

**FUTURE CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION
DATES AND CITIES**

FALL CONFERENCE

2023 - 10/27 to 10/29 Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO
2024 - 10/18 to 10/20 Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO
2025 - 10/17 to 10/19 Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO

Capitol Plaza Hotel 1-573-635-1234 Toll Free Reservation 1-800-338-8088

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

2024 - 7/11 to 7/14 Hilton St. Louis Airport, St. Louis, MO
2025 - 7/10 to 7/13 Drury Plaza Hotel, Cape Girardeau Conference Center, Cape Girardeau, MO
2026 - 7/9 to 7/12 Oasis Hotel and Convention Center, Springfield, MO
2027 - 7/8 to 7/11 Marriot St. Louis Airport, St. Louis, MO

NATIONAL CONVENTION

2023 - 8/25 to 8/31 Charlotte, NC
2024 - 8/23 to 8/29 New Orleans, LA
2025 - 8/22 to 8/28 Tampa Bay, FL
2026 - 8/28 to 9/3 Louisville, KY
2027 - 8/27 to 9/2 Kansas City, MO
2028 - 8/25 to 8/31 Columbus Ohio





Department Fall Conference

October 18-20th, 2024

Capitol Plaza Hotel

Jefferson City, Missouri

IN PERSON

VA&R Meeting 4-5:00 pm

also in Carnegies

Post Service Officer Training

PANEL Presentation by ADSOs

Friday, Oct. 18th

5-7:00 p.m. in Carnegies



LEARN THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR POST SERVICE OFFICERS (PSO)

1. Study and Learn about Veterans' Benefits Programs:
 - a. Read thoroughly VA's Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors.
https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book/2021_Federal_Benefits_for_Veterans_Dependents_and_survivors.pdf
 - b. Attend local Veterans Service Seminars and Veterans events.
 - c. Attend and/or organize American Legion Veterans Service Seminars or events (training and presentations can be requested through the Department Service Officer - DSO).
 - d. Work with your closest accredited representatives to make connections for veteran/claimants.
 - e. Communicate with the Department Service Officers when veterans' benefits questions arise.
 - f. Read and share with Post members, information from Veterans Service Organizations articles.
 - g. Become a VA volunteer! <https://www.volunteer.va.gov/>
2. Get Materials to Help Inform Claimants about VA benefits and Other Topics
 - a. Offer information about filing claims to your Post and/or District members.
 - b. Offer information about filing claims to other veterans in your communities.
 - c. Visit Post and District members when they are hospitalized and let them know if they might be entitled to Compensation or Pension benefits.
 - d. Help claimants obtain evidence to support their claims.
 - e. Let the County Veteran Service Officer know who you are and offer your assistance.
 - f. Always work with an accredited representative
 - g. Do NOT take "claim" paperwork on behalf of a veteran or claimant. Use the interview sheet.
 - h. Empower the claimant to work with accredited representative closest to them or by remote means, such as fax, phone and email.
3. Help Develop and promote veterans' Legislative issues:
 - a. Listen to concerns about veteran's service / benefits issues and develop ideas for solutions.
 - b. Help Post develop veterans' benefits resolutions to present to their District and the Department.
 - c. Keep Post informed about the importance of "grass roots" legislative issues.
 - d. Communicate the Legion's mission and programs to elected public officials when necessary.
4. Discuss the importance of membership at every gathering in which you attend and to veterans outside the Post you may assist or advise.

2024 FALL CONFERENCE HOUSING

October 18-20, 2024

Capitol Plaza Hotel, 415 W. McCarty

Jefferson City, MO 65101 800-338-8088

Make reservations using credit card for confirmation. Be sure to mention you are The American Legion.

\$100.00 + tax Check in time after 3:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

Friday, October 18

Table with 3 columns: Time, Meeting Name, Location. Rows include VA&R Committee, Service Officer Training, Suicide Prevention, Membership Committee, ALR Executive Committee Meeting, Convention Committee, and Department Commander's Meeting.

Saturday, October 19

Table with 3 columns: Time, Meeting Name, Location. Rows include ALR General Meeting, Finance Commission, Leadership Training Committee, ROTC, Zone III District Commanders Meeting, Zone I District Commanders Meeting, Cadet Patrol, Homeland Security Committee, SAL General Session, Foundation, LEGION GENERAL SESSION, Distinguished Guest Luncheon, Navy Club Meeting, SAL General Session, LEGION GENERAL SESSION, Membership Workshop/MyLegion Training, Boy State Commission Meeting, Past Post Commanders Meeting, Catholic Services, Protestant Services, Oratorical Workshop, History Book Training, Economics Commission, Media & Communication Committee, Scholarship Committee, Children & Youth Commission, County Government Committee, Distinguished Service Committee, and Junior Shooting Sport.

Sunday, October 20

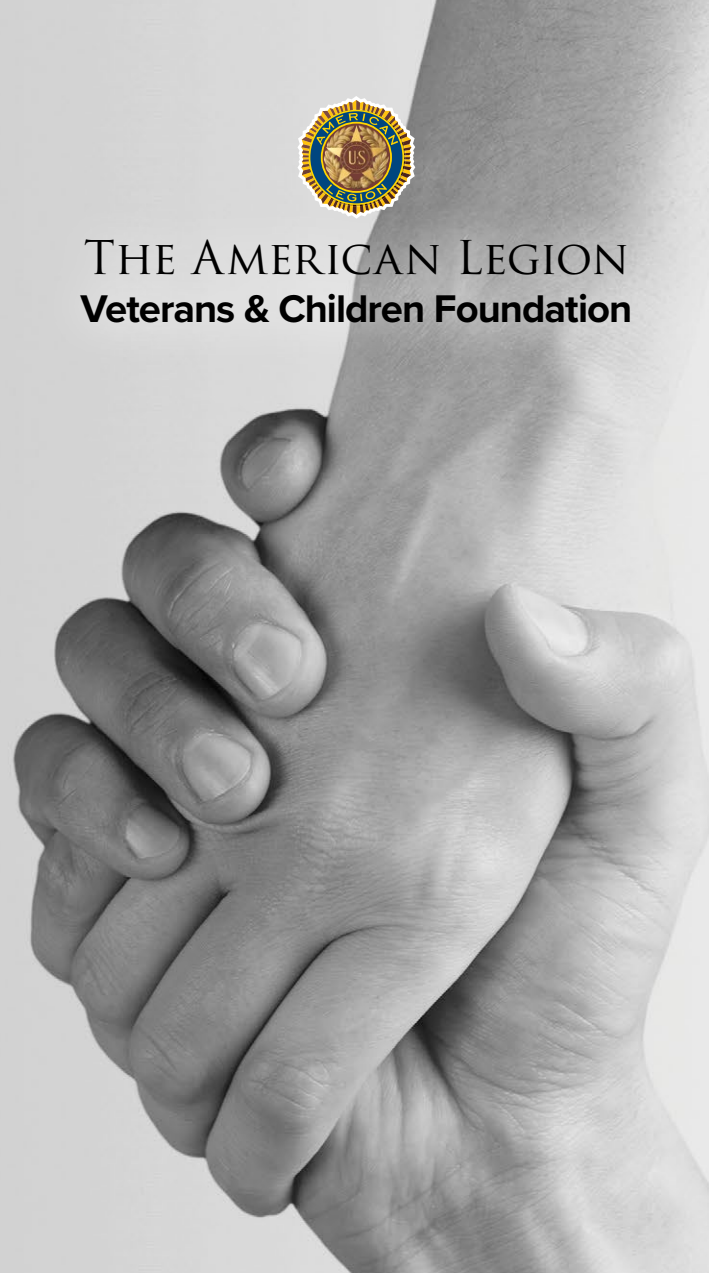
Table with 3 columns: Time, Meeting Name, Location. Rows include Past District Cdr's Breakfast, Final Session, and D.E.C. following Final Session.

ALL MEETINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Updated 09/30/24



THE AMERICAN LEGION Veterans & Children Foundation



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THE AMERICAN LEGION VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICA

P.O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206
(317) 630-1200

legion.org

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DONATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Call Home Work

Email _____

Make Checks Payable to: *American Veterans & Children Foundation*

I want to make a one-time donation I want to make this a recurring donation for the next 12-months. CREDIT CARD ONLY

Paying by Check (enclosed) Paying by Credit Card (see below – MC/VISA/DISCOVER/AMEX)

Credit Card # _____

Exp. Date: ____/____/____ 3-digit Security Code (on back of card) _____

Signature Required for Credit Card _____

NOTE: When the recurring donation is processed, a confirmation notice will be sent to the email address provided above.

Mail this form with your check or
credit card information to:

American Legion
Veterans & Children Foundation
PO Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Questions? Call (877) 534-4668 or email
customerservice@legion.org



THE AMERICAN LEGION Veterans & Children Foundation

1. The American Legion Veterans & Children's Foundation delivers needed aid for military and veteran parents who face unexpected financial hardships that threaten the stability of their homes. One-time Temporary Financial Assistance grants are used to cover housing, utilities, food and other basic needs for families with minor children at home.

2. The American Legion Veterans & Children's Foundation also trains the organization's army of accredited service officers who at any one time are continuously working more than 750,000 benefits claims for disabled veterans and their families, free of charge.

Your Gift Makes Differences for Men, Women and Children Who Have Sworn with their Lives to Protect Our Nation

Safe, secure, tax-deductible contributions can be made online at: legion.org/donate

For military and veteran families in urgent need

For disabled veterans and their loved ones

The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation is

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HOPE**



About The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation

The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation was established in 1925 as the American Legion Endowment Fund. Since then, the donation-driven fund has helped millions of disabled veterans and military/veteran families facing unexpected, threatening challenges. The foundation is a separate tax-deductible non-profit 501(c)3 organization with a dedicated board of directors and national steering committee. It was renamed The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation in 2019 to better reflect those it serves.

About The American Legion

The American Legion is the nation's largest veterans service organization. Founded by World War I veterans in 1919, it has grown to include all who have honorably served in the U.S. Armed Forces since Dec. 7, 1941, veterans and active-duty men and women alike. The American Legion Family consists of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American and American Legion Riders. The combined membership of those groups exceeds 3 million.

The American Legion works every day in Washington D.C., across the country and around the world on behalf of veterans, U.S. military personnel, young people and patriotic communities. Through "individual obligation to community, state and nation," The American Legion is committed to fulfill the words of its official motto:

"It's hard to imagine how many lives are being touched. Not just military life – but the family unit as a whole."



Ken Lee, American Legion service officer, former TFA grant recipient, speaking of the American Legion program that delivers up to \$1.2 million a year to military and veteran families facing unexpected financial crises

"The American Legion's Temporary Financial Assistance grant establishes hope in someone who has contacted and spoken to everyone for any kind of help ... We are extremely thankful and ... couldn't have been blessed more by getting into The American Legion and look forward to our future within the organization."

U.S. Marine Corps veteran **Walter Culberson**, whose family received a Temporary Financial Assistance grant to pay utilities until he got a new job after the COVID-19 pandemic put him out of work in April 2020



VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICA

2024-2025 Department Commander's Project

Missouri Cadet Patrol Academy

**Pillar 3 National Security &
Pillar 4: Children and Youth**



The principal responsibility of our law enforcement authority is to insure all the rights and freedoms of ALL members of our society and the purpose of The Missouri Cadet Patrol Academy is to provide firsthand experience of Law Enforcement in promoting and safeguarding American Freedom and Rights. During the academy the actives are classroom instructions, first aid, demonstrations of police skills such as personal defense and weapons firing.

For a student between the ages of 16 and 18 they must have a c average or higher (2.0+GPA), be of good moral character, present a neat appearance and be sponsored by a Legion Post. To help with the cost, please consider donating to the Cadet Patrol Academy.

Methods for Donating

Please make your donations to The Cadet Patrol Academy by sending a check to The American Legion Department of Missouri, Attention Cadet Patrol Academy, PO Box 179, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Your donations will help support The Cadet Patrol Academy.



In Partnership Since 1967





American Legion Basic Training

The American Legion's official training program for officers, members, Legion College applicants and those who simply want to expand their knowledge of the nation's largest veterans service organization is now available online.

Already taken the old course? The American Legion Extension Institute (ALEI) has been rewritten, updated, streamlined and enhanced with videos, digital photos, clickable links, a historical timeline and additional features. The program should take less than two hours to complete. It is divided into six sections, with a quiz at the end of each one, followed by a final exam.

How Does it Work?

Course Structure

The Course is arranged into 5 major topic areas and 1 concluding section. Each section will present information about the topic via text, images and video.

