

AMERICAN LEGION POST 32 SCHOLARSHIP

1. Scholarships will be awarded on a nondiscriminatory and objective basis and consistent with the purposes of American Legion post 32 to decedents of deceased or current members of a post or organization of past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States or auxiliary unit or society of any such post or organization pursuant to Section 501 (3) (19) of the Internal Revenue Code. The term “descendent” shall be interpreted consistent with the laws of the State of Illinois.

Scholarship awards will be in the amount of \$500 per year and will not be renewed.

Scholarship awards will be made out to the recipient and the school of choice.

2. Request your application from American Legion Post 32. Completed applications must be submitted to Post 32 no later than May 1 of each year.
3. Judging for awarding of scholarship will be based on the following:
 - a. CHARACTER - 20% - High standard of conduct; keen sense of right; strength of character; adherence to truth and conscience; devotion to church and religious principles.
 - b. AMERICANISM – 20% - Fine ideals of love of country; ability to accept within a few years a citizen’s responsibilities
 - c. LEADERSHIP – 20% - Ability to lead and accomplish through group action, personal magnetism, guidance and thought of others.
 - d. SCHOLARSHIP – 20% - Scholastic attainment; with grades of most recent year of schooling; evidence of industry and application in studies.
 - e. Basis of Need – 20% - Need of financial assistance in order to continue higher education.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: (Applicant's material must include)

1. Completed application must be submitted in a flat folder on or before May 1.
2. At least three (3) letters of recommendation accompanied by the personal evaluation questionnaire must be part of the application for this award: one from the College Dean or Counselor: one from the clergyman of his/her choice: one from a responsible citizen to the applicant's character, Americanism, scholarship, and leadership.

Note: If you are a nontraditional applicant, one who has not attended college or high school within the last two years. An additional recommendation and personal evaluation questionnaire from a clergyman or responsible citizen can be substituted for the recommendation and personal evaluation by College Dean or Counselor.

3. A certified transcript or photocopy of grades.
4. An original article written by applicant consisting of not more than 1,000 words on the career of his/her choice including feelings on his/her obligation as an American.
5. The applicant is limited to accepting only one scholarship sponsored by American Legion Post 32.
6. A scholarship must be used at a qualified educational institution that normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly enrolled body of pupils or students in attendance at a place where its educational activities are regularly carried on within twelve (12) months of date awarded.
7. Proof of need – copy of latest Federal Tax Return, parent's and/or student. If the applicant is a nontraditional student, the parent's Federal Tax Return is not required, if applicant is not dependent upon his/her parent(s) for support.
8. Applicants for scholarship awards must be descendants of persons that have served honorably in the United States Armed Forces.
9. Applicant shall be notified of the results, but no application packets will be returned.

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To be submitted to American Legion Post 32, 1120 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62703, no later than May 1, 2009.

Indicate type of school: ___Nursing ___Post secondary ___Vocational

1. Name of applicant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

2. Age _____

3. Name of School of Choice _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

4. Name of Parent (s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

5. Indicate the full name, branch of service, dates of service, and relationship of the person that qualified your application for consideration for a scholarship award.

If you are a descendant of deceased member or current member of American Legion Post 32, provide the following information:

Name of member: _____

Relationship to member : _____

If member is alive, current address: (city, state, zip)

If member is deceased, please provide dates of that person's membership and date of death.

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6. If you have attended college, please indicate where, for how long, and attach a copy of your transcript from the colleges attended. Also, please indicate your ACT or SAT test scores.

7. Estimate length of time that it will take to complete your education choice.

8. What is your goal after completing school?

9. What have you done in the way of self support?

10. Are you dependent upon parents or family for any part of your support? _____

If yes, what percentage? _____

If no, upon whom are you dependent? _____

11. Are you married? _____ If yes, spouse's name. _____

11. Are others dependent upon you? _____

If yes, explain who and how much? _____

12. Do you receive government compensation? _____

If yes, amount \$_____

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Applications that are not fully completed will not be processed; therefore, answer all questions. If a question is not applicable to you, indicate so with N/A. If additional space is required to answer any question, please use a blank sheet of paper as an addendum, making sure that it is identified as part of the application.

Signature of application _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone numbers, including area code:

Day _____ Evening _____