



**EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP  
PROGRAMS  
FOR CHILDREN OF  
AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERS  
AND  
DEPENDENTS OF VETERANS**



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**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

This pamphlet is one of the services offered the young people of our state by The American Legion. In the development of this pamphlet, an attempt has been made to give emphasis to the opportunities available to children of American Legion members and also to dependents of deceased and disabled veterans.

Since there are literally thousands upon thousands of loan funds, scholarships, gratuities and other educational aids offered by universities, colleges, foundations, private organizations and by state and federal legislation, it is not possible to give complete information on all educational aids that exist. It is therefore suggested that you read carefully the contents of NEED A LIFT? and you will find references which will lead to almost all existing sources of aid except those available at the local level.

**PLANNING IS IMPORTANT**

Before applying for a scholarship, you should establish your eligibility to enter the school of your choice. You should begin your planning toward applying for scholarships early in your senior year. You and your parents should consider the combination of savings, scholarships, loans, and part-time employment to meet expenses.



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Posts should contact their high schools to see if additional copies of this material is needed. Brochures may be ordered free of charge from Department Headquarters in Bloomington. The charge for the NEED A LIFT? catalog is \$3.50. **CHECK WITH YOUR SCHOOLS TODAY!**

Let us all REACH OUT and assist our educational institutions!

# SOURCES OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEPENDENTS OF VETERANS

The American Legion, the Federal Government, private trust funds, and many other organizations offer a wide variety of benefits. Some sources for dependents for veterans are as follows:

1. Under existing legislation supported by The American Legion and adopted by the Congress, the Department of Veterans Affairs provides monthly payments to children of deceased veterans who had war time service during W.W. I, W.W. II, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada/Lebanon, Panama, and Persian Gulf. Also authorized for monthly payments are the children of service-connected veterans with disabilities of 50% or more.
2. Junior GI Bill provides educational opportunities for children of veterans who died or were permanently and totally disabled in or as the result of service in the armed forces of the United States in W.W. I, W.W. II, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada/Lebanon, Panama and Persian Gulf. A maximum of 36 months of education and training may be obtained. Applications must be filed by a parent or guardian with the Department of Veterans Affairs.
3. Some other sources are:
  - A. Knights of Columbus Trust Fund
  - B. LaVerne Noyes Society Scholarships
  - C. Army Relief Society Scholarships
  - D. Fraternal Order of Eagles
  - E. Disabled American Veterans
  - F. Air Force Aid Society
  - G. Amvets Scholarship Grants
  - H. Submarine Veterans of W.W. II
  - I. Appointments to the Service Academies of Sons of Deceased or Disabled Veterans
  - J. Elks Educational Fund
  - K. Marine Division Scholarships

## **AMERICAN LEGION EDUCATIONAL AIDS**

## **THE AMERICAN LEGION "NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST"**

The four finalists receive scholarships which may be used in colleges or universities in the United States.

Supplementing this, there are several hundred scholarships for oratorical participants awarded at the Post, District and State levels. Rules for these contests can be obtained from your local principal or from your local Legion Post, or from The American Legion State Headquarters.

## **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY "NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP" of \$2,000.00 each 1st Runner-up - \$1,500.00**

Candidates must be girls who are children of veterans of W.W. I, W.W. II, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada/Lebanon, Panama and Persian Gulf who are in their senior year of high school and are in actual need of help to continue their education.

## **AMERICAN LEGION POSTS AND AUXILIARY UNITS**

Hundreds of individual Posts of The American Legion and Units of the Auxiliary offer educational aids for the benefit of their communities. Additional, and more complete information, can be secured by contacting the Education Chairmen of both Posts and Units as well as District, Division, and State Chairmen and Commission members.

## **ARMY R.O.T.C. SCHOLARSHIP**

The Army R.O.T.C. Scholarship Program is designed to offer financial assistance to outstanding young men and women.

Scholarships may be awarded for two, three, or four years. Four year scholarships are open on a competitive basis, to high school graduates who enter Army R.O.T.C.

The two and three year scholarships are available only to students who are enrolled in R.O.T.C.

Further information may be obtained on this excellent program by writing to the following: ARMY R.O.T.C., Fort Sam, Houston, Texas 78234.

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**  
**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS**  
Administered by  
The Education and Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 2910  
Bloomington, Illinois 61702-2910

**PURPOSE**

The scholarship program of The American Legion, Department of Illinois, was established to assist students, who have the ability and desire to receive an education beyond high school in an institution accredited by the proper state authorities and/or recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs, including universities, colleges, technical or trade schools.