Evaluation

At the end of each topic area there is a quiz that will help gauge your understanding of the material.

When you've completed each section quiz, you'll be able to take the final exam. The exam will take roughly ~30 minutes to complete.

Course Topics

History & Organization

Learn why and how The American Legion came into existence after World War I.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

The foremost pillar of American Legion service learn the ways in which the organization is dedicated to compassionate care, timely delivery of benefits, career development and other areas of advocacy for those who have served in uniform.

National Security

Outlined here is The American Legion's position on a strong, well-equipped and effectively deployed U.S. military, including a decent quality of life for those now in uniform and retirees of the Armed Forces.

Americanism

This pillar of American Legion service is filled with respect for the nation that those in the military swore with their lives to defend, from proper treatment of the U.S. flag to voter education to youth programs that make life-changing differences.

Children & Youth

The American Legion's long-held position that "every child deserves a square deal" is explained here, to include such programs and efforts as the Child Welfare Foundation, the Family Support Network,

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION
Charles L. Bacon Memorial Scholarship

(Must be typewritten or printed legibly)

Full name of applicant _____
Complete Address _____
Phone # Home () _____ Work () _____
Date of Birth _____ Graduation Date _____ SAT/ACT Score _____

This application is based on the membership of The American Legion Family, i.e., Legion Member, Auxiliary Member, Sons of The American Legion Member, or a **descendant*** of any member thereof.

Legion Family Members Full Name _____ Membership Number _____

American Legion Post Number or Legion Auxiliary Unit Number or S.A.L. Squadron Number _____
Family combined gross annual income _____
Number of children under 18 in the family _____
Name and complete address of High School _____

Applicant's signature certifies that he / she understands scholarship eligibility requirements and will adhere to its conditions.

Applicant's signature certifies that he / she is not related to any member of the reviewing Education and Scholarship Committee; A.J. Noonan, Mark Reed, Alex Slocum, Rose Noonan, Robert "Bob" Maddox, or Thomas Tanner.

Applicant's signature grants The American Legion Department of Missouri the right to use applicant's name and / or likeness to publicize the Scholarship Program.

_____ Date _____
Applicant's signature

This application for scholarship aid is being submitted with my knowledge and approval.

_____ Date _____
Signature of Parent / Guardian

All inquiries should be directed to: Mr. A. J. Noonan, Chair (573) 872-9068
Letter will notify recipients after July 1, 2025.

Completed application should be mailed no later than April 20, 2025 to:
The American Legion Department of Missouri, Inc.
Attn: Education and Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 179
Jefferson City MO 65102-0179

Temporary Financial Assistance and other initiatives that aim to help children and youth follow their dreams, no matter their circumstances.

Course Conclusion

See how all the pieces of American Legion service and advocacy fit together to best serve our nation and learn where other committees and commissions play vital roles.

Final Exam

Take an online test to see how well you understand the nation's largest veterans service organization.

For more information or to take the course go to: www.legion.org/alei



YOUR SUMMARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BENEFITS

Reserved for Members

RETAIL DISCOUNTS



OFFICE DEPOT/OFFICE MAX -

Members receive significant discounts on over 93,000 items online or in-store with a purchasing card printable online. Next day delivery is free on purchases of \$50 or more for American Legion members.



LIFESTATION -

Members can receive special discounted rates on a medical alert system and a free extra item.

ADDED MEDICAL BENEFITS



DISCOUNTS ON HEARING AIDS

Members, family, and extended family are eligible for hearing care discounts from Amplifon Hearing Health Care. Benefits include: hearing aid low-price guarantee; convenient locations nationwide; risk-free 60-day trial period; 1-year free follow-up care; free 2-year supply of batteries (160 cells).

INSURANCE



LIFE INSURANCE THROUGH MUTUAL OF OMAHA -

Members aged 45-85 are eligible for guaranteed issue whole life policies. (May not be available in all states).



USAA -

Provides a full range of financial products including: insurance, banking, investments, and financial advice. As an American Legion member, you are eligible to join. There are no membership fees to join USAA, and when you sign up, your eligible family members can join USAA as well.

AUTO RENTAL, RELOCATION, AND TRAVEL



AUTO RENTALS - Members can receive special discounts with ALAMO, NATIONAL, and ENTERPRISE.



NORTH AMERICAN VAN LINES AND



ALLIED VAN LINES -

Preferred savings on interstate (state-to-state) moving and in-transit storage.



GOV VACATION REWARDS -

Members can get the best discount available on travel including airfare, hotel, car rental, vacation packages, cruises, and more.



VETERANS HOLIDAYS -

This program offers members the opportunity to rent a furnished condominium for 2-8 people, for an entire week, for less than they would pay for a single hotel room.



THE AMERICAN LEGION TRAVEL CENTER

POWERED BY HOTELPLANNER

American Legion members can save on hotel stays by searching for name brand hotels in their desired area at discounted rates.



MOTEL 6 - Members receive a preferred discount at any of the 1,100 pet-friendly Motel 6 locations in the U.S. and Canada.



WYNDHAM HOTEL GROUP -

Special savings off the best available rate at thousands of participating hotels throughout the world!



NOTE: These discount offers are valid at participating locations and are not valid with any other discounts or special prices. The American Legion does not guarantee any discounts.

ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR VETERAN BENEFITS

BENEFIT ASSISTANCE - The American Legion helps all veterans obtain full medical, career, and education benefits, as well as assistance in preparing VA claims applications.

VETERANS' REPRESENTATION - The American Legion is the nation's largest and most effective advocate in Washington, D.C., for veterans, troops, and their families. The American Legion fights every day on Capitol Hill and across the country for a quality VA health-care system, improved benefits processing, and a decent quality of life for active-duty military personnel.

ACCREDITED SERVICE OFFICERS - The American Legion has nearly 3,000 trained experts in veteran benefits nationwide. Visitors of www.legion.org can search online for the service officer nearest to them.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERANS - The American Legion works closely with numerous employers, lenders, and agencies, including the Department of Labor and the Small Business Administration, to produce hundreds of career events across the country each year. The Legion is also the nation's leading advocate for veteran entrepreneurs and job candidates who have service-connected disabilities.

TOP-RANKED MEMBER MAGAZINE - You'll receive a full year's subscription to *The American Legion Magazine*, the nation's most widely circulated publication for veterans and top-ranked magazine, among all titles, for readership. Each issue is packed with features, commentaries, interviews, military history, photos, and more of interest to America's veterans.

The American Legion ★ P.O. Box 7017 ★ Indianapolis, IN 46207

**MAKE SURE YOU ARE RECEIVING
ALL THE BENEFITS AS A MEMBER OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION!**

**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION**

COMMANDER'S SCHOLARSHIP

(Must be typewritten or printed legibly)

Full name of applicant _____

Complete mailing address _____

Phone # Home () _____ Phone # Work () _____

Date and place of birth _____

Name of Institution Attending _____

Address of Institution _____

Year in College _____ Marital status _____ Number of dependants _____

Combined Gross Annual Income (not taxable income) _____ Are you using the GI Bill? _____

Are you a member of The American Legion? _____ If yes, Post # _____

Payments of this scholarship will be in accordance with the financial rules of the institution you are attending.

Applicant's signature certifies that he / she understands scholarship eligibility requirements and will adhere to its conditions.

Applicant's signature certifies that he / she is not related to any member of the reviewing Education and Scholarship Committee: A.J. Noonan, Mark Reed, Alex Slocum, Rose Noonan, Robert "Bob" Maddox, or Thomas Tanner.

Applicant's signature grants The American Legion Department of Missouri the right to use applicant's name and / or likeness to publicize the Scholarship Program.

Applicants signature

Date

All inquiries should be directed to Mr. A. J. Noonan, Chair (573) 872-9068

Letter will notify recipients after July 1, 2025.

Completed application should be mailed no later than April 20, 2025 to:

The American Legion Department of Missouri, Inc.

Attn: Education and Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 179

Jefferson City MO 65102-0179

Please read carefully and follow all eligibility requirements on reverse.

Two \$1000.00 Scholarships will be awarded annually to eligible veterans who are currently or planning to attend a vocational technical college, college or university in the state of Missouri. The Education and Scholarship Committee of The American Legion, Department of Missouri will determine the recipients of the scholarship.

Basis for eligibility:

1. Applicant must have served in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Space Force, or Coast Guard for a minimum of 90 days and received an Honorable Discharge. **Photocopy of DD-214, Discharge or Separation papers must be included with application.**
2. Applicant must be enrolled or accepted, as a full time student, in an accredited vocational technical college, college or university in the state of Missouri. **A letter verifying enrollment or acceptance from the institution must be attached to application.**
3. Applicant must be a resident of the state of Missouri.
4. The scholarship must be used the following semester after it is awarded.

The scholarship award will be paid at the beginning of the student's first semester at their college of choice. Registrar's certification of enrollment is required before payment will be made. A check will be issued to joint payees, the recipient and the Scholarship and Awards Officer or equivalent official at the school.

Please direct questions concerning the scholarship to Mr. A.J. Noonan. Phone (573) 872-9068.

Completed application and supporting documentation should be submitted by April 20, 2025.

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ANNOUNCING 2025 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Basic Criteria for Scholarship Awards

The student must be a resident of Missouri. Applicants must be under the age of 21, unmarried and a descendant* of a veteran with at least ninety days active service in the U. S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard, who received an Honorable Discharge for such service. A photocopy of the veteran's DD 214, discharge or separation notice must accompany the scholarship application. Any additional requirements for each scholarship are on the reverse side of the application.

Lillie Lois Ford Scholarship - Two awards of \$1,000 each are given each year. One award is given to a boy who has attended The American Legion Boys State of Missouri or a full session of the Department's Cadet Patrol Academy. The second award is given to a girl who has attended The American Legion Auxiliary's Girls State program or a full session of the Department's Cadet Patrol Academy.

M.D. "Jack" Murphy Memorial Nurses Training Scholarship - Currently one \$1,000 award is given each year, and may, by application, be extended for a second year. This award is available to a Missouri boy or girl training to be a Registered Nurse, and may be used in their freshman or subsequent college years. The student must have graduated in the top forty percent of their high school class or have a "C" or equivalent standing from their last college or university semester.

Joseph J. Frank Scholarship – Five awards of \$750.00 are given annually to individuals who are descendants of a veteran. Applicant must have attended the 2023 session of The American Legion Boys State or The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program. Applicants must be unmarried, under the age of 21, a current resident of the state of Missouri and must use the scholarship as a full time student in an accredited college or university.

Charles L. Bacon Memorial Scholarship - Two awards of \$750.00 are given annually in memory of the first Missourian to serve as National Commander of The American Legion. Eligible are individuals who are currently members of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, or the Sons of The American Legion, or a descendant* of a member of any thereof. Applicants must be unmarried, a resident of Missouri, under the age of 21, and must use the scholarship as a full-time student in an accredited college or university and.

Erman W. Taylor Memorial Scholarship - Two \$750.00 awards are given annually to a student planning on obtaining a degree in education, in honor of this Past National Executive

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Committeeman from Missouri. To be eligible, individuals must: (1) be a descendant (2) be a Missouri resident; (3) use the award as a full-time student at an accredited college or university; (4) provide a copy of the discharge certificate for the veteran on whose service the application is made; and (5) submit an essay of 500 words or less on the subject **In your opinion, what was the most significant world event of this past year?**

Shane Dean Voyles Memorial Scholarship - One \$750.00 award will be awarded, annually. (1) Each school in the State of Missouri may nominate **one** student to be considered for the award. (2) The nominee will be selected on athletic, scholastic and leadership abilities. The nominee should be deeply involved in community and school activities. (4) Must use the award as a full-time student at an accredited college or university.

Missouri Detachment, Sons of the American Legion Scholarship – One award of \$500 is given annually to a student who is a member of the Sons of the American Legion or of the Junior Auxiliary of the American Legion. The student must complete an essay on the topic “What being a member of the American Legion Family means to me.”

Direct all questions concerning scholarships to:

**Mr. A.J. Noonan
Education and Scholarship Committee
(573) 872-9068**

Completed applications should be mailed no later than April 20, 2025 to:

**The American Legion Department of Missouri, Inc.
Attn: Education and Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 179
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0179**

***ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS ***

Scholarship applications **may be reproduced** as necessary.

Copies of the scholarship applications may also be obtained on the web at

www.missourilegion.org

Some applications require that a counselor’s statement be attached.

