

DAUNTLESS VETERAN

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DVF VETERAN AGRICULTURE GRANT APPLICATION

INTRODUCTION TO DVF AND THE VETERAN AGRICULTURE GRANT PROGRAM

Our mission at the Dauntless Veteran Foundation is to train and equip Veterans to translate their talents from the field to the farm.

SELECTION PROCESS

Candidates selected for awards will have needs and goals in close alignment with the DVF's mission, vision, and values.

AWARD AMOUNT

Up to \$30,000 will be awarded and distributed among the most qualified candidates.

GOALS

Award grants to U.S. military Veterans or their dependents seeking to start or grow a career in the farming industry.

ELIGIBILITY

Any U.S. military Veteran or their dependent that is, or is aspiring to be, a farmer, value-added producer, a student, or pupil in agriculture.

**Please note: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations are not eligible for this grant.*

HOW TO SUBMIT

Submit the application packet, preferably saved in a single PDF, via email to Info@DauntlessVF.org with the subject "AGRICULTURE GRANT APPLICATION" no later than the posted deadline.

**Please note: If we have any additional questions regarding your application we will reach out to you via email.*

***Any incomplete or late applications will not be considered for current application period.*

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS *(Specific requirements for each item are listed on page 4)*

1. Cover Letter
2. Completed Application
3. Personal Statement
4. Resume
5. Letter of recommendation
6. Proof of military service

AWARD RECIPIENT

If awarded a grant, recipients will be required to submit a photo and brief written materials prior to receiving grant funds. These materials may include a short biography, a personal statement about their farming journey and grant impact, and relevant background information.

By submitting this application, you agree to allow Dauntless Veteran Foundation (DVF) to use submitted photos and written materials for marketing and storytelling purposes, including but not limited to social media, website content, email communications, and print materials. These materials help us share recipients' stories with our donors and community.

GRANT APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please fill out all fields

Name (Last, First)		Date of Birth
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Email		Phone Number
Are you a Service Member <input type="checkbox"/> or Dependent <input type="checkbox"/> ? If dependent, please indicate your relationship to the Service Member: <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Surviving Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Stepchild <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted Child		
Dates of Service		
Military Service Branch	Most Recent Military Rank	
Disability Rating (if applicable)	How did you hear about the Dauntless Veteran Foundation?	

GRANT APPLICATION CONTINUED

Have you previously applied for the Dauntless Veteran Foundation Agriculture Grant?

- Yes
- No

Are you currently enrolled in an agricultural program?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please include proof of enrollment with this application.

Are you currently a farmer and/or value-added producer?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please explain:

What best describes your current business stage?

- Established business
- Business in development
- I do not currently have a business

Has your agricultural business generated revenue?

- Yes
- No
- Not yet operating

If applicable, what is your current land or property arrangement for your agricultural operation?

- Own
- Lease
- Rent
- Other (please describe):

COVER LETTER

One page brief description of yourself and why you are applying.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please submit a personal statement that is 500-1000 words describing yourself and your goals while answering the following questions:

1. Up to \$30,000 will be awarded and distributed among the most qualified candidates. Please indicate the amount you are requesting. If selected, how do you plan to utilize the funds? Be as detailed as possible, and include a timeline for spending. If relevant, provide a cost breakdown for your operation, preferably in a table format. Be sure to highlight how you will impact your local community.
2. Why is agriculture important to you?
3. What are some experiences you have gained from your military service or someone in your life who served in the military that you can apply to this that will make you successful in starting or growing your agricultural goals?

RESUME

Please submit a resume that includes:

- Education
- Work Experience
- Community Involvement
- Extracurricular Activities/Hobbies (optional)
- Skills (optional)

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please submit a minimum of one letter of recommendation from a professional or community member (military, teacher, employer, counselor, etc.), preferably from someone in the industry.

PROOF OF MILITARY SERVICE

US military Veteran - DD214 is preferred.

Other accepted forms include:

- Service letter from VA
- Valid VA ID card
- Drivers License or State-issued ID with Veteran indicator
- Military ID

Dependent:

- DoD dependent card
- DD-214 + marriage certificate, adoption, or birth certificate
- Service-connected disability dependent letter

-OR-

APPLICATION CHECKLIST *(preferably saved in a single PDF)*

- One-Page Cover Letter
- Complete Application
- Personal Statement
- Resume
- Letter of Recommendation(s)
- Proof of Veteran or Dependent Status

**Please note: If we have any additional questions regarding your application we will reach out to you via email.*

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TIMELINE OF APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. If your application is received after the current application period deadline, it will be held and reviewed in the next application cycle.

Current Application Period: DVF is accepting applications March 9, 2026 through April 6, 2026. Grant recipients will be selected in early May and notified shortly thereafter.