

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY, SCHOLARSHIP

THE COMPLETED APPLICATION WILL QUALIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THE POSSIBLE RECEIPT OF ONE OF TWO (2) \$4,000 EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS (\$1,000 year for four years), ONE OF FOUR (4) \$2,000 EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS (\$1,000 year for two years) or ONE OF TWO (2) \$1,000 EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS (\$1,000 for one year).

**RULES**

1. APPLICANT MUST BE A NATURAL OR ADOPTED DESCENDANT OF A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY (son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, etc.)
2. APPLICANT'S FORBEARER MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY, OR IF DECEASED, A MEMBER AT TIME OF THEIR DEATH.
3. APPLICANT MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE GRADUATING CLASS OF HIGH SCHOOL INCLUDING VO-TECH FOR THE YEAR 2012.
4. APPLICANT MUST USE THE AWARD THE YEAR IT IS RECEIVED. FOUR YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE COMPLETED IN FOUR CONSECUTIVE YEARS.
5. THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED ON THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES::
  - a) CHARACTER - 20% - high standards of conduct; keen sense of right; strength of character; adherence to
  - b) AMERICANISM/COMMUNITY SERVICE - 20% - fine ideals; love of Country; ability to accept a citizens' responsibility (e.g. Boys & Girls State, Scouting, Flag Education, Community Service, etc.)
  - c) LEADERSHIP - 20% - ability to lead and to accomplish through group action (e.g. Club/School President, Drum Major, etc.)
  - d) SCHOLARSHIP - 20% - certified transcripts since Freshman year, including all grades, GPA, class rank, SAT scores, etc.
  - e) BASIS OF NEED - 20% - actual need of financial assistance to continue their higher education. Family's IRS 1040 is mandatory
6. APPLICANT MUST FILE A QUESTIONNAIRE, PROPERLY COMPLETED AS PER ENCLOSED FORM.
7. IF THE APPLICANTS SELECTED FOR THE AWARDS FAIL TO QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION TO SUCH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE OF HIS OR HER SELECTION BY AUGUST 1, 2012 THE AWARD WILL BE FORFEITED.
8. APPLICATION TO BE SIGNED BY BOTH THE APPLICANT AND COMMANDER OF THE SPONSORING POST. APPLICATION RECEIVED BY POST 1000 SHOULD NOT BE SIGNED BY A POST COMMANDER, BUT DIRECTED TO

STATE HEADQUARTERS IN TRENTON FOR THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S

SIGNATURE.

THE DECISION OF THE DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP JUDGES IN MAKING ALL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS IS FINAL.

NOTE: ALL LETTERS, TRANSCRIPTS, ETC. WILL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY, AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED. APPLICATION AND ALL DATA MUST BE MAILED IN ONE (1) ENVELOPE TO:

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP JUDGES  
DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY  
135 WEST HANOVER STREET  
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08618

POST MARKED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15, 2012

2012 THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY, SCHOLARSHIP

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT

TWO (2) \$4,000 EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS (\$1,000 year for four years)

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PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING SENT IN ONE (1) ENVELOPE:

1. Current completed application **MANDATORY**.
2. Photostatic copy of forbearer's Honorable Discharge and proof of dates of military service.
3. Completed Summary of Activities (sample copy enclosed). **GPA, SAT scores, and class rank MUST be on the Summary.**
4. A certified transcript or photostatic copy of high school grades.
5. An original article, consisting of not more than 500 words, describing a person or event which impacted your life **MANDATORY**.
6. Four (4) letters of recommendation. Examples include:
  - a) Principal or counselor from the applicant's school.
  - b) Clergyman of the applicant's choice.
  - c) Two (2) from citizens (other than relatives) certifying to the applicant's Character, Americanism, Scholarship and Need.
7. A copy of both parents (or married filing a joint return) most current IRS Form 1040, and at least Schedule A and B, and child support received, must be submitted **MANDATORY**.
8. A brief letter from the applicant stating the reason for his/her choice of vocation **MANDATORY**.
9. A copy of the 2012 membership card must be submitted **MANDATORY**.
10. All parts of the application must be received by the deadline, and will be **MANDATORY**.

IMPORTANT

DO NOT USE ACRONYMS IN ANY SUBMITTAL

MAKE SURE THAT THE APPLICATION FORM, COPY OF DISCHARGE AND SERVICE RECORDS, ALL LETTERS AND

RECORD OF GRADES ARE MAILED BY THE SCHOOL, APPLICANT, OR THE AMERICAN LEGION POST COMMANDER IN ONE (1) ENVELOPE - DIRECTLY TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS AND IS POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15, 2012.

The American Legion  
Attn: Scholarship Judges  
Department of New Jersey  
135 West Hanover Street  
Trenton, New Jersey 08618

Note: It is the responsibility of the applicant to meet all requirements.

School records and other confidential material may be sealed if necessary.

ALL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY APRIL 16, 2012

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1. NAME OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

2. ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIAL SECURITY # \_\_\_\_\_

4. NAME OF FOREBEARER BY WHICH APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE \_\_\_\_\_

5. RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. 2012 NEW JERSEY AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP CARD NO. \_\_\_\_\_

7. IF DECEASED, CAUSE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_

8. BRIEF STATEMENT OF MILITARY SERVICE AND DATES OF SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN IN FAMILY:(INCLUDING SELF)

UNDER 18 YEARS \_\_\_\_\_ OVER 18 YEARS \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. OCCUPATION OF FATHER (STEPFATHER) \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL INCOME \$ \_\_\_\_\_

11. OCCUPATION OF MOTHER (STEMOTHER) \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL INCOME \$ \_\_\_\_\_

12. GOVERNMENT COMPENSATION/PENSION RECEIVED BY PARENT AND/OR CHILDREN

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

COMPENSATION OR PENSION FOR APPLICANT IF MOTHER HAS REMARRIED OR IS DECEASED \$\_\_\_\_\_

13. ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR/OR DRAWING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS? YES\_\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_\_

14. IF SO, AMOUNT \$\_\_\_\_\_ TIME LIMIT OF BENEFITS\_\_\_\_\_

15. HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING & DATE OF GRADUATION\_\_\_\_\_

16. NAME AND LOCATION OF COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR SCHOOL OF HIGHER LEARNING YOU DESIRE TO ATTEND\_\_\_\_\_

17. THE VOCATION YOU PLAN TO PURSUE\_\_\_\_\_

18. ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSE FOR SCHOOL CHOSEN \$\_\_\_\_\_

AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF POST COMMANDER

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY**  
**SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS RANK= \_\_\_\_\_ GPA= \_\_\_\_\_ SAT CR= \_\_\_\_\_ M= \_\_\_\_\_ W= \_\_\_\_\_

(IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED, PLEASE INCLUDE SEPARATE SHEETS)

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, CLUBS, ETC.

ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES:

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

AMERICAN LEGION, AUXILIARY, SAL, VETERANS RELATED PROGRAMS:

OTHER: