



The American Legion

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The American Legion, Department of Arkansas, is offering (4) scholarships in the amount of \$2,000.00 each, to be presented \$1,000.00 per year for two years to eligible students. Selections are based upon American spirit, character, leadership quality, scholastic endeavor, and basis of need. Below is a list of the qualifications:

1. Must be children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren of American Legionnaires in good standing of two or more consecutive years membership. Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom Era veterans are exempt from the two-year membership requirement. Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of deceased Legionnaires are also eligible.
2. Must have received a high school diploma or the equivalent by the time this scholarship will be awarded or be a graduate of a two-year college from an Arkansas Institution.
3. Coudret Trust Scholarship Applications (see attached) must be submitted by the student and endorsed by his or her parent or legal guardian.
4. Applicants must provide: One character reference in business letter format from an official of the student's school, one letter of endorsement from an American Legion officer (local preferred), and one from an unrelated person belonging to none of the above.
5. A certified copy of the student's transcript.
6. A declaration of support for the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion, as printed on the application.
7. A Drug-Free Pledge is required as printed on the application.
8. One photograph (approx 3x5) and written authorization to use it. The photograph will be used for press releases.
9. On a separate sheet of paper, using an essay format, provide a brief autobiography, career goals, and why you are the most qualified to receive this scholarship.

The completed application and accompanying documents must be received at Department Headquarters on or before March 15, 2012.



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COUDRET TRUST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**MUST BE RECEIVED AT DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2012.
APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED IF CHOSEN AS WINNERS.**

Last name _____ First Name _____ MI _____ Date of Birth _____ Sex _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Relationship to Legion Member _____ Name of Member _____ Post No. _____ Membership Number _____

Department Member of _____ No. of Years Membership _____ No. of Family members under 18 _____

Family total taxable income _____ Name of High School Attending _____

Address of School _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ How long attended _____

Other Scholarships applied for and amount _____

Other Scholarships received and amount _____

School activities and offices held _____ Grade Point Average _____

Special Honors or Awards Received _____

I pledge to lead a drug-free life, I want to be healthy and happy, I will say no to harmful drugs, I will help my friends say no.
I pledge to stand up for what I know is right.

Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion: For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principle of justice, freedom, and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

I support the Above Preamble and Drug Free Pledge

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

THE SELECTION COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY APPLICATION