

**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 2017.
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 IRS 1040 is mandatory
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, 2017. 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 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR  
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08611**

**POST MARKED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15, 2017.**