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ANNOUNCING 2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Basic Criteria for Scholarship Awards

The student must be a resident of Missouri. Applicants must be under the age of 21, unmarried and a descendant* of a veteran with at least ninety days active service in the U. S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard, who received an Honorable Discharge for such service. A photocopy of the veteran's DD 214, discharge or separation notice must accompany the scholarship application. Any additional requirements for each scholarship are on the reverse side of the application.

Lillie Lois Ford Scholarship - Two awards of \$1,000 each are given each year. One award is given to a boy who has attended The American Legion Boys State of Missouri or a full session of the Department's Cadet Patrol Academy. The second award is given to a girl who has attended The American Legion Auxiliary's Girls State program or a full session of the Department's Cadet Patrol Academy.

M.D. "Jack" Murphy Memorial Nurses Training Scholarship - Currently one \$1,000 award is given each year, and may, by application, be extended for a second year. This award is available to a Missouri boy or girl training to be a Registered Nurse, and may be used in their freshman or subsequent college years. The student must have graduated in the top forty percent of their high school class or have a "C" or equivalent standing from their last college or university semester.

Joseph J. Frank Scholarship – Five awards of \$750.00 are given annually to individuals who are descendants of a veteran. Applicant must have attended the 2023 session of The American Legion Boys State or The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program. Applicants must be unmarried, under the age of 21, a current resident of the state of Missouri and must use the scholarship as a full time student in an accredited college or university.

Charles L. Bacon Memorial Scholarship - Two awards of \$750.00 are given annually in memory of the first Missourian to serve as National Commander of The American Legion. Eligible are individuals who are currently members of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, or the Sons of The American Legion, or a descendant* of a member of any thereof. Applicants must be unmarried, a resident of Missouri, under the age of 21, and must use the scholarship as a full-time student in an accredited college or university and.

Erman W. Taylor Memorial Scholarship - Two \$750.00 awards are given annually to a student planning on obtaining a degree in education, in honor of this Past National Executive

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Committeeman from Missouri. To be eligible, individuals must: (1) be a descendant (2) be a Missouri resident; (3) use the award as a full-time student at an accredited college or university; (4) provide a copy of the discharge certificate for the veteran on whose service the application is made; and (5) submit an essay of 500 words or less on the subject **In your opinion, what was the most significant world event of this past year?**

Shane Dean Voyles Memorial Scholarship - One \$750.00 award will be awarded, annually. (1) Each school in the State of Missouri may nominate **one** student to be considered for the award. (2) The nominee will be selected on athletic, scholastic and leadership abilities. The nominee should be deeply involved in community and school activities. (4) Must use the award as a full-time student at an accredited college or university.

Missouri Detachment, Sons of the American Legion Scholarship – One award of \$500 is given annually to a student who is a member of the Sons of the American Legion or of the Junior Auxiliary of the American Legion. The student must complete an essay on the topic “What being a member of the American Legion Family means to me.”

Direct **all questions** concerning scholarships to:

Mr. A.J. Noonan
Education and Scholarship Committee
(573) 872-9068

Completed applications should be mailed **no later than April 20, 2026** to:

The American Legion Department of Missouri, Inc.
Attn: Education and Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 179
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0179

****ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS****

Scholarship applications **may be reproduced** as necessary.
Copies of the scholarship applications may also be obtained on the web at
www.missourilegion.org

Some applications require that a counselor’s statement be attached.