



**THE AMERICAN LEGION
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TO: Post Commanders/Post Adjutants

FROM: Don Skow, Chairman Education Committee

**SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
and
THE MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Enclosed you will find information and application forms for THE AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP and THE MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP, which will be awarded next year.

Interest income from The American Legion Memorial Scholarship will permit six (6) \$500.00 scholarships to be awarded in 2018, representing Past Department Commander Lyle C. Mikelson, Past Department Adjutant Frank C. Momsen, and Past District Commander Howard Immel and other Legion leaders; plus the usual three (3) \$500.00 Minnesota American Legion Foundation scholarships.

We suggest that you immediately make copies of the application forms enclosed and distribute them to each school in your Post's area. There is a great demand for these scholarships and early distribution is requested.

School Counselors and/or Principals should be personally contacted, and their attention called to the restrictions applicable to each scholarship. Point out that all information requested should be filled in so that the application can be given full consideration. Applications should be returned to the Posts for their approval, by March 15th, and received at Department Headquarters NO LATER THAN APRIL 1ST. Applications need not be mailed separately. More than one can be sent in one envelope to save postage.

Well over 200 applications were received last year for the scholarships that were given. This fact necessitates that applications be completed in a timely fashion and be accompanied by two or three letters of reference from their school, church, or community, in order to help the committee make a fair evaluation of their merits.

After the committee has made its decision, all applications are destroyed, because of the confidential information enclosed. We do not keep a list of the applicants that do not receive a scholarship.

We ask for your assistance in this program and hope that you will provide this guidance to those students depending on you.

"GET INVOLVED: ACT NOW!"

The Department Scholarship Program is an excellent one but may not be satisfying the needs of all deserving students in your community seeking a higher education. With rising education costs and more students seeking financial assistance, many Posts have established local scholarship programs. If your Post has not done so already, consider doing so this year. The American Legion believes our future lies in our youth so what better way is there to recognize outstanding young people in our communities.

District Americanism Chairman
Education Committee Vice Chairman
Department Americanism Committee

District Commanders
District Adjutants

**APPLICATION
THE AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

APPLICANT'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____ **PHONE #** _____ / _____

PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS AMERICAN LEGION POST NAME AND NUMBER _____

or
PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS AUXILIARY UNIT NAME AND NUMBER _____

PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS SERIAL NUMBER, BRANCH AND DATES OF SERVICE _____

MEMBERSHIP CARD NUMBER FOR LEGION OR AUXILIARY: _____ **LEGION** _____
or
_____ **AUXILIARY** _____

FATHER'S OCCUPATION _____ **MOTHER'S OCCUPATION** _____

NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS IN THE FAMILY _____

FAMILY ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME FOR 'THE LAST YEAR (TAKEN FROM THE FEDERAL INCOME RETURNS) _____

SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE YET? IF SO, LIST _____

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD BE FILLED IN BY AN APPROPRIATE ADULT.

1. Student's scholastic average for the last three years _____, Include high school or college transcript.
2. Adult recommendation and remarks. (At least two or more recommendations should be included.)
3. Applicant should include a personal essay - essay can include why applicant should receive scholarship or what education the student is pursuing. The essay can be as long or short as the applicant deems necessary.

THIS SECTION BELOW MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY

APPLICATION APPROVED and RECOMMENDED BY AMERICAN LEGION POST # _____

POST LOCATION _____

POST OFFICIAL'S SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

ANY APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED MUST BE IN DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY APRIL 1, 2018. (IMPORTANT - BE SURE TO COMPLETE APPLICATION IN EVERY DETAIL TO QUALIFY.) ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE DESTROYED AFTER SELECTION. ONLY WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED.

APPLICATION

MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICANT'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE # _____

PARENT'S/GRANDPARENT'S AMERICAN LEGION POST NAME AND NUMBER _____

OR
PARENT'S/GRANDPARENT'S AUXILIARY UNIT NAME AND NUMBER _____

PARENT'S/GRANDPARENT'S SERIAL NUMBER, BRANCH AND DATES OF SERVICE _____

MEMBERSHIP CARD NUMBER FOR LEGION OR AUXILIARY: LEGION _____
or
AUXILIARY _____

FATHER'S OCCUPATION _____ MOTHER'S OCCUPATION _____

NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS IN THE FAMILY _____

FAMILY ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME FOR THE LAST YEAR (TAKEN FROM THE FEDERAL INCOME RETURNS) _____

SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE YET? IF SO, LIST _____

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD BE FILLED IN BY AN APPROPRIATE ADULT.

1. Student's scholastic average for the last three years _____ Include high school transcript (if applicant is a Veteran, no transcript is needed).
2. Adult recommendation and remarks. (At least two or more recommendations should be included.)
3. Applicant should include a personal essay - essay can include why applicant should receive scholarship or what education the student is pursuing. The essay can be as long or short as the applicant deems necessary.

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