

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY, SCHOLARSHIP

THE COMPLETED APPLICATION WILL QUALIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THE POSSIBLE RECEIPT OF ONE OF TWO (2) \$4,000 EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS (\$1,000 year for four years), ONE OF FOUR (4) \$2,000 EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS (\$1,000 year for two years), ONE OF TWO (2) \$1,000 EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS (\$1,000 for one year), OR ONE (1) \$1,500 JOHN CASEY SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,500 for one year).

RULES

1. APPLICANT MUST BE A NATURAL OR ADOPTED DESCENDANT OF A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY (son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, etc.)
2. APPLICANT'S FORBEARER MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY, OR IF DECEASED, A MEMBER AT TIME OF THEIR DEATH. (FOR JOHN CASEY SCHOLARSHIP, FORBEARER MUST BE COMBAT WOUNDED).
3. APPLICANT MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE GRADUATING CLASS OF HIGH SCHOOL INCLUDING VO-TECH FOR THE YEAR **2023**.
4. APPLICANT MUST USE THE AWARD THE YEAR IT IS RECEIVED. FOUR YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE COMPLETED IN FOUR CONSECUTIVE YEARS.
5. THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED ON THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES.
 - a) CHARACTER - 20% - high standards of conduct; keen sense of right; strength of character; adherence to truth and conscience and a belief in God (i.e. letter from pastor, rabbi, etc., volunteer work)
 - b) AMERICANISM/COMMUNITY SERVICE- 20% - fine ideals; love of Country; ability to accept a citizens' responsibility (e.g. Boys & Girls State, Scouting, Flag Education, Community Service, etc.)
 - c) LEADERSHIP - 20% - ability to lead and to accomplish through group action (e.g. Club/School President, Drum Major, etc.)
 - d) SCHOLARSHIP - 20% - certified transcripts since Freshman year, including all grades, GPA, class rank, SAT scores, etc.
 - e) BASIS OF NEED - 20% - actual need of financial assistance to continue their higher education. Family's annual income required. **TAX FORMS NOT REQUIRED.**
6. APPLICANT MUST FILE A QUESTIONNAIRE, PROPERLY COMPLETED AS PER ENCLOSED FORM.
7. IF THE APPLICANTS SELECTED FOR THE AWARDS FAIL TO QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION TO SUCH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE OF HIS OR HER SELECTION BY AUGUST 1, 2023. THE AWARD WILL BE FORFEITED.
8. APPLICATION TO BE **SIGNED BY BOTH THE APPLICANT AND COMMANDER** OF THE SPONSORING POST. APPLICATION RECEIVED BY POST 1000 SHOULD NOT BE SIGNED BY A POST COMMANDER, BUT DIRECTED TO STATE HEADQUARTERS IN TRENTON FOR THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE.

THE DECISION OF THE DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP JUDGES IN MAKING ALL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS IS FINAL.

NOTE: ALL LETTERS, TRANSCRIPTS, ETC. WILL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY, AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED. APPLICATION AND ALL DATA MUST BE MAILED IN ONE (1) ENVELOPE TO:

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP JUDGES
DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY
BUILDING # 5
171 JERSEY STREET
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08611**

POST MARKED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 17, 2023.

**2023 THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY, SCHOLARSHIP and
JOHN CASEY SCHOLARSHIP
INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT**

TWO (2) \$4,000 EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS (\$1,000 year for four years)
FOUR (4) \$2,000 EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS (\$1,000 year for two years)
TWO (2) \$1,000 EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS (\$1,000 for one year)
ONE (1) \$1,500 JOHN CASEY SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,500 for one year)

PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING SENT IN ONE (1) ENVELOPE:

1. Current completed application **MANDATORY.**
2. Photostatic copy of forbearer's Honorable Discharge and proof of dates of military service.
(For John Casey Scholarship, proof as Combat Wounded Veteran)
3. Completed Summary of Activities (sample copy enclosed). **GPA, SAT** scores, and class rank **MUST** be on the Summary.
4. A certified transcript or photostatic copy of high school grades.
5. An original article, consisting of not more than 500 words, describing a person or event which impacted your life **MANDATORY.**
6. Four (4) letters of recommendation. Examples include:
 - a) Principal or counselor from the applicant's school.
 - b) Clergyman of the applicant's choice.
 - c) Two (2) from citizens (other than relatives) certifying to the applicant's Character, Americanism, Scholarship and Need.
7. Family's annual income required.
8. A brief letter from the applicant stating the reason for his/her choice of vocation **MANDATORY.**
9. A copy of the 2020 membership card must be submitted **MANDATORY.**
10. All parts of the application must be received by the deadline, this will be **MANDATORY.**

IMPORTANT

DO NOT USE ACRONYMS IN ANY SUBMITTAL

MAKE SURE THAT THE APPLICATION FORM, COPY OF DISCHARGE AND SERVICE RECORDS, ALL LETTERS AND RECORD OF GRADES ARE MAILED BY THE SCHOOL, APPLICANT, OR THE AMERICAN LEGION POST COMMANDER IN ONE (1) ENVELOPE - DIRECTLY TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS AND IS **POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 17, 2023.**

**The American Legion
Attn: Scholarship Judges
Department of New Jersey
Building # 5
171 Jersey Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08611**

Note: It is the responsibility of the applicant to meet all requirements.
School records and other confidential material may be sealed if necessary.

ALL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY APRIL 7, 2023.