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY**

1. Applicant must be the son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter of a current paid up member of The American Legion, Department of Illinois, or the son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter of a deceased member of the Department of Illinois.
2. Applicant must be a senior in an accredited high school at the time of application who will graduate in the current school year.
3. Applicant must be a citizen of the United States.
4. Applicant must subscribe to oath "To Defend and Protect the Constitution of the United States" (Given in its entirety in application).
5. Applicant must complete application and forward it to The American Legion State Headquarters in Bloomington. All questions must be answered.
6. Applicant must meet the academic standards of the school he/she wishes to attend.
7. **Faxed applications will be accepted.**

**PERSONAL QUALIFICATION**

1. Applicant must have a good record of school and community citizenship.
2. Applicant must show personal responsibility.
3. Applicant must have the desire to pursue an education beyond high school.

**BASIS OF SELECTION**

Awards will be made on the basis of personal financial need and academic qualifications as outlined above with consideration given to the desire to continue education, ability to succeed, career to be pursued, and purpose for which scholarship is to be used. The decisions of the committee, composed of the members of the Education and Scholarship Committee, will be final.

**EXTENT OF AWARD**

The maximum scholarship award is \$1,000.00. **The scholarship is not renewable.** A check for the amount of the award will be mailed, after a receipt of evidence of enrollment in an institution of learning beyond high school, to the Registrar or Bursar of that institution. The student may then withdraw, by voucher, any amount of his/her award as needed.

**APPLICATION AND DEADLINE**

Application forms for the scholarship awards may be obtained from the Education and Scholarship Committee, The American Legion, Department of Illinois, P.O. Box 2910, Bloomington, IL 61702-2910. **Application deadline date on awards for school year is MARCH 15, and must be in Bloomington by that date.** Announcements of the awards will be made by May 1st of the current year.

Other awards have no bearing on this Scholarship Award.

## **NATIONAL LOAN PROGRAMS**

Public Law 89-290 provides for grants to schools of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and podiatry.

Federal Government Cooperative Education Program provides primarily for science and engineering students. It is a work-study type program.

Neighborhood Youth Corps projects provide opportunities for unemployed low-income youths to gain work experience, receive training, and earn an income all at the same time.

Armed Services Subsidized Programs - such as NROTC, AFROTC, AROTC, the Merchant Marine and the Coast Guard. The booklet **NEED A LIFT?** contains detailed information and addresses on many programs and may be referred to for additional assistance.

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## **STATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS**

Most states, including the District of Columbia, have statutes which authorize educational assistance and loan funds for students, including those for sons and daughters of veterans, particularly the children of deceased or disabled veterans. Most states require that applicants have reasonably good grades in high school and that they meet the academic standards acceptable to the school in which enrolled. In many cases, but not all, one eligibility requirement is that the applicant be in need of financial help to obtain the desired education. Application for state education aid should normally be made well in advance of the anticipated date of enrollment. Once again, **NEED A LIFT?** gives complete and detailed information concerning state scholarships and loans.

## **SOME ADVICE**

In almost every instance a scholarship does not provide for the entire expense of higher education. This should not discourage you because practically every college, university, or vocational school provides a service which would assist a student to obtain part-time employment or a loan to defray a portion of your expenses.

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## **TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Education and Scholarship Committee Scholarships normally are utilized by those graduates seeking a baccalaureate degree from a credited college or university even though the scholarship designates the inclusion of community college and/or vocational schools.

Good jobs require possessing a skill that is in demand by employers. The job market today emphasizes technical training, such as mechanics, laboratory technicians, electricians, truck drivers, cosmeticians, carpenters, computer operators, plumbers, masonry, which provides a marketable skill. Possessing a marketable skill may mean the difference between employment and unemployment.

This Trade School Scholarship is available to those graduating seniors seeking to acquire their skills through a private career school, apprenticeships, or cooperative training.

The scholarship award is \$1,000.00 and is not renewable. One scholarship will be available in each of the five divisions.

## **ATTENTION POST EDUCATION CHAIRMAN:**

This brochure can only be helpful and successful if your local high school has received it or if they are aware of American Legion educational aids. **CHECK TODAY** to be sure.

**IMPORTANT: MARCH 15 DEADLINE**

**ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS 1-16 & COMPLETE PAGE FOUR**

Circle one:

DIVISION: 1 2 3 4 5

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No Later Than March 15. Late Applications Will Not Be Accepted.

**MANDATORY - Attach copy of High School Transcript & ACT Scores**

**FAXED APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED.**

APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

To be filled out by student with help of parent or guardian, classroom teacher and principal.

- A. First, read The American Legion Education and Scholarships Committee Brochure and specifically the page entitled "Scholarship Award" which outlines conditions, rules and requirements. Second, read all pages of this application.
- B. The information requested about you and your parents will be used to determine your eligibility, and to process and evaluate the application, so it is important that all questions be answered and instructions followed.
- C. Following receipt of this application, The American Legion Education and Scholarship Committee will give careful consideration to all applications, determine the number of applicants to receive scholarship grants. All applicants approved by the Education and Scholarship Committee will be notified on or about May 1. Decisions of the Education and Scholarship Committee will be final.

