THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
SCHNEIDER-EMANUEL SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1

INTRODUCTION – The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin Schneider-Emanuel Scholarship goes to three (3) deserving graduates of any accredited Wisconsin high school the sum of $1000.00 to be applied to the cost of continuing education at any degree granting college or university within the United States of America. It is the intent that this award shall enable a student to secure a baccalaureate degree. The first scholarships were awarded in 1968.

ELIGIBILITY-AVAILABLE TO WISCONSIN STUDENTS ONLY

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY – The scholarship application will not be considered if the applicant does not meet the ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

THE APPLICANT MUST BE EITHER –

- **A VETERAN AND A CURRENT MEMBER** of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin at the time of application. (Self)

- **A SON/DAUGHTER** whose Father, Mother, or Legal Guardian is living and a current member of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, or The Sons of The American Legion at the time of application.

- **A GRANDSON/GRANDDAUGHTER** whose Grandfather, Grandmother, or Legal Guardian is living and a current member of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, or The Sons of The American Legion at the time of application.

- **APPLICANT** is a current member, in good standing, in The Sons of The American Legion or The American Legion Auxiliary/Junior Auxiliary at the time of application.

Three (3) Scholarship awards will be made to the applicants who meet the above eligibility requirements and have participated in one or more of the following American Legion sponsored activities:

- Attendance at a complete session of Badger Boys State
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- Participation in the County Youth Government Day Program
- Competed in The American Legion High School Oratorical Contest (Post, County, District or State level)
- Took The American Legion Americanism and Government Scholarship Test
- Participated in an American Legion sponsored Band and/or Drum and Bugle Corps
- Played for an American Legion Baseball Team
- Member of an American Legion sponsored Scout Troop

APPLICANT must be awarded a high school diploma or its equivalent and must have maintained an academic average of “B” or better for a period of seven (7) high school semesters, based upon the standard of the institution granting the diploma. The academic average is based on the seven (7) semesters prior to the second semester of the Senior year.
APPLICANT MUST:

- Meet the specific entrance requirements of the chosen college/university.
- Complete and submit the application with the following supporting documents:
  a. transcript of grades,
  b. (4) rating sheets
  c. ACT score.
- Documents must be sent by March 1st.
- Be willing to sign, along with parent or guardian, the “Agreement” portion of the application.

NOTE: No application is considered complete unless all questions are fully answered and transcripts and rating sheets are mailed bypassing the applicant to:

The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin
Attn. Programs Coordinator
P.O. Box 388
Portage, WI 53901-0388

If an applicant is in college he/she must have a transcript of eight (8) semesters of high school and the last complete semester of college transcript.

Previous award winners are not eligible for consideration for a second scholarship.

The following factors shall be considered by the judges in deciding the relative merit of applicant and in arriving at final selection.

1. Moral Character – Commitment to the American way of life and its institutions, and applicant’s seriousness of purpose.
2. Academic excellence of the applicant.
3. Participation and accomplishment in American Legion affiliated activities.
4. Personality, leadership and participation in general extra-curricular activities.

GENERAL INFORMATION

There shall be a two (2) week grace period between March 1st and March 15th whereas no new application blanks will be accepted but where the applicant will be notified that certain materials are missing, not directly the applicant’s fault.

A Department committee shall meet to select the finalists and announce the same to the Department Commander and Department Adjutant by the time of the Wisconsin American Legion Annual Spring Meeting in May, at which time the scholarship recipients will be notified. Scholarship winners will be announced in the Badger Legionnaire.

Simultaneously the judges shall pick three (3) alternates: First Alternate, Second Alternate and Third Alternate, who shall, in that order, be awarded a scholarship should either of the original winners default. Should experience indicate that picking winners is a task too cumbersome for non-remunerated judges; the Department Commander may appoint a competent screening committee who shall, in preliminary judgment, narrow the field to twenty-five (25) applicants.
JUDGES

JUDGING TEAM shall be comprised of: (This is the Scholarship Committee)

1. Chairman of the Education and Scholarship Committee

2. Members of the Americanism Committee or other Legionnaire as assigned by the chairman of the Education and Scholarship Committee

In all cases, judges reserve the right to check the accuracy and authenticity of any information submitted by an applicant including eligibility of scholarship itself; membership card numbers of self, mother, father, grandparent, or guardian; military or school record; marital status, especially “legally separated” of applicant and/or family.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

FINANCIAL – The financial aspects of the Wisconsin American Legion Scholarship Program shall be administered as follows:

- The Department Adjutant shall negotiate a voucher upon official notification by the college or university that the applicant has completed enrollment and has been accepted.

- Payment of total sum of scholarship shall be made to the REGISTRAR or other proper registration official at the accepting college or university, and applied toward tuition, fees, and other educational expenses.

- Should a scholarship recipient, at any time during the school year, fail to remain in school, all monies shall immediately be surrendered and/or recovered or transferred to the next eligible alternate.

- In the event the student discontinues scholastic pursuit, he/she automatically forfeits all further scholarship privileges.

