

AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIPS

The American Legion offers a number of scholarships and other resources to assist young people in their pursuit of higher education. There are opportunities for everyone, including kin of wartime veterans and participants in American Legion programs. Website: <https://www.sdlegion.org/scholarship-information/>

STATE LEVEL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SD American Legion Educational Scholarship – Applicant must be a veteran or children/grandchildren of Veterans who are current members in the American Legion or are deceased and must be a high school graduate with at least 16 hours of post-secondary credits. A maximum of \$2500 will be awarded to any one student so more students can receive assistance and is based on available funds. See brochure at the link above for additional information. **Deadline:** 11:59pm February 15th, current year. Sent to American Legion Educational Scholarship Committee, PO Box 67, Watertown, SD 57201.

Chandler L. Beach Memorial Spirit of Boys State Award – A \$500 scholarship will go to the Boys Stater who best exemplifies the purpose of American Legion Boys State of South Dakota. No separate application – is chosen by the Boys State Staff. <https://www.sdlegion.org/boys-state/>

Youth Trooper Academy Outstanding Graduate Scholarship – A \$500 scholarship will go to the most outstanding recruit, as chosen by the Public Safety Committee – no separate application. Must be entering senior year or a recent graduate. Please see the following link for more information: <https://www.sdlegion.org/sd-youth-trooper-academy/>

SD American Legion Oratorical Scholarship Program – Students in grades 9-12 will participate in “A Constitutional Speech Contest” for scholarships ranging from \$1500-\$300 at the State level with a chance to participate in the National Contest (see below). **Deadlines vary** – please see brochure at the following link for rules: <https://www.sdlegion.org/oratorical-scholarship/>

SD American Legion Baseball Scholarship – Must have graduated from high school, be on a current roster filed with National Headquarters, be part of a team affiliated with an American Legion post. Fill out National application and send to SD American Legion Headquarters, PO Box 67, Watertown, SD 57201. There will be one \$500 state winner. **Deadline** is July 15th, current year. <https://www.legion.org/scholarships/baseball>

NATIONAL LEVEL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

American Legion Legacy Scholarship - Children of U.S. military members who died while on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001 or children of post-9/11 veterans having been assigned a combined disability rating of 50 percent or greater by the Department of Veterans Affairs also qualify. Each needs-based scholarship provides up to \$20,000 in aid for undergraduate or post-graduate college. Recipients may reapply for additional annual awards up to six times. **Deadline** is April 1st. <https://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy>

American Legion Baseball Scholarship - Eight players selected by a scholarship selection committee at The American Legion World Series will receive a \$2,500 scholarship. A ninth player, selected as the most outstanding member of the All-Academic Team, will be awarded a \$5,000 scholarship. Must be a high school graduate. **Deadline** is July 15th, current year, to your state headquarters. <https://www.legion.org/scholarships/baseball>

Samsung American Legion Scholarship - American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program participants. Ten national scholars receive \$10,000 each (two from each region), ten national runners-up receive \$5,000 each (two from each region), and remaining department finalists receive \$1,250 each guaranteed. **Deadline:** prior to 11:59 (local time) of Day 1 of their respective American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program. Additional eligibility requirements on-line. Please see website for more details. <https://www.legion.org/scholarships/samsung>. Apply via on-line application process only.

National High School Oratorical Contest Scholarship - Scholarships are awarded to the three finalists. First place receives \$25,000, second gets \$22,500 and third takes \$20,000. Each individual state winner certified into and participating in the first round of the national contest receives a \$2,000 scholarship. Each first-round winner who advances but does not qualify for the finals receives an additional \$2,000 scholarship. No application. For more information, please see the following website: <https://www.legion.org/scholarships/oratorical>.

American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Scholarship - The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will receive a \$10,000 scholarship. Three runner-up scholarship awards will be granted in the amount of \$2,500 each. **Deadline:** submit application to Department HQ by March 1st. Award at the state level is a plaque for display. For more information and to download application, please go to: <https://www.legion.org/scholarships/eaglescout>.

The American Legion Shooting Sports Scholarships - \$5000 scholarship and an all-expense paid trip to the American Legion National Convention will be awarded to each of the winners in the Precision and Sporter Categories with second place winners receiving \$1000. No application. Please visit the following website: <https://www.legion.org/scholarships/shooting>.

****CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL POST FOR LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.****