



# AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN SCHNEIDER-EMANUEL SCHOLARSHIP

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1**

**INTRODUCTION** – The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin Schneider-Emanuel Scholarship goes to three (3) deserving graduates of any accredited Wisconsin high school the sum of **\$1000.00** to be applied to the cost of continuing education at any degree granting college or university within the United States of America. It is the intent that this award shall enable a student to secure a baccalaureate degree. The first scholarships were awarded in 1968.

## ELIGIBILITY-AVAILABLE TO WISCONSIN STUDENTS ONLY

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY** – The scholarship application will not be considered if the applicant does not meet the **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**.

**THE APPLICANT MUST BE EITHER –**

- **A VETERAN AND A CURRENT MEMBER** of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin at the time of application. (Self)
- **A SON/DAUGHTER** whose Father, Mother, or Legal Guardian is living and a current member of **The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, or The Sons of The American Legion** at the time of application..
- **A GRANDSON/GRANDDAUGHTER** whose Grandfather, Grandmother, or Legal Guardian is living and a current member of **The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, or The Sons of The American Legion** at the time of application.
- **APPLICANT** is a current member, in good standing, in **The Sons of The American Legion or The American Legion Auxiliary/Junior Auxiliary** at the time of application.

*Three (3) Scholarship awards will be made to the applicants who meet the above eligibility requirements and have participated in one or more of the following American Legion sponsored activities:*

- Attendance at a complete session of Badger Boys State
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- Participation in the County Youth Government Day Program
- Competed in The American Legion High School Oratorical Contest (Post, County, District or State level)
- Took The American Legion Americanism and Government Scholarship Test
- Participated in an American Legion sponsored Band and/or Drum and Bugle Corps
- Played for an American Legion Baseball Team
- Member of an American Legion sponsored Scout Troop

**APPLICANT** must be awarded a high school diploma or its equivalent and must have maintained an academic average of “B” or better for a period of seven (7) high school semesters, based upon the standard of the institution granting the diploma. The academic average is based on the seven (7) semesters prior to the second semester of the Senior year.

## APPLICANT MUST:

- Meet the specific entrance requirements of the chosen college/university.
- Complete and submit the application with the following supporting documents:
  - a. transcript of grades,
  - b. (4) rating sheets
  - c. ACT score.
- Documents must be sent by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Be willing to sign, along with parent or guardian, the “Agreement” portion of the application.

**NOTE:** No application is considered complete unless all questions are fully answered and **transcripts and rating sheets are mailed bypassing the applicant to:**

The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin  
Attn. Programs Coordinator  
P.O. Box 388  
Portage, WI 53901-0388

If an applicant is in college he/she must have a transcript of eight (8) semesters of high school and the last complete semester of college transcript.

Previous award winners are not eligible for consideration for a second scholarship.

The following factors shall be considered by the judges in deciding the relative merit of applicant and in arriving at final selection.

1. Moral Character – Commitment to the American way of life and its institutions, and applicant’s seriousness of purpose.
2. Academic excellence of the applicant.
3. Participation and accomplishment in American Legion affiliated activities.
4. Personality, leadership and participation in general extra-curricular activities.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

There shall be a two (2) week grace period between March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup> wherein no new application blanks will be accepted but where the applicant will be notified that certain materials are missing, not directly the applicant’s fault.

A Department committee consisting of a panel of five (5) judges, shall meet to select the finalists and announce the same to the Department Commander and Department Adjutant by the time of the Wisconsin American Legion Annual Spring Meeting in May, at which time the high school principal will be notified. Public announcement of winning candidates shall be left to the high school principal, but will be made no later than the commencement exercises of the winning graduate. Hopefully, an appropriate presentation will be arranged by the local high school utilizing an American Legion official in the presentation. The July issue of The Badger Legionnaire shall carry names of scholarship winners.

Simultaneously the judges shall pick three (3) alternates: First Alternate, Second Alternate and Third Alternate, who shall, in that order, be awarded a scholarship should either of the original winners default. Should experience indicate that picking winners is a task too cumbersome for non-remunerated judges; the Department Commander may appoint a competent screening committee who shall, in preliminary judgment, narrow the field to twenty-five (25) applicants.

## JUDGES

**JUDGING TEAM** shall be comprised as follows: (This is the Scholarship Committee)

1. 2 Qualified Professional Educators.
2. Chairman of the Education and Scholarship Committee.
3. Past Department Commander who is immediate past DEC member or his delegate. Department Commander or his delegate.

Judges shall be selected, annually, by the State Adjutant in concert with the Department Commander and the Education and Scholarship Chairman. Their selection shall be ratified by the Department Executive Committee at the Fall Conference previous to serving as judges.

In all cases, judges reserve the right to check the accuracy and authenticity of any information submitted by an applicant including eligibility of scholarship itself; membership card numbers of self, mother, father, grandparent, or guardian; military or school record; marital statuses, especially “legally separated” of applicant and /or family.

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

**FINANCIAL** – The financial aspects of the Wisconsin American Legion Scholarship Program shall be administered as follows:

- The Department Adjutant shall negotiate a voucher upon official notification by the college or university that the applicant has completed enrollment and has been accepted.
- Payment of total sum of scholarship shall be made to the REGISTRAR or other proper registration official at the accepting college or university, and applied toward tuition, fees, and other educational expenses.
- Should a scholarship recipient, at any time during the school year, fail to remain in school, all monies shall immediately be surrendered and/or recovered or transferred to the next eligible alternate.
- In the event the student discontinues scholastic pursuit, he/she automatically forfeits all further scholarship privileges.
- If the scholarship is not used after two (2) years, it reverts back to the scholarship fund. As is the case in all American Legion matters, these rules are subject to revision at any official meeting of the Department Executive Committee.