- If the scholarship is not used after seven (7) years, it reverts back to the scholarship fund. As is the case in all American Legion matters, these rules are subject to revision at any official meeting of the Department Executive Committee.
APPLICATION FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION
SCHNEIDER-EMANUEL SCHOLARSHIP

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name ____________________________________________
               Last                                   First                      Middle Initial

Address ____________________________________________
               Street

                                    City                      State                      Zip Code

Phone Number (______) ___________________________ Birth Date ____________________________

Applicant email address _____________________________________________________________

Number of children in family __________ Number in college (include yourself) __________

Your rank in family (don’t include parents) __________

Name of Parent/Guardian _____________________________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________
               Street

                                    City                      State                      Zip Code

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Living relative through whom you qualify for this scholarship. Check the box(es) that apply

LEGIONNAIRE                                           AUXILIARY                                           SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

☐ Self                                                                                   ☐ Self

☐ Father                                                                                     ☐ Mother

☐ Mother                                                                                     ☐ Grandmother

☐ Grandfather                                                                             ☐ Father

☐ Grandmother                                                                             ☐ Grandfather

Relative’s Name ____________________________________________

               Last                                   First                      Middle Initial

Address ____________________________________________
               Street

                                    City                      State                      Zip Code

Legionnaire Membership No. ___________________________ Post City ___________________________
Person through whom you qualify for this scholarship (continued)

Auxiliary Membership No. ___________________________  Unit City ___________________________

Sons of The American Legion Membership No. _______  Squadron City _______________________

My _______________________ served honorably during the following war era. Check the box that applies.

☐ Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946 (World War II)
☐ June 25, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955 (Korean War)
☐ Feb. 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 (Vietnam War)
☐ Aug. 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984 (Lebanon / Grenada)
☐ Dec. 20, 1989 to Jan. 31, 1990 (Panama)
☐ Aug. 2, 1990 to today (Gulf War / War On Terrorism)

Provide a brief statement of their service

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PARTICIPATION IN LEGION ACTIVITIES

You must have participated in one or more of the following American Legion sponsored activities. Complete all that apply to you.

☐ I attended a complete session of Badger Boys State
  Year Attended ________ High School ________________________________

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  Year Attended ________ High School ________________________________

☐ I competed in The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program
  High School ________________________________
  Year(s) Participated _______ Represented Post/County/District No. _______
  Title of My Oration ________________________________

☐ I took the Americanism and Government Scholarship Test
  Year(s) Participated _______ High School ________________________________

☐ I participated in the County Youth Government Day Program
  Date of Participation __________ County ________________________________

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☐ I have participated in an American Legion sponsored band and/or Drum and Bugle Corps
Dates __________________ - __________________
(from) (to)

☐ I have played on an American Legion Baseball team
Team Name ____________________________________________
Dates __________________ - __________________
(from) (to)

☐ I have belonged to an American Legion sponsored Boy Scout troop
Troop Number ___________ Dates __________________
(from) (to)

Name and Number of American Legion Post ____________________________

EDUCATION BACKGROUND

Schools Attended (If you attended all four years at the same school, enter only grade 12)

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Date of High School Graduation ________ Name of High School ____________________________
Number in graduating class ___________ Rank in class ___________ ACT Score _______

ATTENDANCE

Were you absent more than ten (10) times per year during the past two years? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If you answered yes, explain illness or cause ___________________________________________

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COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Name of College __________________________ Location __________________________
Have you been accepted? ☐ YES ☐ NO (If no, when do you expect acceptance?) _______
If already attending college, name of college __________________________
What year are you in college? ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior
What course of study do you plan to pursue? ________________________________________
**APPLICANT’S STATEMENT** – Please state below your education objectives and career goals, and the value and contribution The American Legion Schneider-Emanuel Scholarship would make toward the realization of that goal.  

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**EXTRA-CURRICULAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Check the boxes that apply

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List special honors, recognitions, or awards which you have received in connection with above activities.  

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List below any activities, honors, or recognition which you have received in connection with organizations other than school sponsored. (Church, Youth Groups, 4-H, Scouts)

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**APPLICANT’S AGREEMENT**

I hereby state that I have read and understand the rules established by The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin Schneider-Emanuel Scholarship Committee, and that:

- My qualifications meet the basic requirements for the scholarship and for college entrance.
- Arrangements have been made to complete this application by forwarding transcript(s), class rank, ACT score, and four rating sheets on provided forms.
- I intend to abide by all provisions set forth in the rules – and agree to accept as final the decisions agreed upon by The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin Schneider-Emanuel Scholarship Committee.

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**Signature of Applicant**

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**Signature of Parent or Guardian**

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**Date**

**CHECKLIST**

In addition to this **completed form, be sure:**

- Your school sends a certified transcript
- Rank in Class
- ACT Score
- Cumulative, or Grades 9 through Grade 11, Grade Point Averages.
- Twelfth (12) Grade First Semester Grade Report
- Four (4) rating sheets should be submitted from four (4) individuals (no family relation) such as:
  - High School Principal, Counselor, Teacher
  - Clergy
  - Two Character References (Personal or Job Related)

**MAIL BY MARCH 1 TO:**

The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin
Attn. Programs Coordinator
P.O. Box 388
Portage, WI 53901-0388
Name of applicant you are rating ____________________________

Last    First    Middle Initial

INSTRUCTIONS

Rating sheets should be mailed directly to The American Legion, bypassing the applicant. Rate the student on each of the listed traits using a scale of 1-10 with 10 being outstanding. Please use the following guidelines:

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The judges will select winners from the applicants who qualify according to criteria stated in the rules. Judges will also evaluate the applicant on merit, promise and achievement.

RATING

☐ ACADEMIC (enter number 1-10)  Scholastic achievement during Senior year and rating in class, application of studies and class participation.

☐ LEADERSHIP (enter number 1-10)  The capacity to assume responsibility, to organize work and execute a project with others.

☐ CHARACTER (enter number 1-10)  High standards of conduct, good reputation, adherence to truth and conscience, devotion to church and daily duties.

☐ AMERICANISM (enter number 1-10)  The ideals, love of country, ability to accept a citizen’s responsibilities.

You may add comments here or attach a letter of recommendation.

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Name of Person Completing Rating Sheet ____________________________

Your Relationship to Applicant – Principal, Faculty, Clergy or Representative Citizen ____________________________

Date ____________________________

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