



NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

MARCH 1, 2026 IS DEADLINE FOR ALL

Children of Warriors National Presidents Scholarship

15-\$5,000 scholarships awarded across the country

- Candidates for this award shall be direct descendants of veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces during the eligibility dates for membership in the American Legion.
- Membership in the American Legion Family is NOT required.
- Applicants must be in their senior year of high school.
- Students younger than senior year but taking college course are not eligible.
- Homeschooled students may apply providing they are the equivalent of a high school senior.
- Students who have already graduated from high school and/or are currently enrolled in college are not eligible.

Spirit of Youth Scholarship

5-\$5,000 scholarships awarded to ALA Junior Members across the country

- Available to ALA Junior Members who are in their senior year of high school.
- They must have been an ALA member for 3 consecutive years and have paid all their dues (including the year in which they are applying for the scholarship).
- Volunteer service is not required.

Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship

10-\$2,500 scholarships awarded to members currently enrolled in college across the country

- Applicants must have been a Junior Member in the ALA for the past 3 consecutive years and be a paid member for the current membership year. Winners must continue members in the ALA during the scholarship period.
- Applicants must be a traditional student with no interruption in education at least in the first semester of college but not yet attained a bachelor's degree.
- Must be full time undergraduate student.

Non-Traditional Student Scholarship

5-\$2,000 scholarships awarded to Legion Family members across the country(one per division)

- Applicant must be a member of the American Legion Family (ALA, AL, Sons) and shall have paid dues for the two preceding years and for the calendar year in which application is made.
- Applicants must also be a student returning to the classroom after some period of time in which his/her former education was interrupted or non-traditional student who is just beginning his/her education at a later point in life.
- Part time students are eligible, as are other degree students such as masters or doctorate students.

James H Parke Scholarship

- Each Veterans Affairs Medical center may nominate one Veteran Affairs Volunteer Services (VAVS) Student Volunteer to be considered for this scholarship. The nominee must have completed 100 hours of regularly scheduled VAVS during a calendar year prior to Sept 1. Nominee must be in the 10th grad or above and have not reached their 19th birthday.

Where do I find more information on this scholarship?

- Visit www.Volunteer.VA.gov to find more information about this scholarship

LEGION SCHOLARSHIPS REFERENCE

Samsung American Legion Scholarships-Girls State and Boys State attendees who are direct descendants of wartime veterans, can apply

Award Amounts

Samsung scholarships may be used for undergraduate studies and applied toward tuition, books, fees, and room and board. Winners are selected according to academic record, involvement in school and community service.

- Ten National Scholars receive \$10,000 each (two from each region)
- Ten National Runners-Up receive \$5,000 each (two from each region)
- Remaining Department Finalists receive \$1,250 each guaranteed

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship

Children adopted child or stepchild of U.S. military members who died while on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

Children, adopted child or stepchild of post-9/11 veterans having been assigned a combined disability rating of 50 percent or greater by the Department of Veterans Affairs also qualify.

- Each needs-based scholarship provides up to \$20,000 for children of the fallen, and up to \$5,000 for children of the disabled for undergraduate or post-graduate college. Recipients may reapply for additional annual awards up to six times.

The American Legion Baseball Scholarship

Award Amounts

Department Baseball Scholarship Winners receive \$500.

Each certified Department Baseball scholarship winner shall be considered for The American Legion All-Academic Team sponsored by Diamond Sports, annually.

Eight players selected by a scholarship selection committee at The American Legion World Series will receive an additional \$2,500 scholarship.

A ninth player, selected as the most outstanding member of the All-Academic Team, will be awarded an additional \$5,000 scholarship.

All-Academic Team winners will retain their \$500 scholarship from their department.

Scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive their scholarships immediately upon graduation from an accredited high school. Scholarship winners must utilize the total award within eight (8) years of their graduation date, excluding active military time.

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships are awarded to the three finalists. First place receives \$25,000, second gets \$22,500 and third \$20,000.

Each individual state winner certified into and participating in the first round of the national contest receives a \$2,000 scholarship.

Each first-round winner who advances but does not qualify for the finals receives an additional \$2,000 scholarship.

AMERICAN LEGION EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR SCHOLARSHIP

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will receive a \$10,000 scholarship. Three (3) runner-up scholarship awards will be granted in the amount of \$2,500 each.

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