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION
Erman W. Taylor Memorial Scholarship

(Must be typewritten or printed legibly)

Full name of applicant _____
Complete Address _____
Phone # Home () _____ Work () _____
Date of Birth _____ Graduation Date _____ SAT/ACT Score _____

* Full name of (veteran) and your relationship i.e.; parent, grandparent or great grandparent

*Name _____ *Relationship _____

Family combined gross annual income _____

Number of children under 18 in the family _____

Name and complete address of High School _____

Attach typewritten essay of 500 words or less.

In your opinion, what was the most significant event of the past year?

Applicant's signature certifies that he / she understands scholarship eligibility requirements and will adhere to its conditions.

Applicant's signature certifies that he / she is not related to any member of the reviewing Education and Scholarship Committee: A.J. Noonan, Mark Reed, Alex Slocum, Rose Noonan, Robert "Bob" Maddox, or Thomas Tanner.

Applicant's signature grants The American Legion Department of Missouri the right to use applicant's name and / or likeness to publicize the Scholarship Program.

_____ Date _____

Applicant's signature

This application for scholarship aid is being submitted with my knowledge and approval.

_____ Date _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian

All inquiries should be directed to: Mr. A. J. Noonan, Chair (573) 872-9068

Letter will notify recipients after July 1, 2025.

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The American Legion Department of Missouri, Inc.

Attn: Education and Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 179

Jefferson City MO 65102-0179

Please read carefully and follow all eligibility requirements on reverse.

Erman W. Taylor Americanism Scholarship -Three recipients of \$750.00 each

The \$750.00 scholarship award will be paid at the beginning of the student's first semester at their college of choice. Registrar's certification of enrollment is required before payment will be made. A check will be issued to joint payees, the recipient and the Scholarship and Awards Officer or equivalent official at the school.

Basis for Eligibility:

1. Must be the descendent* of a veteran having served 90 days on active duty in the Army, Air Force, Space Force, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard of the United States, and having an honorable discharge. A copy of the veteran's discharge or separation notice must be submitted with application. The copy must show the date the veteran entered service and the date the veteran left service
2. Be a resident of the state of Missouri.
3. Consideration for scholarship will be determined annually for high school graduates in NEED of financial aid to attend a college / university.
4. Student must be planning to major in education. **A counselor's statement must be attached.** The counselor's statement should be on school letterhead, attest to the student's ability and desire to major in education or a related field, and must be signed by the school counselor.
5. Scholarship must be used the first fall semester of a college / university following graduation from high school.

(*) DEFINITION OF "DESCENDANT": Any child, grandchild or great grandchild of a veteran who is unmarried and under the age of 21 and is (1) A legitimate child. (2) A child legally adopted. (3) A stepchild of and living in the veteran's home. (4) An illegitimate child (when necessary proof of relationship is provided).

This scholarship application may be obtained on the web at www.missourilegion.org

**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION**

Joseph J. Frank Scholarship

(Must be typewritten or printed legibly)

Full name of applicant _____
Complete Address _____
Phone # Home () _____ Work () _____
Date of Birth _____ Graduation Date _____ SAT/ACT Score _____
Year applicant attended Missouri Boys / Girls State/Cadet _____
Patrol _____

* Full name of (veteran) and your relationship i.e.; parent, grandparent or great grandparent

*Name _____ *Relationship _____

Family combined gross annual income _____
Number of children under 18 in the family _____
Name and complete address of High School _____

What community activities do you or have you participated in? Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Applicant's signature certifies that he / she understands scholarship eligibility requirements and will adhere to its conditions.

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_____ Date _____
Applicant's signature

This application for scholarship aid is being submitted with my knowledge and approval.

_____ Date _____
Signature of Parent / Guardian

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Attn: Education and Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 179

Jefferson City MO 65102-0179

Please read carefully and follow all eligibility requirements on reverse.

Joseph J. Frank Scholarship - Five awards of \$750.00 each.

The \$750.00 scholarship award will be paid at the beginning of the student's first semester at their college of choice. Registrar's certification of enrollment is required before payment will be made. A check will be issued to joint payees, the recipient and the Scholarship and Awards Officer or equivalent official at the school.

Basis for Eligibility:

1. One boy who has attended a full session of Missouri Boys State or Missouri Cadet Patrol and one girl who has attended a full session of Missouri Girls State or Missouri Cadet Patrol.
2. Must be the descendent* of a veteran having served 90 days on active duty in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Space Force, or Coast Guard of the United States, and having an honorable discharge. A copy of the veteran's discharge or separation notice must be submitted with the application. The copy must show the date the veteran entered service and the date the veteran left service.
3. Be a resident of the state of Missouri.
4. An unmarried dependent under the age of 21.
5. Must be attending an accredited college / university as a full-time student.
6. Consideration for scholarship will be determined annually for high school graduates in NEED of financial aid to attend a college / university.
7. Scholarship must be used the first fall semester of a college / university following graduation from high school.

(*) DEFINITION OF "DESCENDANT": Any child, grandchild or great grandchild of a veteran who is unmarried and under the age of 21 and is (1) A legitimate child. (2) A child legally adopted. (3) A stepchild of and living in the veteran's home. (4) An illegitimate child (when necessary proof of relationship is provided).

This scholarship application may be obtained on the web at www.missourilegion.org

**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION**

Lillie Lois Ford Scholarship Fund

(Must be typewritten or printed legibly)

Full name of applicant _____

Complete Address _____

Phone # Home () _____ Work () _____

Date and Place of Birth _____ Graduation Date _____ SAT/ACT Score _____

Year applicant attended Missouri Boys State/Girls State or Cadet Patrol Academy _____

* Full name of (veteran) and your relationship i.e.; parent, grandparent or great grandparent

*Name _____ *Relationship _____

Family combined gross annual income _____

Number of children under 18 in the family _____

Name and complete address of High School _____

What community activities do you or have you participated in? Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Applicant's signature certifies that he / she understands scholarship eligibility requirements and will adhere to its conditions.

Applicant's signature certifies that he / she is not related to any member of the reviewing Education and Scholarship Committee; A.J. Noonan, Mark Reed, Alex Slocum, Rose Noonan, Robert "Bob" Maddox, or Thomas Tanner.

Applicant's signature grants The American Legion Department of Missouri the right to use applicant's name and / or likeness to publicize the Scholarship Program.

_____ Date _____

Applicant's signature

This application for scholarship aid is being submitted with my knowledge and approval.

_____ Date _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian

All inquiries should be directed to: Mr. A. J. Noonan, Chair (573) 872-9068

Letter will notify recipients after July 1, 2025.

Completed application should be mailed no later than April 20, 2025 to:

The American Legion Department of Missouri, Inc.

Attn: Education and Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 179

Jefferson City MO 65102-0179

Please read carefully and follow all eligibility requirements on reverse.

Lillie Lois Ford Scholarship Fund-Two recipients of \$1,000.00

The \$1,000.00 scholarship award will be paid at the beginning of the student's first semester at their college of choice. Registrar's certification of enrollment is required before payment will be made. A check will be issued to joint payees, the recipient and the Scholarship and Awards Officer or equivalent official at the school.

Basis for Eligibility:

1. One boy who has attended a full session of Missouri Boys State or Missouri Cadet Patrol.
2. One girl who has attended a full session of Missouri Girls State or Missouri Cadet Patrol.
3. Must be the descendent* of a veteran having served 90 days on active duty in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Space Force or Coast Guard of the United States, and having an honorable discharge. A copy of the veteran's discharge or separation notice must be submitted with application.

The copy must show the date the veteran entered service and the date the veteran left service.

4. Be a resident of the state of Missouri.
5. An unmarried dependent under the age of 21.
6. Must be attending an accredited college / university as a full-time student.
7. Consideration for scholarship will be determined annually for high school graduates in NEED of financial aid to attend a college / university.
8. Scholarship must be used the first fall semester of a college / university following graduation from high school.

(*) DEFINITION OF "DESCENDANT": Any child, grandchild or great grandchild of a veteran who is unmarried and under the age of 21 and is (1) A legitimate child. (2) A child legally adopted. (3) A stepchild of and living in the veterans home. (4) An illegitimate child (when necessary proof of relationship is provided).

This scholarship applications may be obtained on the web at www.missourilegion.org

**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION**

M.D. "Jack" Murphy Memorial Nurses Training Scholarship

(Must be typewritten or printed legibly)

Full name of applicant _____
Complete Address _____
Phone # Home () _____ Work () _____
Date and Place of Birth _____ Graduation Date _____ SAT/ACT Score _____

* Full name of (veteran) and your relationship i.e.; parent, grandparent or great grandparent

*Name _____ *Relationship _____

Family combined gross annual income _____
Number of children under 18 in the family _____
Name and complete address of High School _____

Applicant's signature certifies that he / she understands scholarship eligibility requirements and will adhere to its conditions.

Applicant's signature certifies that he / she is not related to any member of the reviewing Education and Scholarship Committee; A.J. Noonan, Mark Reed, Alex Slocum, Rose Noonan, Robert "Bob" Maddox, or Thomas Tanner.

Applicant's signature grants The American Legion Department of Missouri the right to use applicant's name and / or likeness to publicize the Scholarship Program.

_____ Date _____

Applicant's signature

This application for scholarship aid is being submitted with my knowledge and approval.

_____ Date _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian

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Attn: Education and Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 179

Jefferson City MO 65102-0179

Please read carefully and follow all eligibility requirements on reverse.

M. D. "Jack" Murphy Memorial Nurses Scholarship - One award of \$1,000.00.

The scholarship may be extended for one additional year by reapplying.

The \$1,000.00 scholarship award will be paid at the beginning of the student's first semester at their college of choice. Registrar's certification of enrollment is required before payment will be made. A check will be issued to joint payees, the recipient and the Scholarship and Awards Officer or equivalent official at the school.

Basis for Eligibility:

1. One applicant planning a career as a Registered Nurse. The scholarship must be used the first fall semester upon completion of high school.
2. Must be the descendent* of a veteran having served 90 days on active duty in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard of the United States, and having an honorable discharge. A copy of the veteran's discharge or separation notice must be submitted with the application. The copy must show the date the veteran entered service and the date the veteran left service.
3. Be a resident of the state of Missouri.
4. Shall be an unmarried dependent under the age of 21.
5. Must be attending an accredited college / university as a full-time student.
6. Consideration for scholarship will be determined annually for high school graduates in NEED of financial aid to attend a college / university.
7. Applicant must graduate in the top 40% of his / her class.
8. **A counselor's statement must be attached.** The statement should be on school letterhead, attest to the student's ability and desire to major in nursing, certify that the student is in the top 40% of their class, and be signed by the school counselor.

(*) DEFINITION OF "DESCENDANT": Any child, grandchild or great grandchild of a veteran who is unmarried and under the age of 21 and is (1) A legitimate child. (2) A child legally adopted. (3) A stepchild of person and living in the veterans home. (4) An illegitimate child (when necessary proof of relationship is provided).

This scholarship application may be obtained on the web at www.missourilegion.org

**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION**

MO Detachment, Sons of the American Legion Scholarship

(Must be typewritten or printed legibly)

Full name of applicant _____

Complete Address _____

Phone # Home () _____ Work () _____

Date of Birth _____ Graduation Date _____ SAT/ACT Score _____

Applicant Membership Number () SAL _____ Membership ID Number _____

or () Junior Auxiliary

Family combined gross annual income _____

Number of children under 18 in the family _____

Name and complete address of High School _____

What school and community activities do you or have you participated in? Attach an additional sheet.

Attach an essay outlining what being a member of the American Legion Family means to you.

Applicant's signature certifies that he / she understands scholarship eligibility requirements and will adhere to its conditions.

Applicant's signature certifies that he / she is not related to any member of the reviewing Education and Scholarship Committee; A.J. Noonan, Mark Reed, Alex Slocum, Rose Noonan, Robert "Bob" Maddox, or Thomas Tanner.

Applicant's signature grants The American Legion Department of Missouri the right to use applicant's name and / or likeness to publicize the Scholarship Program.

_____ Date _____

Applicant's signature

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_____ Date _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian

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The American Legion Department of Missouri, Inc.

Attn: Education and Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 179

Jefferson City MO 65102-0179

Please read carefully and follow all eligibility requirements on reverse.

MO Detachment, Sons of the American Legion Scholarship – One Award of \$500.00 .

The \$500.00 scholarship award will be paid at the beginning of the student's first semester at their college of choice. Registrar's certification of enrollment is required before payment will be made. A check will be issued to joint payees, the recipient and the Scholarship and Awards Officer or equivalent official at the school.

