



## **Robert & Barbara Girouard Endowment** *for Veterans' Education*

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### **About the Fund**

Enlisting in the United States Air Force was one of the best decisions Robert (Bob) and Barbara (Barb) Girouard ever made. In fact, the two met at Iraklion Air Station in Crete, Greece and credit the military for creating an “avenue of success”.

“We have been so incredibly blessed. Serving in the Air Force gave us job opportunity, education and lifelong friends that we never imagined we would have growing up, so now we feel it is time to give something back,” said Barb.

When Bob and Barb were looking to make a difference in the community where they have spent their adult life, they decided to create an endowment fund at the Community Foundation to support veterans in West Central Illinois and Northeast Missouri by establishing the Robert and Barbara Girouard Endowment.

### **Grant Purpose**

The Robert & Barbara Girouard Endowment provides financial support to postsecondary and vocational training institutions for the support of Veterans' education. Grants may be used to provide financial assistance for honorably discharged Veterans, including tuition, books, fees, and related expenses for honorably discharged Veterans or for the support of educational or vocational training and programs offered to Veterans.

### **Eligibility**

- Nonprofit postsecondary education and vocational training institutions and 501(c)3 organizations located within the Community Foundation's 12-county service area may apply for grants.
- Grants may be used for financial assistance of one or more honorably discharged Veterans or for support of educational or career training programs targeted to Veterans.
- Grants will be paid to the applicant institution.

### **Funding Amount**

\$645 in 2024

### **Application Overview**

1. Request Description/Grant Use
  - a. If applying for program support, describe the program, its goals, how it is promoted to Veterans, and its impact on Veterans.
  - b. If applying for individual student financial assistance, include the name of the student, student course of study, and student financial need.
2. Amount Requested
3. Number of Veterans Impacted by Grant Request
4. Certification of Honorable Discharge (if applying for financial assistance)

### **Timeline**

February 1: Application opens

March 15: Applications due

April: Award notifications

**How to Apply:** Online at [www.mycommunityfoundation.org](http://www.mycommunityfoundation.org) and click “Non-Profit Login” to access or create an account and view available grant applications.