

## Hillsdale County Veteran's Hall of Valor, Inc.

### Admiral Peter Hess Beckwith Memorial Scholarship Essay Competition

**Available Scholarship(s) for 2022-2023:** One (1) \$1500 scholarship for a Hillsdale County high school 2023 graduating senior. Also, up to two (2) additional scholarships totaling \$1500 may be awarded as deemed appropriate by the selection committee.

#### **Criteria:**

1. Candidates must enroll in an accredited college or university for the 2023-2024 school year to receive the scholarship.
2. Candidates must submit a 500-word essay on the topic listed below. Candidates are specifically encouraged to use (at a minimum) British Prime Minister Winston Churchill's 1946 "Iron Curtain speech" and President Ronald Reagan's 1984 D-Day Anniversary speech at Normandy as references, both which are readily available online.

**Essay Topic: What were the reasons resulting in the Cold War (1947-1989) and are the lessons learned still valuable for America today?**

3. Candidates must submit two (2) letters of recommendation speaking to the applicant's significant involvement in school and community activities, character, integrity and uniqueness of the student. One (1) recommendation shall be from a teacher/principal, and other one (1) from a non-related community member.
4. Candidates must agree to attend the Hillsdale County Veteran's Hall of Valor Awards Ceremony in Hillsdale on November 11, 2022 where the scholarship will be awarded.

#### **Deadline:**

The application, essay, and letters of recommendation must be received not later than October 24, 2022. Application packets and any additional questions regarding this scholarship program may be submitted electronically to John Williams, President, Hillsdale County Veteran's Hall of Valor, Inc, [john.williams@arbor.edu](mailto:john.williams@arbor.edu) or Vice President Jeffery Rogers, [jefferyrog@gmail.com](mailto:jefferyrog@gmail.com).

### **Admiral Peter Hess Beckwith Memorial Scholarship**

The late Peter Hess Beckwith served in the Chaplain Corps of the United States Navy Reserve for 27 years. He was Deputy Chief of Chaplains for the Armed Serves when he retired as a Rear Admiral. He was an Episcopal priest, and for 19 years was the Episcopal Bishop of Springfield, Illinois, retiring in 2010. In 2015 he was appointed as Assisting Bishop for the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes in the Anglican Church of North America. A graduate of Hillsdale College, he served as Chaplain at Hillsdale College from 2010-2016. He and his wife Melinda of 54 years have two sons, Peter II and Mike. Admiral Beckwith was active in the Hillsdale community and served on the Board of Directors of the Hillsdale County Veteran's Hall of Valor, Inc., where he was known for his honest and straightforward thinking and advice. This memorial scholarship is funded through the generosity of the Beckwith family.

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Admiral Peter Hess Beckwith Memorial Scholarship Essay Competition Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

List Your extracurricular activities and school related volunteer activities:

List your non-school sponsored activities in the community:

Current High School Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification:** I certify and affirm that all stated information provided in this application is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and that the essay submitted is of my own creation. I understand that if selected for this scholarship, I will be expected attend the Awards Ceremony on November 11, 2022, and that payment will be made in the name of my attending college/university and me.

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

PLEASE ELECTRONICALLY SUBMIT COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET (application, essay, letters of recommendation) on or before October 24, 2022 to the either [john.williams@arbor.edu](mailto:john.williams@arbor.edu) or [jefferyrog@gmail.com](mailto:jefferyrog@gmail.com), President and Vice President of the Hillsdale County Veteran's Hall of Valor, Inc.