Basis for Eligibility:

1. One student who is a member of the Sons of the American Legion or the Junior Auxiliary of the American Legion.
2. Must attach a copy of most recent High School transcript
3. Must attach an essay on the topic "What being a member of the American Legion Family Means to me.
4. Be a resident of the state of Missouri.
5. An unmarried dependent under the age of 21.
6. Must be attending an accredited college / university as a full-time student.
7. Consideration for scholarship will be determined annually for high school graduates in NEED of financial aid to attend a college / university.
8. Scholarship must be used the first fall semester of a college / university following graduation from high school.

This scholarship application may be obtained on the web at www.missourilegion.org

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION
Shane Dean Voyles Memorial Scholarship

This application is limited to **only one student per high school**. The student is to be selected by the faculty of the school based on the criteria listed on the reverse side of this application.

(Must be typewritten or printed legibly. Use plain paper to add supporting information)

Name and Address of High School _____

Counselor's Name and Phone Number _____ () _____

Full name of applicant _____

Complete Address _____

Phone # Home () _____ Date of Birth _____

SAT/ACT Score _____ Overall G.P.A. _____

Family combined gross annual income _____

Number of children under 18 in the family _____

List athletic activities applicant participated in while attending High School _____

College applicant plans to attend _____

Has he/she received an athletic scholarship? _____ If yes, which sport? _____

Extra circular activities applicant participated in? _____

Community Service activities applicant participated in? _____

Applicant's signature certifies that he / she understands scholarship eligibility requirements and will adhere to its conditions.

Applicant's signature certifies that he / she is not related to any member of the reviewing Education and Scholarship Committee; A.J. Noonan, Mark Reed, Alex Slocum, Rose Noonan, Robert "Bob" Maddox, or Thomas Tanner.

Applicant's signature grants The American Legion Department of Missouri the right to use applicant's name and / or likeness to publicize the Scholarship Program.

_____ Date _____

Applicant's signature

This application for scholarship aid is being submitted with my knowledge and approval.

_____ Date _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian

Please read carefully and follow all eligibility requirements. They must be strictly adhered to.

TRAVEL PROTECTION WHEN YOU NEED IT!

Emergency Assistance Plus is a plan that protects you and your family if you get sick or hurt while traveling in the U.S. or abroad. Available for Legionnaires and their families, EA+ gives you access to 24-hour emergency medical assistance services that your primary insurance typically will NOT cover!



EMERGENCY
ASSISTANCE
PLUS



From Your American Legion Department

HERE ARE JUST SOME OF THE EA+ SERVICES AVAILABLE TO YOU*

MEDICAL EVACUATION



Emergency Medical Monitoring by an EA+ medical expert to make sure you get the best care in a medical emergency.

Air Ambulance or Emergency Medical Evacuation if deemed medically necessary to get you to a more appropriate medical facility quickly if your current facility can't properly treat your medical condition.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE



Prescription Replacement Assistance if your medications are lost or stolen.

24-Hour Doctor/ER/Dentist/Attorney Locator Assistance to help you quickly find a professional no matter where you are in the world.

ASSISTANCE FOR COMPANIONS



One Round-Trip Economy-Class Airline Ticket to bring a loved one to your bedside if you're traveling alone and become hospitalized.

Airfare Home for Dependent Children or Grandchildren who are left unattended if you're unable to care for them due to your hospitalization.

Ticket Home for a Traveling Companion if you are evacuated, transported home or pass away while away from home.

TRANSPORTATION HOME



Transportation Home after hospitalization via a one-way airline ticket, arranged and provided by EA+.

Nurse Escort provided if deemed medically necessary to help ensure you get proper medical care during your trip home.

Return of Deceased Remains service to bring your body home if you pass away while traveling.

Vehicle Return if you can't drive your vehicle back home because your medical condition prohibits it AND your companion can't drive it either.

OTHER VITAL TRAVEL ASSISTANCE



Destination Intelligence regarding weather, travel, health, inoculations, travel restrictions, and special events.

Real-time Security Intelligence in the event you feel threatened by political unrest, social instability, weather conditions, or health hazards.

Lost Luggage Assistance helps you track down any lost luggage, personal items or documents.

Language Interpretation Assistance to connect you with an interpreter over the phone.

AND SO MUCH MORE ...

If you get sick or hurt away from home, Legionnaire Emergency Assistance Plus® (EA+®) gets you the help you need!

*This is only an outline of the plan's features. Hospitalization is a requirement to be eligible for some services. All services must be arranged and provided by EA+. Please read your Member Guide carefully to understand all the services available to you, as well as any rules and regulations. Visit www.theLIT.com/Emergency-Assistance-Plus to view a sample of the EA+ Plan details.

CERTIFICATION FOR
THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, INC.
HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST

Date _____

THIS CERTIFICATION SHOULD BE MAILED **OR** E-MAILED
ON OR BEFORE **NOVEMBER 30th**.

The total number of students in our high school who participated in the Oratorical Contest is:

Number of Students (Please include **all students who studied** for this program.)

Student selected to represent our High School in the County (or Group) Contest:

Mr./Ms. _____
(NAME) (STREET) (CITY, STATE, ZIP)

(GRADE) (AGE) (EMAIL ADDRESS) (PHONE NUMBER)

Alternate Selection:

(NAME) (STREET) (CITY, STATE, ZIP)

(GRADE) (AGE) (EMAIL ADDRESS) (PHONE NUMBER)

HIGH SCHOOL _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY & ZIP _____ COUNTY _____

PRINCIPAL Mr./Ms. _____ PHONE _____

TEACHER/COACH Mr./Ms. _____ PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Local Newspaper Name/Address _____

You may enter electronically at <http://www.missourilegion.org/oratorical>

MAIL THIS COPY TO

Judge Duane Benton, Chair
Department Oratorical Commission
The American Legion
PO Box 179
Jefferson City, MO 65102
services@missourilegion.org

OR E-MAIL TO

"High schools may select, in any reasonable manner, a contestant to represent the school. Each contestant, to advance, must be certified the winner of each prior contest beginning with the high school. Certification must be made in writing to both the COMMISSION Chair and the CHAIR of the next contest. If a winner is disqualified, withdraws, or cannot compete, then the second-place contestant may advance. If a substitute contestant is not available without undue delay, the contest shall proceed among available contestants."



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91st ANNUAL
2024-2025 ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
A Constitutional Speech Contest

Greetings High School Administrator:

The American Legion Department of Missouri, teaming with your local Post, will again sponsor the High School oratorical contest. The contest meets the guidelines of the Missouri State High School Activities Association and appears in the Advisory List of Contests and Activities, of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. The Legion contest is a partner with the National Speech & Debate Association, the honor society for high school students (formerly the National Forensic League).

The Oratorical Contest exists to increase students' knowledge of the Constitution of the United States, to develop the ability to think and speak clearly, and to promote the rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.

We hope your students will participate in the Contest this year. We encourage you to enroll at least one to represent your school.

This year, state finalists will receive the largest scholarship certificates ever--for **\$5,000, \$2,500, \$2,250, and \$2,000** respectively--redeemable after graduation at any college. Also, some colleges grant substantial scholarships to the participants.

All information about the contest is at <http://missourilegion.org/oratorical> For any questions, simply contact Department Headquarters, PO Box 179, Jefferson City, 65102, services@missourilegion.org, or call (573) 893-2353

To enter a student, send the Form to me or you may enter electronically at <http://www.missourilegion.org/oratorical>

School administrators and educators have supported this program for the past 90 years. We trust it continues to earn the cooperation of your speech, social studies, civics, government, and similar programs.

Sincerely,

Judge Duane Benton, Chair
Department Oratorical Commission

P.S. Feel free to pass this to your speech teacher/coach, and to other interested teachers or students.

NATIONAL COMMANDER JAMES A. LACOURSIERE, JR.
103 PERCENT MEMBERSHIP GOAL
2025 MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE DOG TAG COIN
(CERTIFICATION FORM)

**This form must be sent to the department headquarters to be verified
by the department adjutant.**

Date: _____

Name: _____

Membership ID Number: _____

Street Address or PO Box: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

A DOG TAG COIN WILL BE AWARDED TO ANY POST COMMANDER, DISTRICT COMMANDER, COUNTY COMMANDER, DIVISION COMMANDER, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER OR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WHO ACHIEVES 103 PERCENT OF THEIR ASSIGNED MEMBERSHIP GOAL FOR 2025. COINS WILL BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO THE RECIPIENT UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

MAIL TO RECIPIENT MAIL TO DEPARTMENT

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS JUNE 30, 2025, OR UNTIL SUPPLIES ARE EXHAUSTED.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INDIVIDUAL LISTED ABOVE HAS REACHED 103 PERCENT OF THEIR 2025 MEMBERSHIP GOAL.

Department Adjutant

Date

**For Department use only – return completed forms to:
The American Legion
Internal Affairs & Membership Division
PO Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206**

**Fax: 317-630-1413
Email: kadams@legion.org**





NATIONAL COMMANDER JAMES A. LACOURSIERE, JR.
2025 MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE DOG TAG COIN
CERTIFICATION FORM



Please make sure that the address, phone number and email address provided is for the recruiter and not the post.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Membership ID Number: _____

Street Address or PO Box: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

MAIL TO RECRUITER MAIL TO POST

TO QUALIFY YOU NEED TO RECRUIT (3) NEW MEMBERS INTO THE AMERICAN LEGION.

(A NEW MEMBER IS DEFINED AS ANY ELIGIBLE VETERAN JOINING FOR THE 2025 MEMBERSHIP YEAR WHO WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DURING THE 2024 MEMBERSHIP YEAR). **TRANSFERS DO NOT COUNT AS NEW MEMBERS.)**

NEW AUXILIARY MEMBERS AND SAL MEMBERS DO NOT COUNT TOWARDS THIS INCENTIVE. PLEASE FORWARD THE NAMES OF NEW SAL MEMBERS OR AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO YOUR SQUADRON OR UNIT FOR USE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS. CONTACT YOUR STATE HEADQUARTERS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN PROCESSED BEFORE SUBMISSION. COINS WILL NOT BE MAILED UNTIL THEY ARE VERIFIED ON THE NATIONAL DATABASE.

THE DEADLINE FOR THIS INCENTIVE IS JUNE 30, 2025, OR UNTIL SUPPLIES ARE EXHAUSTED.

(3) NEW MEMBERS:
(Include full name, ID number, department, post)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Return completed forms to:
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MISSOURI VETERANS' HALL OF FAME, INC.

(MVHoF)

NOMINATION INFORMATION

CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES

(Recommend reading the complete package before you begin)

- Nominations: The Missouri Veterans' Hall of Fame, Inc. (MVHoF) was organized to honor those who have honorably served in the US Armed Forces, and have contributed exceptionally to community, state and/or nation.

- Criteria:
 - Eligibility: The nominee must be:
 - A veteran, living or deceased, who wore the uniform of this nation's Armed Forces, performed his/her military duties, and received a discharge under honorable conditions from U.S. military service.
 - A Missouri connection - Either born in Missouri, entered military service from Missouri, or lived in Missouri for a minimum of eight years.
 - Contributed exceptionally to the Community, State, and/or Nation before, during or after service.
 - Additionally, the veteran must be of good character; and have no felony convictions.

 - NON-Eligibility: To preclude conflict of interest or the appearance thereof, the following individuals are not eligible for nomination:
 - MVHoF Board members, Advisors or Employees of the MVHoF.
 - Members of MVHoF Selection Committee (SC).
 - MVHoF members may be eligible three (3) years after they have ceased service therewith.

- Letters that simply recommend the nominee for inclusion will not be considered.
- Multiple nominations for a single individual are discouraged.
- The deadline for submitting or mailing the Nomination Package is April 30th of the year for which the veteran is being nominated.
- General guidelines and required documents for Nomination:
 - Nomination Form: Signed and dated before April 30th. Please be accurate and sign the form indicating your validation of the data.
 - Cover Letter that provides a summary of the nominee's Military Service branch, service time, rank, military duties and any highlights or special awards while serving. Also include a statement on how the veteran meets the Missouri connection criteria. See eligibility requirements.
 - Nominee's Discharge Orders (DD Form 214, NGB Form 22, or a Report of Separation).
 - If the veteran does not have a copy of his/her Discharge Orders, he/she (or if deceased, relatives) may request the Discharge Orders and/or the nominee's decorations on SF Form 180, Military Record Requests by going to one of two websites www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/ or www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/.
 - Summary of why the nominee should be inducted into the MVHoF. Describe the veterans contribution to Community, State, and Nation in an exemplary manner, valor, achievement or service. Create a

synopsis of the Nominee's life accomplishments. Some suggested areas are provided below. (Must not be longer than one page).

