Finding College Scholarships

Thank you for inquiring about American Legion scholarships. Most of our scholarships are associated with American Legion activities, such as Junior Shooting, Oratorical Contest, American Legion Baseball, Boys State, etc. The exception is the Legacy scholarship. The Legacy scholarship is available to 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. Please visit our scholarship page at <u>legion.org/scholarships</u>.

You may also wish to contact your state's American Legion department. Several departments offer their own scholarships. You can find your department at <u>legion.org/departments</u>.

Some American Legion posts offer scholarships. You can find an American Legion post in your area <u>by clicking here</u>.

The first step in applying to any college scholarship is to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). This will give you an expected family contribution, which is necessary in completing most any scholarship application - <u>Free Application for Federal Student Aid</u> (FAFSA) | Benefits.gov.

Here are other sites to assist with veteran/veteran family scholarships:

- ✤ <u>legion.org/scholarships</u>
- ