

The National American Legion College



Student Application October 25 – October 30, 2009 Indianapolis, Indiana

Section One – Personal Information

Last Name: _____ First: _____ MI: _____ Nickname: _____

Residence Street _____ Business Tele: (____) _____
Address or PO Box: _____ Home Tele: (____) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____
 Check if married Spouse's Name: _____ Number of Children: _____

Section Two -- Military and American Legion Service

Branch(es) of Service: _____ Years in Military: _____

War Service for Legion College Eligibility (served on active duty or in reserve status during this time) *

- Lebanon/Grenada (August 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984)
 Panama (December 20, 1989 – January 31, 1990)
 Gulf War/War on Terrorism (August 2, 1990 to present)

A candidate from any other war era may be considered based upon the Department's successful submission of a candidate with service during or after the Lebanon/Grenada period. The numbers of candidates from earlier eras may be limited by the availability of seats.

American Legion Post # _____ of (Dept): _____ Membership ID: _____

American Legion Offices Previously/Currently Held And When: _____

Date Completed The American Legion Extension Institute (Required):

Month _____ Year _____

Section Three – Education and Career Information

Educational Background (Check Highest Level Achieved)

- High School Diploma Technical/Trade Degree Some College Associate Degree
 Bachelor Degree Postgraduate Degree

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Section Three – Education and Career Information (continued)

Professional Background (Briefly describe your job)

List other groups you are associated with (circle those you are actively involved in or with)

List some favorite hobbies _____

Section Four – Written or typed essay (required—must be attached to this application)

Past National Commander Selection Committee Letter

Tell the selection committee about yourself! This is an important part of the selection process and it is an opportunity for you to present yourself in your own words. In 500 words or less (or about one printed page), tell the Past National Commanders why you want to attend The National American Legion College and how you would apply the knowledge you will acquire. Your comments can be either printed or handwritten, and must be provided with this application on an additional sheet of paper.

Section Five – Lodging and Accommodation Information

Students will share a room with another student at the **Sheraton Hotel** located in downtown Indianapolis. **Lodging is provided at no charge to the students**, but each student is responsible for additional charges such as hotel parking fees, phone calls or room service during the week. All telephone calls, including local or toll-free calls, may have access fees and will be charged to the student's account. Any outstanding charges must be cleared at checkout.

Check if you desire to room alone (or will bring spouse). Extra room charges will apply of approximately \$60.00 per night, which is 50% of the room charge for the length of the college (normally six nights). **Payment must be secured before check-in.** If paying by credit card, you will need to provide your credit card number to The American Legion National Headquarters before arrival.

Check if you require special accommodations at the host hotel, such as handicap accessibility or special dietary needs (please list on a separate page what those restrictions or special needs might be).

Male Female

I have read the prerequisite requirements and desire to attend The National American Legion College.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

This institution does not discriminate with regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

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Section Six – Department Recommendation (at least one signature required)

1. Provide 6 descriptive words that best describes your candidate (i.e., forceful, energetic, dedicated, etc.)

2. What are this candidate’s goals for advancement in The American Legion?

3. Why do you believe this candidate should attend the American Legion College?

4. What might this candidate be doing for The American Legion in:

One year: _____

Five years: _____

5. Within the next ten years, might you comfortably elect this candidate as your (check all that apply):

Dept. Membership Chairperson: District/Zone/Area Commander: Department Commander:

6. Other comments (optional):

Department Recommendation:

This Department RECOMMENDS this applicant for selection for The National American Legion College. The applicant meets the eligibility requirements and if selected **will be funded** for attendance at the next National American Legion College*.

This Department DOES NOT RECOMMEND this applicant for selection for The National American Legion College at this time.

Department Adjutant (or) *signature required* **Department Commander**

Department of _____

Candidates must meet the following qualifications: Lebanon/Grenada, Panama, and/or Gulf War/War on Terrorism era veteran with at least two years Legion membership, demonstrated leadership potential and successful completion of *The American Legion Extension Institute*. The student’s tuition of \$600.00 will be billed to the appropriate Department after the class starts in October. Departments are encouraged to nominate all qualified applicants, but will be expected to provide funding for all students they recommend who are selected for attendance.

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