- Military Awards and Decorations, highlights and/or special awards.
 - Civilian and military education.
 - Professional employment history.
 - Describe the veteran's advocacy contributions and include the Nominee's active involvement with veteran service or support organization.
 - Present the Nominee's civic affiliations and contributions (e.g. Rotary, Kiwanis, schools, public service, fraternal, etc.).
 - Discuss civilian awards, honors, or publications about the Nominee (e.g. Presidential awards, Who's Who, Citizen of the Year, books, newspaper or magazine articles, etc.).
- Recommendation Letters: No more than two Letters of Recommendation should be submitted from people not immediately related to the nominee and will be submitted at the discretion of the nominee or nominator.

- Mailing Instructions: Mail completed package to:

Missouri Veterans' Hall of Fame
911 N. Simpson
Warrensburg, MO 64093

- \$50.00 Nonrefundable Nomination Processing Fee.

Make Check out to: MVHoF Processing Fee

- All Nomination Packages MUST be postmarked no later than April 30. Any package postmarked after this date will be considered by the Selection Committee during the following year.
- Please **DO NOT** send original documents as nothing will be returned to sender.
- Selection Process:
 - MVHoF Executive Board will appoint a “Selection Committee” (SC) in April of each year. The SC will be comprised of selected veterans from across the state. The SC may also include previously inducted members of the MVHoF.
 - The SC, following the criteria and guidelines of the MVHoF Bylaws, will review all nomination packages, and compile a recommended list of no more than 10 nominations for the MVHoF Board’s final approval. Veterans who are approved for induction into the MVHoF will be notified in late June.
- Annual Induction

Each year, the MVHoF will hold an Induction Ceremony. The time and place will be advertised on the MVHoF website. Please see our website for additional details.

Questions – please go to Website: www.mvhof.org, email missourihalloffame@gmail.com or leave a message at 314-580-9782.

Missouri Veterans' Hall of Fame (MVHoF)
Nomination Form

For detailed information regarding nominations please read the **Missouri Veterans' Hall of Fame Nomination Information** Criteria and Guidelines.

Nominator's Information

Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Nominee's Information

Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email Address: _____

City & State of Birth: _____ Service Branch: _____

Missouri connection: _____

Dates of Service: _____

Is the Nominee Deceased?: Yes ___ / No ___ Rank at Separation: _____

Military Duties: _____

AFFIDAVIT and AUTHORIZATION

I hereby affirm that the information contained in this Nomination Package is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and in conformance with **Missouri Veterans' Hall of Fame Nomination Information**. I agree to provide additional information if requested by the Missouri Veterans' Hall of Fame (MVHoF). I acknowledge that all provided documents will not be returned.

Signature of Nominator: _____ Date: _____

Nomination Checklist

Note: Please black-out the Social Security Number on all documents that are submitted.

Please include all the completed items in the Nomination Package:

1. **Completed MVHoF Nomination Form** (1 page)
2. **Copy of DD Form 214** (Or equivalent separation/discharge document)
3. **Summary of Nominee's Life Accomplishments** (No more than 1 page)
4. **Letters of Recommendation** (Optional – but no more than 2)
5. **\$50.00 Nonrefundable Nomination Processing Fee** - Please make check payable to: "MVHoF" for: **Nomination Fee**

Mail Nomination Packet before April 30th of the year being considered to:

**Missouri Veterans' Hall of Fame
911 N. Simpson
Warrensburg, MO 64093**

Website: www.mvhof.org

2024-2025 High School Oratorical District Chairs- As of 7/30/2024

District	Chairs	Email	Phone
1 st District	Ed Anderson, 602 S. Campbell St., Edina MO 63537 [Ralls, Schuyler, Scotland, Clark, Adair, Knox, Shelby, Lewis, Macon, Marion, Monroe]	<u>eanders1@sbcglobal.net</u>	(660) 341-1416
2 nd District	Kenny Stark, 24455 Halley Rd, Brookfield, MO 64628 [Mercer, Putnam, Grundy, Sullivan, Livingston, Linn, Carroll, Chariton, Randolph]	<u>Family.stark@live.com</u>	(660) 258-6306
3 rd District	Jeffrey Benes, 4934 Norwood St, Westwood, KS 66205 [Worth, Harrison, Gentry, DeKalb, Daviess, Clinton, Caldwell, Clay, Ray]	<u>jefferybenes@skcschool.org</u>	(913) 334-8722
4 th District	Mark Hummer, 12820 Jantzen Ln, Platte City, MO 64079 [Atchison, Nodaway, Holt, Andrew, Buchanan, Platte]	<u>Markmh1409@gmail.com</u>	(816)390-4521
5 th District	Kerry Boardman 1008 SW Shorthorn Dr, Grain Valley, MO 64029 [Jackson County]	<u>kerryboardman@yahoo.com</u>	(913) 206-0466
6 th District	Patricia C. Olmstead, 1005 S. Main St., El Dorado Springs MO 64744 [Cass, Johnson, Bates, Henry, Vernon, St. Clair, Cedar]	<u>patriciaolmstead@hotmail.com</u>	(417) 684-7512
7 th District	Stephen Olson, 4236 E North St., Marshall, MO 65340 [Lafayette, Saline, Howard, Pettis, Benton, Hickory]	<u>stephen.j.olson@hotmail.com</u>	(660)831-0982
8 th District	Christine Sapp, 608 Appaloosa Dr Ashland, MO 65010 [Callaway, Cooper, Boone, Morgan, Cole, Osage, Camden, Miller, Moniteau]	<u>csapp88130@gmail.com</u>	(573) 469-3461
9 th District	Larry DuFour, 106 Mill Run Ln., St. Peters MO 63376 [Audrain, Pike, Montgomery, Lincoln, Warren, Gasconade, St. Charles, Franklin]		(636) 441-7102
10 th District	Scott Owen 2042 Hilltop Dr, Arnold, MO 63010 [St. Louis County]	<u>voiceovers4u@gmail.com</u>	(314) 277-0621
11 th /12 th District	Darlene Coats, 5389 Wells Ave, St. Louis MO 63112 [St. Louis City]	<u>darlenecoats@sbcglobal.net</u>	(314) 367-1173 (314) 477-6841
13 th District	Duane DeClue, 108 Virginia Ave., Crystal City MO 63019 [Jefferson, Washington, Iron, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Perry, Madison, Reynolds]	<u>duanedecclue@earthlink.net</u>	(636) 208-9097
14 th District	James Walton 618 West Salcedo Rd, Sikeston, MO 63801 [Bollinger, Carter, Ripley, Butler, Stoddard, Cape Girardeau, Pemiscot, Dunklin, New Madrid, Mississippi, Scott]	<u>jwaltonin12@hotmail.com</u>	(573) 815-9233
15 th District	Kim Bell, 99 Valley View Ct., Pineville MO 64856 [Barton, Dade, Jasper, Lawrence, Newton, McDonald, Barry]	<u>Kimberly.bell2014@gmail.com</u>	(417) 850-3966
16 th District	David E. Shafer, 14325 Camden Ln., Dixon 65459 [Oregon, Maries, Pulaski, Phelps, Laclede, Crawford, Dent, Wright, Texas, Shannon, Howell]	<u>shaferde@windstream.net</u>	(573) 759-6874
17 th District	Bill Roark, 3712 W. Morningside St., Springfield MO 65807 [Polk, Dallas, Greene, Webster, Christian, Douglas, Stone, Taney, Ozark]	<u>bill@billroark.com</u>	(417) 207-0038

METHODS OF JUDGING

Zone and state contests have five judges. Lower contests may have three or five judges. Judges should be trained or experienced in public speaking, and (preferably) previously judged speech contests. Judges should not have judged a prior contest including the contestant, or be employed by a school represented by a contestant. Arrangements for judges are made by the Chair of each contest, who should brief the judges before the contest. A judge should not discuss anything about the contest with a contestant before the contest.

During the contest, judges are seated separately. Each judge individually ranks the contestants without consulting anyone else. Judges must use and follow the scorecard on the preceding page.

If the prepared oration or assigned topic ignores the attendant duties and obligations of a citizen, the contestant may be penalized up to 10 points. Judges also downgrade contestants if parts of the assigned topic discourse appear overly "canned."

The Judges, Timekeepers, Tabulators, and Chair, following the last speech, may proceed to a private room for final tabulation.

Tabulators check each scorecard and then tally the rankings. The contestant receiving lowest total rankings (*not* total points) is the winner. (For example, if contestant #1 receives two firsts, two seconds, and a third on the judges' score cards, the total score is 9. If contestant #2 receives two firsts, two seconds, and a fourth, the total score is 10. Though contestant #2 receives two firsts, the total score of 10 places second.)

In contests with five judges, if two contestants have the same rankings total, the tie is broken by the rankings of the five judges for the two contestants. One contestant wins by three judges' Record of Choice - comparing only the rankings of the two top contestants. Total points do *not* break a tie between two contestants.

If three (or more) contestants receive the same rankings total, the tie is broken by the highest total points from all judges. Total points are used only when three (or more) contestants tie on total rankings. In the rare case of a tie on points as well as on rankings, the judges will meet, compare scores and arrive at consensus rankings, which are final.

CERTIFICATION OF CONTESTANTS

Each high school (or home school) may select, in any reasonable way, a contestant to represent it. High school (or home school) contests are preferred in order to increase participation.

A contestant, to advance, must be certified the winner of each prior contest beginning with the high school (or home school). Certification must be made in writing or by e-mail to both the COMMISSION Chair and the CHAIR of the next contest.

If a contest has only one contestant, that student advances to the next higher level. If a winner is disqualified, withdraws, or cannot compete, then the runner-up may advance. If a substitute contestant would delay the contest, the contest shall proceed among available contestants.

The Commission supplies forms to certify contestants. Other written certifications are acceptable if equivalent information is provided. Electronic certification is available for high schools or home schools at www.missouriilegion.org/oratorical.

OTHER CONTEST RULES

Publicity - The names of contestants may be released to the media for publicity purposes. Interviews or photographs of contestants are prohibited before the contest. No publicity shall be given to the judges before the contest, who are introduced only after announcement of their decision.

Broadcasts - Television and radio recording is permitted if the normal speaking voice of the contestant is not interfered with or amplified within the auditorium, the lighting and other conditions are the same for all contestants, and the Legion is not obligated financially. Satisfactory arrangements for recording must be made in advance with the Chair of the contest and with the person in charge of the building. Recording shall not change the contest schedule, nor distract the contestants. Any other electronic/digital data gathering, receiving and/or transmitting equipment shall not be used by contestants or audience members during the contest.

Copies of Prepared Oration - Contestants in the district, zone, and state contests shall give the Chair two printed copies of their prepared oration, which clearly show the title. Contestants may possess and consult a copy of their oration until exiting the holding room to speak, when they must leave the copy in the holding room.

Dress - Contestants shall not wear uniforms, or awards and medals from previous competition. Business attire is recommended for all contestants.

Notes and Rostrums - Contestants may not use notes, speaker's stands, or amplification systems while speaking. Prompting is not allowed, nor props of any kind.

Applause - The Chair at each contest shall try to prevent applause until all contestants speak, so that speakers are judged on merit.

Order of Speaking - Contestants speak in the order determined by a drawing conducted with the Chair, who will refer to the speakers only as Number 1, Number 2, etc.

Announcement of Winner - The Chair does not introduce the contestants by name until after the judges finish all scoring. The Chair announces only the first place winner and alternate, or only those contestants receiving actual awards.

Time Keeper - The Chair names an official timer to keep an accurate time record of each contestant. The timer shall sit on the main floor in full view of the contestants. The timer has a stop watch and time cards with the figures 3, 4, 5 and 6. Timing starts when the contestant starts speaking. When 5 minutes pass in the Prepared Oration, the card with the figure "5" is placed in full view of the speaker, followed by the "6" card at the end of 6 minutes. During the Assigned Topic, the timer uses cards with the figures 3, 4 and 5. (Time cards with the figures 8, 9 and 10 are used for the Oration in the State Finals.) The Chair announces the time immediately after each speech, for the benefit of the judges. The Chair also announces penalty points then, if any.

Escorts - Immediately before the prepared orations, all contestants enter a separate room with an Escort appointed by the Chair, so the other orations cannot be heard. Contestant #1 then goes to the platform for delivery of the oration, following which he or she retires to the separate room. Each student in turn speaks and returns to the room, then all contestants return together to the platform.

