

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
CASTLE-WILLIAMS POST #105 SCHOLARSHIP
Decatur, Illinois**

RULES

1. **Candidates for the scholarship will be students graduating from high school this year and planning to enter college as a freshman.** The scholarship is for **\$1,000**. It will be given in check form made payable to the winner for use toward the financial obligations of continued education. The winner will be paid the full amount of the scholarship in one payment. The winner will be required to sign an agreement that in the event he/she does not complete the semester of school as planned, they will, within 30 days, make arrangements with the Sons of the American Legion to return the full amount of the scholarship.
2. **The winner will be selected accordingly:**
 - A. **CHARACTER – 20%.** High standard of conduct; keen sense of right; strength of character; adherence to truth and conscience; belief in God.
 - B. **AMERICANISM – 20%.** Fine ideals; love of country; ability to accept responsibility; civic contributions.
 - C. **LEADERSHIP – 20%.** Ability to lead and accomplish through group action; personal magnetism; guidance and thought of others; recognition.
 - D. **SCHOLARSHIP – 25%.** Scholastic attainment during high school with evidence of industry (depth) and application in studies.
 - E. **BASIS OF NEED – 15%.** Actual need of financial assistance.
 - F. **VETERAN’S BONUS – 5%.** Parent, grandparent, brother, or sister having served in military.
3. **Three (3) letters of recommendation must be submitted**, one each from: clergyman of his/her choice; one from a representative citizen certifying to the applicant’s character, Americanism, scholarship, leadership; and one from a teacher in applicant’s high school.
4. **Candidates must also forward the following information with their application:**
 - A. Name and address.
 - B. Additional data attesting to qualifications (listing of extracurricular activities, leadership roles, civic and/or church responsibilities).
 - C. Certified transcript.
 - D. Original article written by applicant consisting of not more than 300 words on the career of his/her choice.
 - E. Copy of a parent’s, grandparent’s, brother’s, or sister’s DD214 Form from a branch of the United States Armed Forces.
5. Application must be submitted with the above information to: **Education Committee, Sons of the American Legion Castle-Williams Post #105, 1535 legion Drive, Decatur, Illinois 62521, no later than April 15, 2009.**
6. **Winners will be notified by June 1, 2009. Awards will be presented in the American Legion building.**

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Sons of the American Legion Castle-Williams Post #105
Decatur, Illinois

1. Name of Applicant _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone Number _____
2. What school do you plan to attend and area of study? _____

3. Have you been accepted for entrance into a college or trade school? _____
4. How long will it take to complete the desired course of study? _____

5. What is the estimated cost of the first year of schooling? _____
6. What is your class rank? _____ out of _____
7. Circle the figure below that represents your parent's financial status (winner will be requested to verify).

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| \$ 5,000 – 10,000 | \$41,000 – 45,000 |
| 11,000 – 15,000 | 46,000 – 50,000 |
| 16,000 – 20,000 | 51,000 – 60,000 |
| 21,000 – 25,000 | 61,000 – 65,000 |
| 26,000 – 30,000 | 66,000 – 70,000 |
| 31,000 – 35,000 | 71,000 – 75,000 |
| 36,000 – 40,000 | over \$75,000 |
8. Is either parent a veteran of military service? _____ Yes * _____ No
Branch _____ Date of Service _____
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9. Is either parent a member of Post #105? _____ Yes _____ No Membership No. _____
10. What is your family size? (parents, plus sisters and/or brothers) _____
11. Are other family members presently attending college? _____ Yes _____ No
12. Are you employed? _____ Where? _____
Hours per week? _____ Position? _____

- **If answer is yes, please enclose a copy of parent's DD214 Form.**

11. Attach: Three letters of reference, listing of extra-curricular activities, civic/church work, signed transcript, original article written by applicant describing career choice.

Applicant's Signature

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature

Date

Winner will be requested to sign a waiver stating he/she will reimburse full award if first semester is not completed at college entered.