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What are the NVLF Ohio Advancement Awards?

The NVLF Ohio Advancement Awards provide seed funding up to **$5,000** to support innovative, campus-based efforts to raise visibility for military-connected students and cultivate new supporters, allies, and donors.

Think of them as a spark, funding designed to ignite high-impact engagement and build program support.



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The National Veterans Leadership Foundation is dedicated to improving the transition experience for military-connected students, equipping them to excel both academically and professionally. Through partnerships with leading universities across the country, NVLF fosters programs and services that provide comprehensive support, advancing academic achievement and a sense of belonging for military-connected students.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What kinds of activities can be funded?

Any project, event or initiative that meets these three goals:

1) **shines a spotlight on Mil-Vet students;**

2) **involves development to help build relationships with key stakeholders, including donors and prospects, alumni, community members, and/or campus leadership;**

3) **ultimately develops support and funding for Mil-Vet programs, including the Military Community Advocates program.**

The activity can be a project of the Mil-Vet center or can include collaborations with other campus offices (Athletics, Career Services, Student Life, Colleges, etc.).

Who is eligible to apply?

Colleges and universities that are part of the Ohio Veterans Education Council (OVEC). Proposals must be submitted jointly by your Mil-Vet services office and a development officer.

What can the funds be used for?

Whatever helps bring your vision to life. However, just be sure to use the funds strategically. This is an investment, and we're hoping to see some return—whether in new donors, new partners, or new momentum.

Can this support an event we're already doing?

Possibly, but only if you can clearly explain how these dollars will expand the reach, increase the impact, or add new dimensions of visibility and cultivation.

What's the catch?

No catch, just a commitment to follow through. A brief report is due within 30 days of your final activity. We'll want to know what you did, what worked, and what you learned.

Why does NVLF offer these awards?

The awards are made possible through funding provided by the Ohio Legislature for Ohio schools. This program is administered by NVLF to support initiatives that strengthen campus engagement, elevate the stories of military-connected students, and build long-term institutional support.

How do we apply?

Coordinate with your advancement/development lead and complete the NVLF application form available on the OVEC website (ovec.us). **If you have questions or want feedback before you apply, reach out. We're here to help.**



Some project examples include:

- A flag ceremony involving students, alumni, and community leaders
- A speaker series or career event focused on military-connected students that include donors and potential prospects (as speakers and/or attendees)
- A 5K run, golf outing, tailgate gathering or other event with alumni and prospects
- A fundraising dinner or event
- A matching fund to leverage external funding in support of Mil-Vet programming

Got another idea? Creativity is welcome, as long as your project aligns with the three program goals above.