

Timeframe: April 2016 through April 2017

Eligibility: Any Texas VVA Chapter

Submittal Deadline: On or By March 31, 2017

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The 9th Annual Operation ED-U-CATE Project is funded by VVAFT's "Lucio Moreno Educational Fund" and will be a contest between Texas VVA Chapters to achieved excellence in their overall general operation and each applicant must have accomplished the following contest criterion to be eligible for the final grant awards:

- 1. Must be in "Good Standing" with VVA, the VVA Texas State Council, State and Federal regulations
- 2. Must meet the submittal deadline
- 3. Must provide chapter web site address or three copies of their chapter newsletter or both for evaluation
- 4. Must provide a five-hundred (500) word essay on a community or veteran based program the chapter has established and provide minimum of two photos of chapter participation in the program and any photos submitted must be on photo paper or the originals
- 5. A Chapter may ONLY submit one contest entry (chapter program) and the entry must be a current event in the previous 12 months prior to the deadline (March 31, 2017)

All entries will be judged by the VVAFT Board of Directors. The content of the chapter applicant's web site or newsletters or both and the merit of their chapter program will determine the final grant awards. The top two awardees will have their essay and photos published in the Texas VV News for recognition of their outstanding work.

Grant Awards:

- 1st Place \$500
- 2nd Place \$300
- 3rd Place \$200
- 4th Place \$100

The decision of the grant awards by the VVAFT Board of Directors are final and will be announced during the '2017 Spring Meeting of the VVA Texas State Council.