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CIRCLE rejected number(s) below:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

ANSWERS MUST BE IN LEGIBLE WRITING WITH PEN AND INK OR TYPEWRITTEN. (Please do not tear or make additional folds in this application.)

PHOTO  
(OPTIONAL)

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last Name* *First Name* *Middle Name*
- 2: Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_
3. Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Age

5. Date of Birth

6. Sex

7. Social Security No.

8. High School Graduation Date

9. What High School Do You Attend? \_\_\_\_\_  
Located at (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

10. List your class, extracurricular activities and special recognitions including athletics or hobbies in which you have participated in high school, church or community. Indicate which years and how many years. \_\_\_\_\_

11. Upon graduation, what school or university do you plan to attend? What career or major do you plan to pursue? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

12. What jobs have you held in the past two years? If none, why not?

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13. What funds do you have available for your first year of school?

- A. From Savings \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- B. From Earnings \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- C. From Parents \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- D. From other loans and scholarships \$ \_\_\_\_\_

14. What is your philosophy concerning the responsibilities of youth to the future of America? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. STATEMENT OF APPLICANT:

- A. In the event that I am granted the scholarship, I hereby certify that I am willing to take and subscribe to an oath or affirmation that I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I shall bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America and shall support and defend the Constitution and the laws of local, state, and federal governments.
- B. I affirm that the information given in the foregoing application is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No. - include Area Code

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

16. STATEMENT OF PARENT, GRANDPARENT OR GUARDIAN:

I have read the foregoing application and statements in full and, to the best of my knowledge, the information is true and accurate. I am a member of Post Number \_\_\_\_\_, located in \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Division.

Post Commander or Adjutant Name \_\_\_\_\_ My Member I.D. number is \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Post Commander or Adjutant\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent, Grandparent or Guardian  
\*\* Please Circle Relation to Applicant \*\*

\*The signature of the Post Commander or Adjutant is only required *if Parent, Grandparent or Guardian is deceased* to verify past membership.

PARENTS CONFIDENTIAL STATEMENT

Information in this application will be treated as confidential.

To be submitted with Application for  
The American Legion Scholarship Award  
Administered by  
The Education and Scholarship Committee  
The American Legion  
Department of Illinois

**PLEASE answer all questions**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Father, Stepfather or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Employed by \_\_\_\_\_ Years with Firm \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother, Stepmother or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Employed by \_\_\_\_\_ Years with Firm \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Income

Adjusted Gross Income

(Adjusted Gross Income on Form 1040 - Line 31;

1040A - Line 6E; 1040EZ - Line 4        \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Use the most recent tax figure available and indicate the tax year of those figures.

Describe any circumstance which may affect your family's ability to provide for your college education.

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LIST ALL DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Name	Age	Check if Living with Family	Name of Present School	Year in School
1. _____				
2. _____				
3. _____				
4. _____				
5. _____				
6. _____				



# TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



**(To be completed by only those who are applying for the Trade School Scholarship)**  
**(One per Division)**



## **REQUIREMENTS**

Complete the Education and Scholarship application, and in addition, answer the following questions using additional sheets of plain white paper if necessary.

OCCUPATIONAL CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN OCCUPATIONAL CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_

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SOCIETIES NEED AND/OR FUTURE TRENDS OF OCCUPATIONAL CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_

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EDUCATIONAL AND/OR TRAINING REQUIRED IN OCCUPATIONAL CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME AND LOCATION OF INSTITUTION PROVIDING TRAINING IN MY OCCUPATIONAL CHOICE AND WHY I

SELECTED THIS INSTITUTION: \_\_\_\_\_

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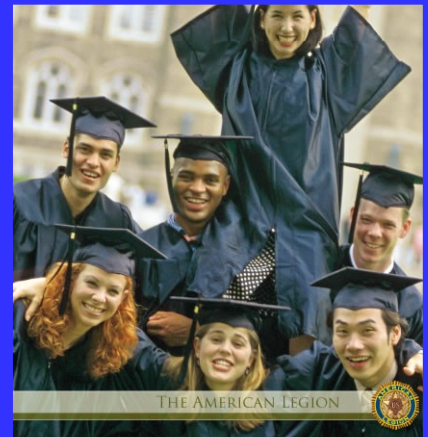


## APPLICATION CHECK LIST:

- ✓ **Signature of Post Commander or Post Adjutant**
- ✓ **School Transcripts**
- ✓ **ACT scores**

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**or Download a Free Copy of NEED A LIFT at:**  
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## The American Legion cares about the education of America's children

The American Legion, an organization of wartime veterans, wrote *Need A Lift?*, a college financial aid guide, to spare you frustration and save you time as you plan your "after-high-school" education.

While the focus of this guide is to help children of deceased and disabled veterans in their pursuit of higher education, all students can benefit from the information offered.

The American Legion wants to help all students go as far as they can.