Assigned Topic - Immediately before the last prepared oration, the Chair places in separate envelopes the text of the four Assigned Topics, and asks someone in the audience to draw one. The Article or Amendment drawn is the topic for all contestants, but is not then announced. The Chair reads the topic to the judges and audience after the last oration.

Assigned Topic Preparation - Approximately five minutes before delivery of the assigned topic, contestant #1 is first shown the topic and taken to a private room, with an escort who ensures that the contestant does not consult anything except the actual words of the topic.

Each contestant is called in order of previous appearance. Each, also in turn, is shown the topic and escorted to the private room for five minutes, just like contestant #1.

Tabulators - The Chair appoints at least three Tabulators to compile and check the judges' scorecards before handing them to the Chair. The Chair and the Tabulators shall not divulge the judges' scorecards to anyone at the site of the contest. Persons interested in the scoring, for professional purposes, may request, from the commission Chair, copies of the scores of a contestant (with judges' names omitted).

MISSOURI NATIONAL WINNERS

1949	Paul T. Heyne	Concordia
2011	Anisha N. Gururaj	Chesterfield
2013	Agnes G. Rigger	Kansas City
2014	Ashtab S. Kumar	Columbia

MISSOURI STATE WINNERS		
1935	Everett Grese	Concordia
1936	Thomas Turney	St. Louis
1937	Charles Brown	Springfield
1938	Carl Krensig, Jr.	Raytown
1939	Kenneth Hackman	Brentwood
1940	Glen W. Venable	Boonville
1941	James J. Jenkins	Maplewood
1942	Maurice Krueberger	Salisbury
1943	Ed Keith	Clayton
1944	Richard B. Donaghey	St. Louis
1945	Patrick O'Mera	St. Louis
1946	Howard Downa	Independence
1947	Robert A. Southard	Independence
1948	Robert Wallace	Springfield
1949	Paul T. Heyne	Concordia
1950	Kenneth Lee Freerking	Concordia
1951	Martin E. Palmer	St. Louis County
1952	Monty Harlow	Springfield
1953	David Morton	Kansas City
1954	Thomas Hungerford	St. Louis
1955	Leonard Goodall	Warrensburg
1956	Kenneth R. Jenson	Carthage
1957	Jenna Sue Hef	Hannibal
1958	Robert Dickson	Independence
1959	Jane Lynne Skaggs	Monett
1960	David L. Wynne	St. Louis
1961	John H. Garabedian	Kansas City
1962	Sandra Lee Appleby	St. Charles
1963	Bond R. Faulwell	Kansas City
1964	John Willard	St. Charles
1965	David Hilgenberg	St. Louis
1966	Robert Thiesinger	Kansas City
1967	Robert Thiesinger	Kansas City
1968	Gary Klingsporn	Manett
1969	John W. Head	Palmyra
1970	Susan J. Dye	Hannibal
1971	John W. Head	Palmyra
1972	Joyce Mear	Farrar
1973	Robert Banks, Jr.	Monett
1974	Debbie O. Downs	Manchester
1975	Joy Anita Haven	Manchester
1976	Donald A. Calvert	Cape Girardeau
1977	John F. Gillispie, Jr.	Manchester
1978	Charles J. Rupp	Diamond
1979	Alvin H. Harvey	Rolla
1980	Brenda Tompkins	Bolckow
1981	Glen Dammalt	Manfield
1982	Kevin W. Smith	North Kansas City
1983	Robley Jackson	Ava
1984	Patrick Walker	Grandview
1985	Sam M. Corrig	Springfield
1986	Catherine M. Kintner	Jackson
1987	Marty Tade	Columbia
1988	Rachel L. Brigger	Palmyra
1989	Bryan D. Watson	Milan
1990	Ted W. Headley	St. Louis
1991	Lisa S. Williams	Manchester
1992	Brian W. Prossitt	Balwin
1993	Amy E. Smith	Warrenton
1994	Tina Suroja	Town and Country
1995	Tina Suroja	Town and Country
1996	Karen M. Barnham	Maryville
1997	Bradley W. Gordon	Raytown
1998	Erin K. Gayer	Warrensburg
1999	Arif H. Kamal	Balwin
2000	Edward C. Shelton	Kansas City
2001	Ashley S. Oppenheim	Balwin
2002	Ashley S. Oppenheim	Balwin
2003	Jared R. Wortman	Warrensburg
2004	Afrin N. Kamal	Warrensburg
2005	Alexandra R. Hainstein	Balwin
2006	Michael E. Gertz	Sedalia
2007	Cody L. Clemens	Malta Bend
2008	Brittany M. Sanders	Gladstone
2009	Brittany M. Sanders	Gladstone
2010	Derek W. Schuler	Warrenton
2011	Anisha N. Gururaj	Chesterfield
2012	David A. Rogers	Warrensburg
2013	Agnes G. Rigger	Kansas City
2014	Ashtab S. Kumar	Columbia
2015	Meghana C. Bharadwaj	Wildwood
2016	Meghana C. Bharadwaj	Wildwood
2017	Lorinda A. Ruz	Independence
2018	Makayla L. Jones	Independence
2019	Marissa M. Gertz	Smitton
2020	Andrew R. Moore	St. Louis
2021	Vignesh Kumar	Columbia
2022	Evan T. Becker	St. Peters
2023	Jana A. Rawashdeh	St. Peters
2024	Jana A. Rawashdeh	St. Peters

The American Legion

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, Inc.

Ninety-First Annual High School Oratorical Scholarship Program

A CONSTITUTIONAL SPEECH CONTEST

2024-2025



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THE AMERICAN LEGION Department of Missouri, each school year, sponsors an Oratorical Contest for high school students in Missouri.

The purpose of the contest is to develop knowledge and appreciation of the United States Constitution, the ability to think and speak clearly and critically, and the acceptance of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. The contest meets guidelines of the Missouri State High School Activities Association, and appears in the Advisory List of Contests and Activities, of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. The Legion contest is a partner with the National Speech & Debate Association, the honor society for high school students (formerly the National Forensic League).

AWARDS

The Department of Missouri awards the following medals and scholarships at State Finals:

- 1st place Gold Medal **\$5,000.00**
- 2nd place Silver Medal **\$2,500.00**
- 3rd place Silver Medal **\$2,250.00**
- 4th place Silver Medal **\$2,000.00**

- Zone**
- 1st place Gold Medal
 - 2nd place Silver Medal
 - Others Bronze Medal
- District**
- 1st place Silver Medal
 - 2nd place Bronze Medal
 - County award Brooch

If a high school contest is held, the sponsoring Post should award the winner a bronze medal, available from Department Headquarters, P.O. Box 179, Jefferson City 65102 at \$12.50 each.

Contestants in the National Finals receive scholarships of **\$25,000, \$22,500, and \$20,000** for the top three places. State winners who participate in first-round National contests receive **\$2,000** scholarships. Second-round National participants (who do not make the finals) receive additional **\$2,000** scholarships. Some colleges and universities (including Drury University and William Jewell College) give additional scholarships based on participation in the Oratorical Contest.

SCHEDULE OF CONTESTS

Contest	Date
High School	Before November 30, 2024
County	Between December 8 and 22, 2024
District	Before January 20, 2025
Zone	Before February 10, 2025
State Finals	On Sunday, February 23, 2025

Most Contests are on a Sunday Afternoon

NATIONAL CONTESTS

National contests are May 16 - 18, 2025, in Hillsdale, Michigan. Missouri sends one contestant to the first of the three National rounds. The top three national finalists earn berths in Original Oratory at the National Speech & Debate national tournament.

PREPARED ORATION

Each contestant delivers a prepared oration, which must be an original effort. Plagiarism may cause disqualification.

The oration must address some aspect of the Constitution of the United States, which emphasizes the attendant duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. A student shall use the same subject for the oration throughout all contests.

The oration in all contests, except the State Finals, must last between five and six minutes. The oration in the State Finals must last between eight and ten minutes. The same oration must be used by the state winner in the national contest. The title of the oration is announced by the contest Chair before each oration.

Quotations must be clearly indicated. If they exceed ten words, the author's name shall be given both orally and in the manuscript. All speeches are delivered in English (except for short phrases from other languages). Singing is not permitted (although songs may be quoted).

ASSIGNED TOPIC DISCOURSE

Contestants in the district, zone, and state contests give an Assigned Topic Discourse, in addition to a Prepared Oration. The discourse lasts between three and five minutes. The oration quotation rule must be observed.

The discourse tests the speaker's knowledge of the subject, the extent of research, and the ability to relate the topic to the basic principles of the Constitution. All contestants speak on the same topic, drawn during the contest from the four listed on the next page.

	Prepared Oration		Assigned Topic	
	Not Less Than	Not More Than	Not Less Than	Not More Than
School, County	5 min.	6 min.	-	-
District & Zone	5 min.	6 min.	3 min.	5 min.
State Finals	8 min.	10 min.	3 min.	5 min.

If a contestant speaks less than the minimum or more than the maximum time, a penalty of one point for each minute (or fraction thereof) is deducted from the contestant's total score.

ASSIGNED TOPICS - 2025

AMENDMENT I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances..

AMENDMENT VII

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

AMENDMENT XVIII

Section 1. After one year from the ratification of this article the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes is hereby prohibited.

Section 2. The Congress and the several States shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Section 3. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of the several States, as provided in the Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the Congress..

AMENDMENT XXVI

Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.

Section 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

ORGANIZATION

The contest is supervised by the Oratorical Commission of nine members appointed by the Department Commander. The Commission is the final authority on all aspects of the contest.

- The state is divided into four zones:
 Zone 1 - Legion Districts 1, 2, 8 and 9
 Zone 2 - Legion Districts 3, 4, 5 and 7
 Zone 3 - Legion Districts 6, 15,16 and 17
 Zone 4 - Legion Districts 10, 11/12, 13 and 14

Each District Commander appoints County Chairs and a District Chair. The Commission appoints the four Zone Chairs. Each Chair cooperates with the local schools and Legion Posts to promote the program; to supervise generally the contests in the area; and, in addition, to preside at the particular contest he or she chairs.

ELIGIBILITY

All contestants shall be citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States, bona fide students under age 20, and presently enrolled in grades 9 through 12, in a high school or junior high school (public, parochial, military, home or private). Contestants must either be legally domiciled in, or attend school within Missouri. Contestants may enter the contest in only one state. Students who graduate early may compete if not enrolled in a college, university, trade school, or other institution of higher learning on February 23, 2025.

The three finalists in the National Finals cannot compete again at any level.

SPONSORSHIP

Contests are sponsored and financed by The American Legion Department of Missouri, Inc., and the Legion Posts throughout the State.

Posts sponsor and assist the contestants from their local high schools. If no Post is near a high school, or if a contestant is not sponsored by a Post, then the Commission, upon request, will assist the contestant.

Posts of each county unite to sponsor the county champion at the district contest. Posts in each district sponsor the district winner at the zone contest, while Posts of the zone sponsor the zone champion at the State Finals in Jefferson City.

Contests are open to the public, with no admission charge. Schools and the public, generally, are invited to cooperate with the Legion in promoting this patriotic enterprise. Constructive criticisms and suggestions are considered by the Commission at its annual meeting.

CRITERIA FOR SPEECHES

Before the contest, each Judge should study the scoring of the Prepared Oration and Assigned Topic, as indicated by this scorecard:

Name of judge _____	Date _____	Number of Contestant					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
A. Content							
1. Was the speech original, fresh, and direct, applying the student's knowledge?	Prepared Oration Assigned Topic	12 pts. 4 pts.					
2. Did the student skillfully select examples, descriptions, analogies, and specific data?	Prepared Oration Assigned Topic	12 pts. 4 pts.					
3. Was the speech logical, well organized, and developed?	Prepared Oration Assigned Topic	12 pts. 4 pts.					
4. Did the student show a comprehensiveness of knowledge of the subject matter?	Prepared Oration Assigned Topic	16 pts. 6 pts.					

B. Speaking Skills		
1. Did the student use volume, rate, pitch, and diction effectively?	Prepared Oration Assigned Topic	6 pts. 4 pts.
2. Rate the speaker's style: language use, word arrangement and selection, and transitions.	Prepared Oration Assigned Topic	6 pts. 4 pts.
3. Were body actions – poise, eye contact, posture, gestures, facial expressions – appropriate?	Prepared Oration Assigned Topic	6 pts. 4 pts.
	Total Points	_____

Penalties:
 1 point for each minute (or fraction thereof) over or under allotted time
 1-10 points for failure to speak on the Constitution

Rank each Contestant 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

2024—2025 HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
A Constitutional Speech Contest

TO: Post Adjutants (For Post Oratorical Chair)

This letter inaugurates the 91st Annual High School Oratorical Contest. For nine decades, Legionnaires of Missouri have unselfishly worked to help boys and girls become better citizens. Certainly, it is a record we can be proud of.

