

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

**Castle Williams Post 105
The American Legion
1535 Legion Dr.
Decatur, Illinois 62521**

Scholarships (two from each respective group) will be awarded in May of each year by: The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, and The Sons of the American Legion.

1. Candidates for these scholarships must be a resident of and attending high school or home schooled within Macon County.
2. Applicants must be in their senior year of high school.
3. The winner is to be selected on the following basis:
 - a. **Character/leadership- 25%.** High standard of conduct, keen sense of right; strength of character; adherence to truth and conscience; a belief in God. Ability to lead and to accomplish goals through group action, personal magnetism, and guidance.
 - b. **Americanism Essay-50%.** An original essay, **typed and properly formatted** of no less than 500 and no more than 1000 words (not counting a, an, and, the), on the following subject: **“What are the Core American Values?”**
Academic Progress-25%. Evidence of working to full potential; class rating and a certified transcript or photocopy of applicant’s high school grades.
 - c. **Bonus-5%.** If a parent or grandparent is a member of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or The Sons of the American Legion.
4. Each winning applicant, upon signing this application, agrees to the stipulation to return the full amount of this scholarship in the event they do not complete the semester of school as planned. Arrangements must be made with The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, or The Sons of the American Legion within 30 days to return the full amount of the scholarship.

Application requirements

1. Completed application form.
2. A list of churches, schools, work and/or community organization to which the applicant belongs, including any offices held.
3. Two letters of recommendation that need to be included from any of the following:
 - a. School principal or counselor,
 - b. Clergyman or religious leader,
 - c. An adult citizen other than a family member, attesting to the applicant’s character in respect to conduct, citizenship and leadership (i.e. Scout leader, Supervisor from work, etc.)

The complete application packet must be submitted (in a folder) by the applicant to Scholarship Chairman, Castle Williams Post 105, The American Legion, 1535 Legion Drive, Decatur, Illinois 62521, NO LATER THAN March 1st. Winners will be notified by May 15th.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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1. Name of applicant _____
Mailing Address _____
Phone number _____

2. What is your current class rank or standing? _____ out of _____

3. What school do you plan to attend and area of study? _____

4. Have you applied and/or been accepted for entrance into college or trade school? _____

5. How long will it take to complete the desired course of study? _____

6. What is the estimated cost of the first year of schooling? _____

7. Is either parent a veteran of military service? Yes ___ No___

(If yes, please enclose a **Redacted** [without SSN] copy of DD214, this will be returned to the applicant)

8. Is either parent or grandparent a member of any of the various organizations of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or The Sons of the American Legion (does NOT have to be a member of Castle Williams Post 105, can be a member of any American Legion Post or affiliated organization).

Yes ___ No ___ Member # _____

9. Are you currently employed? _____ Where? _____

10. Attachments: two letters of recommendation, listing of extra-curricular activities, civic/church work, transcript of grades, and original essay typed and properly formatted by the applicant.

_____ Applicant's
signature
Date Signed _____

_____ Parent or legal guardian's signature