 5 years.

Submission (two options):

Email: NGrant@isri.org (preferred)

Mail: Natasha Grant, RERF Liaison, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc.
RERF National Scholarship Program
1250 H Street, NW Suite 400
Washington, DC 20005

For more information call (202) 662-8524 or email ngrant@isri.org.

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Veterans Stipend Program Application for Stipend

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

General Information:

Name:		Date of Birth:	
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Email Address:			

School you plan to (or are) attending:		
Student ID, if applicable:		
Address:		
City:		State: Zip:
Field of Study:		

Additional Stipends and Financial Aid:

Please list any additional stipends and financial aid (non-loans) that you know that you will receive (per year) and any you hope to receive (per year), excluding aid from the G.I. Bill. Add additional pages if more room is necessary.

<i>Stipends/Financial Aid: Already Received</i>		<i>Stipends/Financial Aid: Hope to Receive</i>	
1.	\$	1.	\$
2.	\$	2.	\$
3.	\$	3.	\$
4.	\$	4.	\$
5.	\$	5.	\$

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Essay Questions:

Please answer the following questions.

1. How did your military service change your life?
2. What are your professional goals and how will this stipend help you achieve them?
3. Describe your current relationship/interest to the recycling industry.

Release Agreement:

I, _____ (name of stipend recipient if recipient is over 18 years old or the name of the parent of recipient if the recipient is under 18 years old), do hereby give and grant permission to the Recycling Education and Research Foundation, Inc., the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc. ("ISRI"), the irrevocable right, permission and license to publish, reproduce, distribute, and/or otherwise use: (i) my/my child's name; and (ii) any photographic image or likeness of me/my child in conjunction with the announcement of stipend awards, promotion of the stipend program, or other publication of information related to the stipend program. I hereby waive all rights of inspection or approval with regard to any publication, and/or other use of my/my child's name.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____