To accomplish our goal, we cannot merely wish for results. It takes hard work by the Post Chair. The Post Chair is **the key** to the Oratorical Program, which can be no better than the number of schools and students enrolled by them.

Post Chair must contact their schools immediately. The minute that high schools receive our materials is when contestants need to begin to prepare for this program.

Contact your schools. Briefly explain the program, its purpose, and what it does for the students. Encourage the school to enroll its entire speech or social studies class, but if the school can enroll only one student, that is fine. Tell the school the name and address of the County Oratorical Chair, available from your District Chairman.

All the forms for the Oratorical Contest are only available online at <https://www.missourilegion.org/general>. This is the only material to be used this year, as outdated materials can cause embarrassment.

Thank you for making the Oratorical program successful. Call or write if I can help in any way.

Sincerely,



Judge Duane Benton, Chair
Department Oratorical Commission

P.S. ***Oratorical information is now available at <http://www.missourilegion.org/oratorical>***

Checklist
POST Oratorical Chair
for
Local high-school contests

The High School Oratorical Contest—one of our great Americanism programs—emphasizes knowledge about the U.S. Constitution. It stimulates speaking abilities for high school youth, along with emphasis on the duties, rights, and responsibilities of citizenship under the Constitution.

The Post Oratorical Chair (and Committee) are the key to participation. Here are some specific suggestions.

- _____ 1. Study the Missouri Rules Brochure for all details of the program. Or visit <https://www.missourilegion.org/oratorical>
- _____ 2. Contact local high schools to encourage participation. (Talk with principals and relevant teachers—speech, social studies, and history teachers—as well as school board members and other community leaders..)
- _____ 3. Have your Post order a bronze medal for the winner at the local high school, from Department Headquarters, P.O. Box 179, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 - Cost is \$12.50.
- _____ 4. A local high school contest has only one speech—an oration on some phase of the U.S. Constitution with emphasis on the attendant duties, rights, responsibilities, and privileges of citizenship. It must last between 5-6 minutes.*
- _____ 5. Volunteer to help—if asked by the high school—to furnish judges, timekeepers, and other helpers.*
- _____ 6. Find out when the County Contest is. Tell the local schools of the time, place, and date of County Contest. Also, tell them of name of the County Chair. [If there's any doubt who the County Chair is, please do contact the District Chair, listed on the enclosed list.]
- _____ 7. Remind the high school to certify the winner's name, age, grade, and address, and total number of students who study the topic, to the District Chair and to the State Oratorical Chair. **DEADLINE - NOVEMBER 30th**
Remember, entry is easy at <https://www.missourilegion.org/oratorical>
- _____ 8. Arrange with your Post to sponsor the winner to the next contest levels. Arrange transportation, if needed. Ask Post members to attend subsequent contests.

* **Note:** Local high schools may conduct the contest in any reasonable way, and most conduct no contest.

2024 Reminders & Upcoming Events

October 2024 (National Disability/Employment Awareness Month)

- 1 **Be The One Day**
- 7-10 National Fall Meetings, Indianapolis, IN
- 11 Missouri Boy State Casino Night
- 12 Eisenhower Pilgrimage – Abilene Kansas
- 13 Navy's 230th Birthday
- 14 Columbus Day
- 18-20 Fall Conference -Capitol Plaza

November 2024 (Membership Retention Month)

- 1 **Be The One Day**
- 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends (Clocks back an hour)
- 5 Election Day
- 10 Marine Corps' 226th Birthday
- 11 Veterans Day – Department Headquarters Closed
- 12 Veterans Day Sweepstakes Drawing
- 28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2024

- 1 **Be The One Day**
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Day
- 20 Space Force's 5th Birthday
- 31 Membership Cutoff for Lincoln Pilgrimage

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION
Charles L. Bacon Memorial Scholarship

(Must be typewritten or printed legibly)

Full name of applicant _____
Complete Address _____
Phone # Home () _____ Work () _____
Date of Birth _____ Graduation Date _____ SAT/ACT Score _____

This application is based on the membership of The American Legion Family, i.e., Legion Member, Auxiliary Member, Sons of The American Legion Member, or a **descendant*** of any member thereof.

Legion Family Members Full Name _____ Membership Number _____

American Legion Post Number or Legion Auxiliary Unit Number or S.A.L. Squadron Number _____
Family combined gross annual income _____
Number of children under 18 in the family _____
Name and complete address of High School _____

Applicant's signature certifies that he / she understands scholarship eligibility requirements and will adhere to its conditions.

Applicant's signature certifies that he / she is not related to any member of the reviewing Education and Scholarship Committee; A.J. Noonan, Mark Reed, Alex Slocum, Rose Noonan, Robert "Bob" Maddox, or Thomas Tanner.

Applicant's signature grants The American Legion Department of Missouri the right to use applicant's name and / or likeness to publicize the Scholarship Program.

_____ Date _____
Applicant's signature

This application for scholarship aid is being submitted with my knowledge and approval.

_____ Date _____
Signature of Parent / Guardian

**All inquiries should be directed to: Mr. A. J. Noonan, Chair (573) 872-9068
Letter will notify recipients after July 1, 2025.**

**Completed application should be mailed no later than April 20, 2025 to:
The American Legion Department of Missouri, Inc.
Attn: Education and Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 179
Jefferson City MO 65102-0179**

Please read carefully and follow all eligibility requirements on reverse.

Charles L. Bacon Memorial Scholarship - Two recipients \$750.00 each.

The \$750.00 scholarship award will be paid at the beginning of the student's first semester at their college of choice. Registrar's certification of enrollment is required before payment will be made. A check will be issued to joint payees, the recipient and the Scholarship and Awards Officer or equivalent official at the school.

Basis for Eligibility:

1. Must be a member of The American Legion Family, i.e., Legion Member, Auxiliary Member, S.A.L. Member, or a descendant* of any member thereof.
2. Be a resident of the state of Missouri.
3. An unmarried dependent under the age of 21.
4. Must be attending an accredited college / university as a full-time student.
5. Consideration for scholarship will be determined annually for high school graduates in NEED of financial aid to attend a college / university.
6. Scholarship must be used the first fall semester of a college / university following graduation from high school.

(*) DEFINITION OF "DESCENDANT": Any child, grandchild or great grandchild of a veteran who is unmarried and under the age of 21 and is (1) A legitimate child. (2) A child legally adopted. (3) A stepchild of and living in the veteran's home. (4) An illegitimate child (when necessary proof of relationship is provided).

This scholarship application may be obtained on the web at www.missourilegion.org

**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION**

COMMANDER'S SCHOLARSHIP

(Must be typewritten or printed legibly)

Full name of applicant _____

Complete mailing address _____

Phone # Home () _____ Phone # Work () _____

Date and place of birth _____

Name of Institution Attending _____

Address of Institution _____

Year in College _____ Marital status _____ Number of dependants _____

Combined Gross Annual Income (not taxable income) _____ Are you using the GI Bill? _____

Are you a member of The American Legion? _____ If yes, Post # _____

Payments of this scholarship will be in accordance with the financial rules of the institution you are attending.

Applicant's signature certifies that he / she understands scholarship eligibility requirements and will adhere to its conditions.

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Applicant's signature grants The American Legion Department of Missouri the right to use applicant's name and / or likeness to publicize the Scholarship Program.

Applicants signature

Date

All inquiries should be directed to Mr. A. J. Noonan, Chair (573) 872-9068

Letter will notify recipients after July 1, 2025.

Completed application should be mailed no later than April 20, 2025 to:

The American Legion Department of Missouri, Inc.

Attn: Education and Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 179

Jefferson City MO 65102-0179

Please read carefully and follow all eligibility requirements on reverse.

Two \$1000.00 Scholarships will be awarded annually to eligible veterans who are currently or planning to attend a vocational technical college, college or university in the state of Missouri. The Education and Scholarship Committee of The American Legion, Department of Missouri will determine the recipients of the scholarship.

Basis for eligibility:

1. Applicant must have served in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Space Force, or Coast Guard for a minimum of 90 days and received an Honorable Discharge. **Photocopy of DD-214, Discharge or Separation papers must be included with application.**
2. Applicant must be enrolled or accepted, as a full time student, in an accredited vocational technical college, college or university in the state of Missouri. **A letter verifying enrollment or acceptance from the institution must be attached to application.**
3. Applicant must be a resident of the state of Missouri.
4. The scholarship must be used the following semester after it is awarded.

The scholarship award will be paid at the beginning of the student's first semester at their college of choice. Registrar's certification of enrollment is required before payment will be made. A check will be issued to joint payees, the recipient and the Scholarship and Awards Officer or equivalent official at the school.

Please direct questions concerning the scholarship to Mr. A.J. Noonan. Phone (573) 872-9068.

Completed application and supporting documentation should be submitted by April 20, 2025.

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ANNOUNCING 2025 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Basic Criteria for Scholarship Awards

The student must be a resident of Missouri. Applicants must be under the age of 21, unmarried and a descendant* of a veteran with at least ninety days active service in the U. S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard, who received an Honorable Discharge for such service. A photocopy of the veteran's DD 214, discharge or separation notice must accompany the scholarship application. Any additional requirements for each scholarship are on the reverse side of the application.

Lillie Lois Ford Scholarship - Two awards of \$1,000 each are given each year. One award is given to a boy who has attended The American Legion Boys State of Missouri or a full session of the Department's Cadet Patrol Academy. The second award is given to a girl who has attended The American Legion Auxiliary's Girls State program or a full session of the Department's Cadet Patrol Academy.

M.D. "Jack" Murphy Memorial Nurses Training Scholarship - Currently one \$1,000 award is given each year, and may, by application, be extended for a second year. This award is available to a Missouri boy or girl training to be a Registered Nurse, and may be used in their freshman or subsequent college years. The student must have graduated in the top forty percent of their high school class or have a "C" or equivalent standing from their last college or university semester.

Joseph J. Frank Scholarship – Five awards of \$750.00 are given annually to individuals who are descendants of a veteran. Applicant must have attended the 2023 session of The American Legion Boys State or The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program. Applicants must be unmarried, under the age of 21, a current resident of the state of Missouri and must use the scholarship as a full time student in an accredited college or university.

Charles L. Bacon Memorial Scholarship - Two awards of \$750.00 are given annually in memory of the first Missourian to serve as National Commander of The American Legion. Eligible are individuals who are currently members of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, or the Sons of The American Legion, or a descendant* of a member of any thereof. Applicants must be unmarried, a resident of Missouri, under the age of 21, and must use the scholarship as a full-time student in an accredited college or university and.

Erman W. Taylor Memorial Scholarship - Two \$750.00 awards are given annually to a student planning on obtaining a degree in education, in honor of this Past National Executive

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Committeeman from Missouri. To be eligible, individuals must: (1) be a descendant (2) be a Missouri resident; (3) use the award as a full-time student at an accredited college or university; (4) provide a copy of the discharge certificate for the veteran on whose service the application is made; and (5) submit an essay of 500 words or less on the subject **In your opinion, what was the most significant world event of this past year?**

Shane Dean Voyles Memorial Scholarship - One \$750.00 award will be awarded, annually. (1) Each school in the State of Missouri may nominate **one** student to be considered for the award. (2) The nominee will be selected on athletic, scholastic and leadership abilities. The nominee should be deeply involved in community and school activities. (4) Must use the award as a full-time student at an accredited college or university.

Missouri Detachment, Sons of the American Legion Scholarship – One award of \$500 is given annually to a student who is a member of the Sons of the American Legion or of the Junior Auxiliary of the American Legion. The student must complete an essay on the topic “What being a member of the American Legion Family means to me.”

Direct all questions concerning scholarships to:

**Mr. A.J. Noonan
Education and Scholarship Committee
(573) 872-9068**

Completed applications should be mailed no later than April 20, 2025 to:

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Attn: Education and Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 179
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0179**

***ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS ***

Scholarship applications **may be reproduced** as necessary.

Copies of the scholarship applications may also be obtained on the web at

www.missourilegion.org

Some applications require that a counselor’s statement be attached.

