On June 13, 2012, the Veterans Assistance Commission of Kendall County created a scholarship to honor the memory of deceased VACKC President Gene A. White. This policy has been enacted to serve as a guideline for the application and selection process. In November 2016, the scholarship expanded to honor two additional veterans: 2002-2006 VACKC Superintendent Arnold J. Bitterman and 2014-2016 VACKC Superintendent Bradley “Steve” Barrett.

**Title:** This scholarship shall be known as the Veteran Memorial Scholarship: In Honor of Gene A. White, Arnold J. Bitterman, Bradley “Steve” Barrett.

**Eligibility:** It is the intention of the VACKC to award this scholarship(s) to an honorably discharged veteran, the spouse of an honorably discharged veteran, the direct dependent or relative of an honorably discharged veteran or a former Kendall County resident listed as MIA, POW or KIA. All scholarship recipients must reside within Kendall County.

**Applications:** In years where funding is available, applications will be available on December 1st and distributed to all Kendall County high schools and Waubonsee Community College. All applications must be returned to the VACKC office no later than March 1st of the award year.

**Selection Process:**
- The VACKC Board shall select a committee consisting of four Board members and designated family members of the scholarships’ namesake.
- As each application is received, a sequential number will be assigned to the cover page that denotes the applicant’s identity.
- To establish anonymity, the cover page will be removed from the application and only the application will be forwarded to the committee.
- All applications will be screened and judged on their individual merit.
- Three applications shall be identified as winners.
- The applications of the winner’s shall be returned to the VACKC Board at the April meeting.
- During that meeting, these three applications will be matched with their cover sheets and the winner’s names will be announced.

**Presentation:** The VACKC President or appointed representative will present the scholarship(s) to the recipient at a special presentation ceremony.