Goals And Objectives

To eliminate the obstacles facing disabled veterans that might otherwise prevent them from attaining a college degree.

To provide an individualized scholarship program that provides support in three areas: financial, academic and social.

To continue to secure public and private financial support for our veterans.

To Apply for a Scholarship:

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Operation Education is a comprehensive, individualized scholarship program created by the University of California, Riverside to provide financial, academic and social support to veterans who were disabled while on active duty since September 11, 2001.

Disabled veterans have served us. Now UCR, through Operation Education, is prepared to serve them as only an institution of higher education can. The university recognizes the sacrifice of the nation’s disabled veterans and has pledged to repay them in the best way possible – with support leading to a college degree. Disabled veterans are people who often need to rethink how they are going to make a living, contribute to society and provide for their families. A higher education often is the key.

With improvements in medical care and evacuation procedure on the front lines, many service members are surviving serious injuries that would have been fatal in previous wars. Because of this, there are more disabled veterans returning to civilian life than ever before. Because of their disabilities, many of these veterans are no longer able to do the job they were originally trained to do and face the challenge of how to earn a living. Higher education is the key to learning new skills, regaining their independence and providing for their families.

Returning to civilian life is challenging for many veterans and their families – and even more difficult when adjusting to the challenges of a new disability. Add to that the stress of attending school, and disabled veterans are often set up for failure. The Operation Education Scholarship Program is designed to help a veteran and his/her family be successful in those pursuits through an integrated and individualized plan of assistance. Operation Education is designed to be proactive, identifying potential barriers to success and providing positive solutions.

Academic Support: Operation Education may offer tutoring and adaptive equipment, such as computer hardware and voice recognition software. Also, the program may offer assistance such as mentoring, internships and job placement services.

Home and Social Support: Operation Education may assist with housing and transportation, childcare, and personal and family counseling services.

Financial Support: Operation Education may include scholarship assistance for tuition, fees, books and living expenses.

How You Can Help
To make a gift to Operation Education please contact Jan Forrester, Director of Student, Parent, and Faculty Initiatives, (951) 827-5671, or visit https://advancementservices.ucr.edu/GivingForm.aspx