

**SCHNEIDER – EMANUEL  
AMERICAN LEGION  
SCHOLARSHIP**

**DEADLINE: Everything into Department Headquarters by March 1.**

**INTRODUCTION** – The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin, Scholarship's purpose is to make available to three (3) deserving graduates of any accredited Wisconsin high school the sum of **\$1000.00** to be applied to the cost of continuing education at any degree granting college or university within the United States of America. It is the intent of the donor organization that this award shall enable a student, with a good measure of self-help, to secure a baccalaureate degree. The first series of scholarships were awarded in 1968 and has continued each year.

**ELIGIBILITY** – The applicant may qualify for The American Legion, State of Wisconsin Scholarship under one or more of the following conditions.

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY** – The scholarship application will not be considered if the applicant does not meet the **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**.

**THE APPLICANT MUST BE EITHER –**

- **A VETERAN AND AN AMERICAN LEGION MEMBER** holding a current official membership card at the time of application and at the beginning of higher educational pursuit.
- **A SON/DAUGHTER** whose Father, Mother, or Legal Guardian is a member of **The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, or The Sons of The American Legion** holding a current official membership card at the time of application and at the beginning of higher educational pursuit.
- **A GRANDSON/GRANDDAUGHTER** whose Grandfather, Grandmother, or Legal Guardian is a member of **The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, or The Sons of The American Legion** holding a current official membership card at the time of application and at the beginning of higher educational pursuit.
- **APPLICANT HIMSELF/HERSELF** is a member, in good standing, of **The Sons of The American Legion or The American Legion Auxiliary/Junior Auxiliary** holding a current official membership card at the time of application and at the beginning of higher educational pursuit.

*Three (3) Scholarship awards will be made to the applicants who meet the above eligibility requirements and have participated in one or more of the following American Legion sponsored activities:*

- Attendance at a complete session of Badger Boys State.
- Attendance at a complete session of Badger Girls State.
- Participation in the County Youth Government Day Program.
- Participation in the American Legion Oratorical Contest (at any level).
- Participation in the American Legion Americanism and Government Test Program.
- Active member of an American Legion sponsored Band and/or Drum and Bugle Corps.
- Member of an active American Legion Baseball Team.
- Member of an American Legion sponsored Scout Troop.
- Member of Sons of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary.
- Member of The American Legion.

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**AWARDS – Basis of Award:** APPLICANT must be awarded a high school diploma or its equivalent and must have maintained an academic average of “B” or better for a period of seven (7) high school semesters, based upon the standard of the institution granting the diploma.

The academic average is based on the seven (7) semesters prior to the second semester of the senior year.

### **APPLICANT MUST BE:**

- Able to meet the specific entrance requirements of the chosen learning institution.
- Complete and submit the enclosed application. Submit supporting documents such as: transcript of grades, four (4) recommendation forms and your ACT score. Documents should be sent by **March 1** prior to school opening the following September.
- Be willing to sign, along with parent or guardian, the “Agreement” portion of the application.

**NOTE:** No application is considered complete unless all questions are fully answered and transcripts and recommendations are mailed to the Wisconsin American Legion State Headquarters, bypassing the applicant.

If an applicant is in college he/she must have a transcript of eight (8) semesters of high school and the last complete semester of college with a transcript.

Applicants must follow and complete the rules in the AWARDS Section, Rules 1, 2, and 3 inclusive.

Previous award winners are not eligible for consideration for a second scholarship.

The following factors shall be considered by the judges in deciding the relative merit of applicant and in arriving at final selection.

- Moral Character – Devotion to the American way of life and its institutions, and applicant’s seriousness of purpose.
- Scholastic excellence of the applicant.
- Participation and accomplishment in American Legion affiliated activities.
- Personality, leadership and participation in general extra-curricular activities.

**GENERAL INFORMATION** – There shall be a two (2) week grace period between March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup> where no new application blanks will be accepted, but where the applicant will be notified that certain materials are missing, not directly the applicant’s fault.

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A state committee, consisting of a panel of five (5) judges, shall meet to select the finalists and announce the same to the Department Commander and Department Adjutant by the time of the Wisconsin American Legion Annual Spring Meeting in May, at which time the high school principal will be notified. Public announcement of winning candidates shall be left to the high school principal, but will be made no later than the commencement exercises of the winning graduate. Hopefully, an appropriate presentation will be arranged by the local high school utilizing an American Legion official in the presentation. The July issue of The Badger Legionnaire shall carry names and a synopsis of scholarship winners.

Simultaneously, the judges shall pick three (3) alternates: First Alternate, Second Alternate and Third Alternate, who shall, in that order, be awarded a scholarship should either of the original winners default in any manner whatsoever.

Should experience indicate that picking winners is a task too cumbersome for non-remunerated judges, the State Commander may appoint a competent screening committee who shall, in preliminary judgment, narrow the field to twenty-five (25) applicants.

**JUDGING TEAM** shall be comprised as follows: (This is the Scholarship Committee)

- 2 Qualified Professional Educators.
- Chairman of the Education and Scholarship Committee.
- Past Department Commander who is immediate past DEC member or his delegate.
- Department Commander or his delegate.