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION
Erman W. Taylor Memorial Scholarship

(Must be typewritten or printed legibly)

Full name of applicant _____
Complete Address _____
Phone # Home () _____ Work () _____
Date of Birth _____ Graduation Date _____ SAT/ACT Score _____

* Full name of (veteran) and your relationship i.e.; parent, grandparent or great grandparent

*Name _____ *Relationship _____

Family combined gross annual income _____

Number of children under 18 in the family _____

Name and complete address of High School _____

Attach typewritten essay of 500 words or less.

In your opinion, what was the most significant event of the past year?

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_____ Date _____

Applicant's signature

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Signature of Parent / Guardian

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Erman W. Taylor Americanism Scholarship -Three recipients of \$750.00 each

The \$750.00 scholarship award will be paid at the beginning of the student's first semester at their college of choice. Registrar's certification of enrollment is required before payment will be made. A check will be issued to joint payees, the recipient and the Scholarship and Awards Officer or equivalent official at the school.

Basis for Eligibility:

1. Must be the descendent* of a veteran having served 90 days on active duty in the Army, Air Force, Space Force, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard of the United States, and having an honorable discharge. A copy of the veteran's discharge or separation notice must be submitted with application. The copy must show the date the veteran entered service and the date the veteran left service
2. Be a resident of the state of Missouri.
3. Consideration for scholarship will be determined annually for high school graduates in NEED of financial aid to attend a college / university.
4. Student must be planning to major in education. **A counselor's statement must be attached.** The counselor's statement should be on school letterhead, attest to the student's ability and desire to major in education or a related field, and must be signed by the school counselor.
5. Scholarship must be used the first fall semester of a college / university following graduation from high school.

(*) DEFINITION OF "DESCENDANT": Any child, grandchild or great grandchild of a veteran who is unmarried and under the age of 21 and is (1) A legitimate child. (2) A child legally adopted. (3) A stepchild of and living in the veteran's home. (4) An illegitimate child (when necessary proof of relationship is provided).

This scholarship application may be obtained on the web at www.missourilegion.org

**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION**

Joseph J. Frank Scholarship

(Must be typewritten or printed legibly)

Full name of applicant _____
Complete Address _____
Phone # Home () _____ Work () _____
Date of Birth _____ Graduation Date _____ SAT/ACT Score _____
Year applicant attended Missouri Boys / Girls State/Cadet _____
Patrol _____

* Full name of (veteran) and your relationship i.e.; parent, grandparent or great grandparent

*Name _____ *Relationship _____

Family combined gross annual income _____
Number of children under 18 in the family _____
Name and complete address of High School _____

What community activities do you or have you participated in? Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

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Joseph J. Frank Scholarship - Five awards of \$750.00 each.

The \$750.00 scholarship award will be paid at the beginning of the student's first semester at their college of choice. Registrar's certification of enrollment is required before payment will be made. A check will be issued to joint payees, the recipient and the Scholarship and Awards Officer or equivalent official at the school.

Basis for Eligibility:

1. One boy who has attended a full session of Missouri Boys State or Missouri Cadet Patrol and one girl who has attended a full session of Missouri Girls State or Missouri Cadet Patrol.
2. Must be the descendent* of a veteran having served 90 days on active duty in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Space Force, or Coast Guard of the United States, and having an honorable discharge. A copy of the veteran's discharge or separation notice must be submitted with the application. The copy must show the date the veteran entered service and the date the veteran left service.
3. Be a resident of the state of Missouri.
4. An unmarried dependent under the age of 21.
5. Must be attending an accredited college / university as a full-time student.
6. Consideration for scholarship will be determined annually for high school graduates in NEED of financial aid to attend a college / university.
7. Scholarship must be used the first fall semester of a college / university following graduation from high school.

(*) DEFINITION OF "DESCENDANT": Any child, grandchild or great grandchild of a veteran who is unmarried and under the age of 21 and is (1) A legitimate child. (2) A child legally adopted. (3) A stepchild of and living in the veteran's home. (4) An illegitimate child (when necessary proof of relationship is provided).

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION**

Lillie Lois Ford Scholarship Fund

(Must be typewritten or printed legibly)

Full name of applicant _____

Complete Address _____

Phone # Home () _____ Work () _____

Date and Place of Birth _____ Graduation Date _____ SAT/ACT Score _____

Year applicant attended Missouri Boys State/Girls State or Cadet Patrol Academy _____

* Full name of (veteran) and your relationship i.e.; parent, grandparent or great grandparent

*Name _____ *Relationship _____

Family combined gross annual income _____

Number of children under 18 in the family _____

Name and complete address of High School _____

What community activities do you or have you participated in? Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

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_____ Date _____

Applicant's signature

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_____ Date _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian

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Jefferson City MO 65102-0179

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Lillie Lois Ford Scholarship Fund-Two recipients of \$1,000.00

The \$1,000.00 scholarship award will be paid at the beginning of the student's first semester at their college of choice. Registrar's certification of enrollment is required before payment will be made. A check will be issued to joint payees, the recipient and the Scholarship and Awards Officer or equivalent official at the school.

Basis for Eligibility:

1. One boy who has attended a full session of Missouri Boys State or Missouri Cadet Patrol.
2. One girl who has attended a full session of Missouri Girls State or Missouri Cadet Patrol.
3. Must be the descendent* of a veteran having served 90 days on active duty in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Space Force or Coast Guard of the United States, and having an honorable discharge. A copy of the veteran's discharge or separation notice must be submitted with application.

The copy must show the date the veteran entered service and the date the veteran left service.

4. Be a resident of the state of Missouri.
5. An unmarried dependent under the age of 21.
6. Must be attending an accredited college / university as a full-time student.
7. Consideration for scholarship will be determined annually for high school graduates in NEED of financial aid to attend a college / university.
8. Scholarship must be used the first fall semester of a college / university following graduation from high school.

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This scholarship applications may be obtained on the web at www.missourilegion.org

**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION**

M.D. "Jack" Murphy Memorial Nurses Training Scholarship

(Must be typewritten or printed legibly)

Full name of applicant _____
Complete Address _____
Phone # Home () _____ Work () _____
Date and Place of Birth _____ Graduation Date _____ SAT/ACT Score _____

* Full name of (veteran) and your relationship i.e.; parent, grandparent or great grandparent

*Name _____ *Relationship _____

Family combined gross annual income _____
Number of children under 18 in the family _____
Name and complete address of High School _____

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Applicant's signature

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M. D. "Jack" Murphy Memorial Nurses Scholarship - One award of \$1,000.00.

The scholarship may be extended for one additional year by reapplying.

The \$1,000.00 scholarship award will be paid at the beginning of the student's first semester at their college of choice. Registrar's certification of enrollment is required before payment will be made. A check will be issued to joint payees, the recipient and the Scholarship and Awards Officer or equivalent official at the school.

Basis for Eligibility:

1. One applicant planning a career as a Registered Nurse. The scholarship must be used the first fall semester upon completion of high school.
2. Must be the descendent* of a veteran having served 90 days on active duty in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard of the United States, and having an honorable discharge. A copy of the veteran's discharge or separation notice must be submitted with the application. The copy must show the date the veteran entered service and the date the veteran left service.
3. Be a resident of the state of Missouri.
4. Shall be an unmarried dependent under the age of 21.
5. Must be attending an accredited college / university as a full-time student.
6. Consideration for scholarship will be determined annually for high school graduates in NEED of financial aid to attend a college / university.
7. Applicant must graduate in the top 40% of his / her class.
8. **A counselor's statement must be attached.** The statement should be on school letterhead, attest to the student's ability and desire to major in nursing, certify that the student is in the top 40% of their class, and be signed by the school counselor.

(*) DEFINITION OF "DESCENDANT": Any child, grandchild or great grandchild of a veteran who is unmarried and under the age of 21 and is (1) A legitimate child. (2) A child legally adopted. (3) A stepchild of person and living in the veterans home. (4) An illegitimate child (when necessary proof of relationship is provided).

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION**

MO Detachment, Sons of the American Legion Scholarship

(Must be typewritten or printed legibly)

Full name of applicant _____

Complete Address _____

Phone # Home () _____ Work () _____

Date of Birth _____ Graduation Date _____ SAT/ACT Score _____

Applicant Membership Number () SAL _____ Membership ID Number _____

or () Junior Auxiliary

Family combined gross annual income _____

Number of children under 18 in the family _____

Name and complete address of High School _____

What school and community activities do you or have you participated in? Attach an additional sheet.

Attach an essay outlining what being a member of the American Legion Family means to you.

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Applicant's signature

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P.O. Box 179

Jefferson City MO 65102-0179

Please read carefully and follow all eligibility requirements on reverse.

MO Detachment, Sons of the American Legion Scholarship – One Award of \$500.00 .

The \$500.00 scholarship award will be paid at the beginning of the student's first semester at their college of choice. Registrar's certification of enrollment is required before payment will be made. A check will be issued to joint payees, the recipient and the Scholarship and Awards Officer or equivalent official at the school.

Basis for Eligibility:

1. One student who is a member of the Sons of the American Legion or the Junior Auxiliary of the American Legion.
2. Must attach a copy of most recent High School transcript
3. Must attach an essay on the topic "What being a member of the American Legion Family Means to me.
4. Be a resident of the state of Missouri.
5. An unmarried dependent under the age of 21.
6. Must be attending an accredited college / university as a full-time student.
7. Consideration for scholarship will be determined annually for high school graduates in NEED of financial aid to attend a college / university.
8. Scholarship must be used the first fall semester of a college / university following graduation from high school.

This scholarship application may be obtained on the web at www.missourilegion.org

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION
Shane Dean Voyles Memorial Scholarship

This application is limited to **only one student per high school**. The student is to be selected by the faculty of the school based on the criteria listed on the reverse side of this application.

(Must be typewritten or printed legibly. Use plain paper to add supporting information)

Name and Address of High School	_____	
Counselor's Name and Phone Number	_____ () _____	
Full name of applicant	_____	
Complete Address	_____	
Phone # Home	() _____	Date of Birth _____
SAT/ACT Score	_____	Overall G.P.A. _____
Family combined gross annual income	_____	
Number of children under 18 in the family	_____	
List athletic activities applicant participated in while attending High School	_____	
College applicant plans to attend	_____	
Has he/she received an athletic scholarship?	_____ If yes, which sport? _____	
Extra circular activities applicant participated in?	_____	
Community Service activities applicant participated in?	_____	

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_____ Date _____

Applicant's signature

This application for scholarship aid is being submitted with my knowledge and approval.

_____ Date _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian

Please read carefully and follow all eligibility requirements. They must be strictly adhered to.

Shane Dean Voyles Memorial Scholarship – One award of \$750.00.

The scholarship award will be paid at the beginning of the student's first semester at their college of choice. Registrar's certification of enrollment is required before payment will be made. A check will be issued to joint payees, the recipient and the Scholarship and Awards Officer or equivalent official at the school. **The faculty of each High School in the state of Missouri may submit only one student for this scholarship.** The Education & Scholarship Committee of The American Legion, Department of Missouri will determine the recipient of the scholarship. The decision of the Committee shall be final.

Supporting Information may be submitted as needed/desired.

Basis for Eligibility:

1. Each High School in the state of Missouri may submit only one application for this award. Applicant must be selected by the faculty of the High School he/she is attending based on the individual's financial need, participation in athletics, participation in school activities/clubs, volunteer work, exceptional leadership qualities, high moral standards and extreme patriotism.
2. Recipient must be a full-time student in an accredited college or university in the state of Missouri.
3. Applicant must be a resident of the state of Missouri.
4. Must be attending an accredited college / university as a full-time student.

The \$750.00 will be paid at the beginning of the student's first semester at their college of choice. Registrar's certification of enrollment is required before payment will be made. A check will be issued to joint payees, the recipient and the Scholarship and Awards Officer or equivalent official at the school.

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2. Recipient must be a full-time student in an accredited college or university in the state of Missouri.
3. Applicant must be a resident of the state of Missouri.
4. Must be attending an accredited college / university as a full-time student.

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Charles L. Bacon Memorial Scholarship - Two recipients \$750.00 each.

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Basis for Eligibility:

1. Must be a member of The American Legion Family, i.e., Legion Member, Auxiliary Member, S.A.L. Member, or a descendant* of any member thereof.
2. Be a resident of the state of Missouri.
3. An unmarried dependent under the age of 21.
4. Must be attending an accredited college / university as a full-time student.
5. Consideration for scholarship will be determined annually for high school graduates in NEED of financial aid to attend a college / university.
6. Scholarship must be used the first fall semester of a college / university following graduation from high school.

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