



Hero Helper/Wounded Warriors Award

History: This award was established in 2010 by Paul Fitch, class of 1986 to support our wounded warriors, who have sacrificed for our country. This award provides a stipend of \$400 per trimester to a full-time Thunderbird student who is a discharged US Veteran whose DD-214 (or equivalent) shows a Purple Heart as an awarded decoration or who has seen extensive combat.

Criteria:

- Applicants must be an honorably discharged US Veteran 1) whose DD-214 (or equivalent) shows a Purple Heart as an awarded decoration OR 2) who has seen extensive combat.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled students.
- Applicants must be in good academic standing at the time of application.
- Applicants must submit to Financial Aid a two-page, double-spaced essay describing how their military experiences led them to Thunderbird and/or how Thunderbird will enhance their career expectations.
- Applicant must submit current resume and cover letter.

Process:

The Thunderbird Scholarship Committee reviews all applications and selects the top candidates. Once awarded, a report to the donors is sent that includes the names and biographical information about the students receiving awards as well as an accounting of the fund detailing the amount of gifts received, funds committed for awards and the balance available for future awards.