Judges shall be selected, annually, by the Education and Scholarship Chairman, in coordination with the Department Adjutant and approved by the Department Commander

In all cases, judges reserve the right to check the accuracy and authenticity of any information submitted by an applicant including eligibility of scholarship itself; membership card numbers of self, mother, father, grandparent, or guardian; military or school record; marital status, especially "legally separated" of applicant and /or family.

**FINANCIAL** – The financial aspects of the Wisconsin American Legion Scholarship Program shall be administered as follows:

- Scholarship monies are not normally available to the applicant prior to August 15<sup>th</sup> annually, but special consideration may be received by petitioning the State Finance Committee with bona fide proof of summer school attendance.
- Scholarship monies shall be kept in a special account ledger and collected, disbursed, audited and controlled as are other state funds.
- The Department Adjutant shall negotiate a voucher only upon receipt of official notification by the educational institution that the applicant has completed matriculation and has been accepted by said institution.

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- Payment of total sum of scholarship shall be made to the Bursar or Controller or other proper registration official at the accepting institution, (not the individual), and shall be deposited into the account of the winning applicant and applied toward tuition, fees, and other educational expenses.
- Should a winner, at any time during the school year, fail to matriculate and/or remain in school, all monies shall immediately be surrendered and/or recovered or transferred to the next eligible alternate.
- In the event the recipient discontinues his/her scholastic pursuit, he/she automatically forfeits all further scholarship privileges.
- If the scholarship is not used after two (2) years, it reverts back to the scholarship fund. As is the case in all American Legion matters, these rules are subject to revision at any official meeting of the Department Executive Committee but, hopefully, all revisions will become effective one year hence from their adoption, or at a date as not to jeopardize any student's opportunity for this scholarship.



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**YOU MUST HAVE PARTICIPATED IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING AMERICAN LEGION SPONSORED ACTIVITIES. COMPLETE THOSE THAT QUALIFY YOU.**

1. **BADGER BOYS STATE** Year \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

2. **BADGER GIRLS STATE** Year \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

3. **ORATORICAL CONTEST** Year \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

Legion District Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Title of Oration: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. AMERICANISM AND GOVERNMENT TEST PROGRAM:**

Year (s): \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. COUNTY YOUTH GOVERNMENT DAY PROGRAM:**

Date of Participation: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. AMERICAN LEGION SPONSORED DRUM & BUGLE CORPS OR BAND:**

Year(s) of Participation: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Number of Legion Post Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL TEAM: Team Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Participation: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Number of Legion Post Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

**8. AMERICAN LEGION- SPONSORED SCOUTING PROGRAM OR TROOP:**

Troop Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) of Participation: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Number of Legion Post Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

**9. AMERICAN LEGION OR AUXILIARY MEMBER:**

Post or Unit Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Membership Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MEMBER:**

Detachment Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

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**EDUCATIONAL DATA:**

**SCHOOLS ATTENDED:** (If all four years at one school, enter only grade 12).

GRADE	NAME	LOCATION	YEAR
12			
11			
10			
9			

Date of High School Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Graduating Class \_\_\_\_\_ Rank in Class \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTENDANCE:** Were you absent more than ten times per year the past two years?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No (If yes, explain the illness or cause.)

**COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY APPLICANT DESIRES TO ATTEND:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

(If no, when do you expect acceptance? \_\_\_\_\_)

If already attending college, name of college \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

What course of study do you plan to pursue? \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT'S STATEMENT** – Please state below (in a short paragraph) your education objectives, for what life's work you desire to prepare yourself by attending college, and the value and contribution The American Legion Scholarship would make toward the realization of that goal.

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**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (School Related) (Use checks under appropriate grade level.)**

ACTIVITY	9	10	11	12	ACTIVITY	9	10	11	12
Sports (Number of)					Cheerleader				
Newspaper Staff					Pep Club				
Annual Staff					F.F.A.				
School Play					National Honor Society				
Band					Foreign Language Club				
Orchestra					Science Club				
Chorus or Choir					Audio-Visual Club				
Glee Club					Others				
Others					Others				
Others					Others				

**LIST BELOW SPECIAL HONORS, RECOGNITIONS, OR AWARDS WHICH YOU HAVE RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE ACTIVITIES.**

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**LIST BELOW ANY ACTIVITIES, HONORS, OR RECOGNITION WHICH YOU HAVE RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH ORGANIZATIONS OTHER THAN SCHOOL SPONSORED:**  
(Such as Church, Youth Groups, 4-H, Scouts, etc.)

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In addition to this **completed form, be sure:**

- Your school sends a certified transcript which includes
- Rank in Class, ACT Score
- Cumulative, or 9 through 11, Grade Point Averages
- Twelfth (12) Grade First Semester Grade Report
- Four recommendations (forms provided) should be submitted by
  - High School Principal or Counselor
  - Clergyman
  - Two Representative Citizens

**MAIL TO: WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION**  
Attn. Programs Coordinator  
P.O. Box 388  
Portage, WI 53901-0388

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**APPLICANT'S AGREEMENT**

The applicant hereby states that he/she has familiarized himself/herself with the rules established for the Wisconsin American Legion Scholarship, and that:

- His/her qualifications meet the basic requirements for the scholarship and for college entrance.
- Arrangements have been made to complete this application by forwarding transcript(s), class rank, ACT score, and four recommendations on provided forms.
- He/she intends to abide by all provisions set forth in the rules – and agrees to accept as final the decisions agreed upon by The American Legion Scholarship Committee.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date