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Veteran Student Life Award Application/Nomination Deadline: February 23rd

Nominations for UConn's **Willis N. Hawley Service and Leadership Award** are now available! The deadline for nominations/applications will be February 23rd. **\$1,000** will be given to a UConn student (from any campus - undergraduate or graduate). This award recognizes a student veteran who has made significant contributions to the University community through leadership and service during their tenure as a student. The recipient will have demonstrated a commitment to raising awareness and actively advocating for veteran's issues at the University.

More information is available online at <http://sla.uconn.edu/award-descriptions/> along with the online nomination form.

If you know someone you want to nominate, or you would like to nominate yourself, go in and make your nomination by **Feb. 23rd!**



Fill out your FAFSA!

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is your gateway to grants and loans from the government for your education. Even if you already receive benefits from the VA you may still be eligible for grants from the federal government. However, you must fill out a FAFSA to receive them.



To apply for maximum available benefits for the 2018-19 academic year, you must fill out your FAFSA by **March 1st!**

Potential for thousands of dollars to be awarded. Go to <https://financialaid.uconn.edu/checklist/> for the link to the FAFSA, and for more information for completing it.

Internship Opportunity - Blumenthal's Office

Looking for an internship?? There is an internship program through Senator Blumenthal's Office. Below are more details about the program:

- Hands-on experience in the field and in the office
- Research ideas and work with people around CT
- Learn about public service and improve your professional skills
- Designed for undergraduate and graduate students
- Office located in downtown Hartford and Washington, D.C.
- Rolling admissions
- Accepting full and part time applicants

Questions?? Email CTInternships@Blumenthal.Senate.Gov

New \$5,000 Scholarship for Veterans & Their Families

The \$5,000 scholarship is sponsored by drugrehab.org specifically for veterans, active duty, and direct family members. Below are the details about the scholarship:

Here are the basic details:

- Looking for **essays** that describe some of the mental health and substance abuse issues that today's veterans may suffer.
- **No fee charged for applying**
- Awarded Every Year in June
- Awarded scholarship funds can only be used toward education related expenses including tuition, books, housing, and other study materials.

Eligible to enter are:

- 18 Years of Age
- Any Veteran or Active Member of the United States Armed Forces
- Any Direct Family Member of a Veteran or Active Member of the United States Armed Forces
- Available to Graduate and Undergraduate Students
- Available to High School Students soon to be enrolled in a post-secondary institution in the U.S.

For more information/to apply go to:

<http://www.drugrehab.org/veterans-scholarship/>



Veteran Graduate Students' Association

Are you a veteran graduate student or interested in veterans' issues? Do you want to collaborate with a group of like-minded young professionals? Looking for a way to gain experience and build your resume?

Reach out to the Veteran Graduate Student Association (VGSA), a UConn tier II funded, multi-campus organization! Regular members and executive officers are needed!

Contact Samuel.Surowitz@UConn.edu or Mary.Hartford@UConn.edu for more info. or call 860-486-5078!



Veterans Housing Community

Come live with us!

If you're currently living on-campus and wish to return to on-campus housing next year, don't forget to submit your 2018-2019 On-Campus Housing Application online by **January 22nd!**

For those students interested in living in the Veterans Community on-campus, please send an email by **February 23rd** to Nikki.cole@uconn.edu with your full name, student ID number (PeopleSoft), and indicate the full name of the person you want as a roommate (assuming they will also be sending a mutual request).

The Veterans Community will be located in South Suites for 2018-2019. Questions? Contact Nikki Cole at Nikki.cole@uconn.edu about this living option.



Tough Mudder - get your discount!



Bill Felmer, a fellow UConn Veteran, is sharing his Tough Mudder discount code:
BRAND226

This discount will only work for first timers as that is the primary purpose of the ambassador program: To recruit new people.

All you have to do is choose a Full or Half Mudder at any Venue in 2018.

Please note: It does not apply to Tougher, Toughest or Worlds Toughest Mudder.

As you proceed to the checkout you will find an option to put in a discount code. Make sure you do not submit your payment until you have entered the code. The code should be entered in before credit numbers.

Questions? Contact [Bill Felmer](#)

Job Resources for Student Veterans

Paid Internship - U.S. Department of Commerce

The Middletown U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center has a Trade Assistant (**Contractor Position 1099**) to offer military/veteran (Post-9/11) undergraduate or graduate students considering careers in business. Trade Assistants conduct a host of duties that range from responding to telephone inquiries concerning international trade to international market research. The value of this position is centered on the research that the student will perform for the Middletown office staff. Trade Assistants will research manufacturing and service companies to determine the extent of their international activities, assist companies in locating foreign agents and distributors for their products and services, pursue foreign sales leads provided by commercial officers and attend congressional events.

Contractors are paid by the CT Economic Resource Center and assigned to the Middletown, Connecticut U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center.

The selected Trade Assistant will be paid approximately \$16 per hour, 20-35 hour week.

No benefits. This contractor position will begin with a three month contract and may be extended based on availability of funding.

Must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must be enrolled in at least one class at an accredited college or university
- Applicants must be U.S. Citizens
- Applicants must be accustomed to working in a team environment
- Applicants must be able to follow orders and take direction well
- Applicants must be Post-9/11 Veteran

Please forward all resumes to Anthony.Sargis@trade.gov.

Questions? Contact: Anthony Sargis at 860-638-6954



Openings at Traveler's

Travelers has 12 openings for the position of Auto Express Claim Adjuster (starting salary of \$48 - 50K). This is perfect for anyone who is well organized and maybe has experience in the areas of procurement, logistics, personnel, transportation, vehicle maintenance. They will train, so anyone with experience close to that will be perfect. This could also be a perfect opportunity for spouses.

For more details about the position, and to apply, please go to:

<https://careers.travelers.com/job/7976680/auto-express-claim-adjuster-hartford-ct/>

More questions? Please contact Jen Etro at JETRO@travelers.com



Veteran of the Month: February 2018

Jay Shaw

The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs at UConn is pleased to honor Jay Shaw as our Veteran of the Month for February 2018. Jay Shaw served in the U.S. Navy for eight years in the Submarine Service. From the military, Jay says he learned the importance of working together as a unit. Going through that experience, he felt he became part of a family, “a brotherhood: you will go through hell with these people and they will go with you.” When Jay left the Navy in December 2016, Jay knew he wanted to go to college.

Jay enrolled right away at the UConn Hartford campus in January 2017 and he stayed in the New London area for the first half of the semester. Part-way through the semester, Jay moved to Hartford to be closer to the UConn Hartford campus. During that first semester, Jay shared that it helped him to “walk and talk my way through every class and learn from the experiences of other student Veterans on-campus.” In particular, he says Troy Norman really helped him keep his dream alive to keep pursuing his college education after leaving the Navy. During the Fall 2017 semester Jay was an integral part of the student Veterans who helped set-up the Oasis at the new location of the Hartford Campus. Currently, Jay is pursuing his Bachelor’s Degree in Nutritional Sciences. This semester, part of his classes are in Hartford, and part of them are at the Storrs campus. In addition to juggling classes between two different campuses at UConn, Jay will be working in the main Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs at UConn in Storrs this Spring 2018 semester.

Jay says that what he most appreciates about UConn is “the people, the diversity, different opinions, and teachers and staff; they have been the fuel that reminds me to carry on.”

If you would like to nominate a student, faculty, or staff member for “Veterans of the Month,” please contact Nikki Cole at Nikki.cole@uconn.edu with the name of the person and reasons for your nomination.



Carry On with these employers



It's time to get to work. One of the greatest benefits of completing your college education is securing employment that will aid you for the rest of your life. Each of these companies is veteran friendly—so what are you waiting for?



Company	Point of Contact	Email Address
Access Health CT	Peter VanLoon	peter.vanloon@ct.gov
Aetna	Mark Whalls	Whallsm@Aetna.com
AonHewitt Consulting Practice	Mike Walton	mike.walton@aonhewitt.com
Bank of America	Lisa McNulty	lisa.a.mcnulty@bankofamerica.com
Baystate Health	Dennis O'Brien	dennis.obrien@baystatehealth.org
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