

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship

The American Legion wants to ensure higher education is a possibility for children whose parents have been killed while serving our country. It is a civic duty to provide them with equal opportunity. The Legion offers its support through the Legacy Scholarship Fund.

There has been a significant shortfall in government money allotted to children with parents lost in war. The government gives these children a college education stipend worth slightly more than \$37,000. Taking into account living expenses, textbooks and rising tuitions, this benefit covers only a little more than half of college costs in the most affordable situation. And the price tag of higher learning will only continue to rise. The most conservative estimates predict a 5-percent annual increase, meaning that in 16 years the most affordable college education will be \$132,800. Obviously, military compensation will not keep up.

Aid offered

The amount of aid and number of awards depend upon the income derived from the trust. Scholarship recipients may re-apply for the award.

Eligibility

Those eligible to apply for the scholarship shall be the child/children or legally adopted child/children or a child of a spouse by a prior marriage or dependent child as defined by the United States Armed Services of active duty United States military and National Guard, and military reservists who were federalized and die on active duty on or after September 11, 2001. The applicant must be a high school senior or high school graduate to apply for the scholarship. Scholarship is for undergraduate study at an accredited institution of higher education within the United States.

Deadline

Application must be post marked no later than April 15.

New Application / Renewal Application

New applicants are required to complete a **NEW APPLICATION**. The online application is a fillable PDF and may be completed electronically. The completed application must then be printed in order to submit to The American Legion National Headquarters.

Returning applicants are required to complete a **RENEWAL APPLICATION**. The online application is a fillable PDF and may be completed electronically. The completed application must then be printed in order to submit to The American Legion National Headquarters.

More Information

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