

# Veterans Stipend

## 2025 Eligibility Requirements & Application Instructions

The Recycling Education and Research Foundation (RERF) is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization associated with the Recycled Materials Association (ReMA). The Foundation's core mission is to sponsor projects that promote public awareness, education, research, and the advancement of recycling.

The RERF Veterans Stipend was created to provide financial support to veterans enrolled in a professional development program. The funds can be used to cover expenses, such as living expenses or childcare, which are often not permitted through traditional government or financial aid programs. The stipend is \$2,500.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Applications must be submitted to RERF no later than **September 15, 2025**.
2. Applicants will be notified in early November.
3. The stipend of \$2,500 shall be paid directly to the individual.

### HOW TO APPLY

Please submit the following items to RERF by the application deadline. All mail submissions must be postmarked by **September 15, 2025**.

1. Completed **Veteran Stipend Application** and **Release Agreement Form**, signed and dated.
2. A copy of **Form DD-214 Discharge and Separation Document** (*please black out your SSN*).
3. Answers to the following essay questions. Please limit each response to 500 words or less.
  - a. Describe your role and responsibilities in the military. How did your military service impact your life?
  - b. Describe the program you are following and how it will directly assist in reaching your personal and professional pursuits.
  - c. The recycling industry funds this stipend. In what ways does the recycling industry impact your local community, state, or on a larger scale? (*Include any of the following factors: social, environmental, economic, industrial, and financial*).
4. Two letters of recommendation describing the personal or professional relationship to the candidate without reference to financial need, signed and dated within the last 12 months.
5. A professional resume.
6. Proof of enrollment in a formal training or licensing program. Acceptable forms of documentation include but aren't limited to enrollment confirmation or receipt of tuition payment.

### SUBMISSION

1. Email: Please send all application materials to RERF Program Director, Rickey Dana, at [info@recycledmaterials.org](mailto:info@recycledmaterials.org) by the submission deadline.
2. Hardcopy applications can be sent to the address below, with **Attention: Rickey Dana**



## VETERANS STIPEND APPLICATION

Please fill out the following information, sign and return it to RERF. All applications must be postmarked no later than **September 15, 2025**.

### Applicant Information

First Name:	Last Name:	Date of Birth:
Current Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Cell Phone:	Email Address:	

### Service Information

Branch of Service:	
Discharge Date:	Years in Service:

### Professional Development Information

Type of Education You're Pursuing:	Currently Enrolled?	Yes	No
Educational Institution or Training Provider:			
Program Name:			
Program Start Date:	Anticipated End Date:		

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Signature

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Date



## **VETERANS STIPEND RELEASE AGREEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of stipend applicant), do hereby give and grant permission to the Recycling Education and Research Foundation, Inc. ("RERF") and the Recycled Materials Association ("ReMA"), the irrevocable right, permission, and license to publish, reproduce, distribute, and/or otherwise use: (i) my name; and (ii) any photographic image or likeness of me in conjunction with the announcement of stipend awards, promotion of the stipend program, or other publication of information related to the stipend program. I hereby waive all rights of inspection and/or approval concerning any publication, and/or other use of my name.

Print Name:

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Signature:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_