Application Instructions for the 2025

**First District American Legion Scholarship**

This application has **FOUR** parts and is to be created in typed form and assembled by the student applicant. **The student shall sign the application to certify the work as their own work**.

**FIRST**, tell us your name and about yourself. Applicants may want to include a statement of participation in extra-curricular activities, civic volunteerism and any awards received in either. How are you eligible for this scholarship? Eligibility requirements are:

 a. Must be a member of the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary or the son, grandson, daughter, granddaughter, brother, sister or wife of the above. Provide the name of the relative that makes you eligible and the Post/Unit where he/she is a member. [If deceased: name, branch of service, time of service.]

 b. Must be in your senior year or a graduate of an accredited high school.

**SECOND**, tell us where you live and where you plan to attend college and why you want financial assistance. The following are the residency requirements for application.

 a. Must live in or attend a high school in the First District of the Iowa Department of the American Legion. [1st District: Cedar, Des Moines, Henry, Iowa, Jefferson, Johnson, Lee, Louisa, Muscatine, Van Buren, Washington counties]

 b. Must attend an accredited university, community college, trade or vocational school **in the state of Iowa**.

**THIRD**, each entrant must submit with the application, three letters of recommendation – one from the principal of the high school of which the applicant is or will be a graduate and two from representative citizens of the community. These letters shall testify to the applicant's character, Americanism, leadership and scholarship. A copy of the student's high school grades must also be included.

**FOURTH**, to enable the judges to select a winner and an alternate, the students are required to describe what qualifications they have in each of the four categories listed below. The student is expected to provide this information for each category on additional pages as needed and submit for the judges to base their decision.

 a. CHARACTER 30% High standard of conduct, keen sense of right, strength of character, adherence to truth and conscience.

 b. AMERICANISM 30% Fine ideals, loyalty to country, apparent ability to accept a citizen's responsibilities in the future.

 c. LEADERSHIP 20% Ability to lead and to accomplish through group action, guidance, and thoughtfulness of others.

 d. SCHOLARSHIP 20% Scholastic attainment, with good grades, evidence of industry and application in studies.

The candidate shall assemble and **submit the completed application to Denise Timmerman, 2351 Hwy 130, New Liberty, IA 52765 by April 18, 2025.** All four parts must be included in the dossier material or the application will not be considered. The Post will review for completion of all parts & forward to the First District Scholarship Chairman by May 1.

The winner will be notified during the week of May 15, so announcements may be made before the student body prior to or at Commencement.

The **scholarship for $1000** will be sent to the school of the applicant's choice upon his/her acceptance as a student. NOTE: Upon being awarded the scholarship, it is the responsibility of the winner to inform the District Commander to give the address of the Financial Aid Office. If you have questions you may contact Denise at 563-349-3880.

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**All applications should be printed, assembled and returned by April 18 to Denise Timmerman, 2351 Hwy 130, New Liberty, IA 52765 for the needed signature and verification. The application packet must be forwarded by the Legion to 1st District Scholarship Chairman and postmarked by May 1, 2025.**