

**AWARD NOTICE**  
**VFW PATRIOTS AWARD**

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**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 5346**

A \$200 cash award will be awarded to a 2026 graduating senior who meets the following criteria.

1. A Piatt County High School student who is graduating in 2026.
2. The student has an accumulated high school grade point average of at least 2.0.
3. Has enlisted and been accepted in one of the branches of the U.S. Armed Forces and will report to duty no later than October 1, 2026.
4. Submit a brief biographical sketch and your reasons for joining the Armed Services.
5. All submissions must be submitted and post marked by **April 13, 2026**.
6. Submit a copy of your most recent high school transcript showing your GPA.
8. Submission will include:
  - a. Written brief biographical sketch and your reasons for joining the Armed Services.
  - b. Completed application form
  - c. Copy of your high school transcript
  - d. Verification of your service commitment from the Dept. of Defense.
9. Applications must be mailed to:

Patriots Award  
c/o Nick Nichols  
406 Lone Beech Rd.  
Monticello. IL 61856

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*Please Print or type*

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you attended your High School? \_\_\_\_\_ years GPA \_\_\_\_\_

After graduation I will report to the \_\_\_\_\_ (Branch of Service)

On or about \_\_\_\_\_ month \_\_\_\_\_ day, 2026. (No later than October 1, 2026)

Application submission will include:

- a. Written brief biographical sketch and your reasons for joining the Armed Services.
- b. Completed application form
- c. Copy of your high school transcript
- d. Verification of your service commitment from the Dept. of Defense.

*Disclaimer and Signature:*

I certify that all information provided on this application and all supporting documents are accurate and complete. I understand that any misleading or false information will result in my application being disqualified. If selected as an award recipient, I will report for active duty by October 1, 2026, if not, I will return the funds I have received to the award fund. I also give my full consent for the use of my name and photograph to be used for promotional and publicity purposes. I understand the decision of the VFW Award Fund Committee is final.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The VFW Award Fund does not discriminate or request information to make award decisions based on ethnicity, national origin, gender, identity, sexual orientation, disability, religion or age, in accordance with federal anti-discrimination laws.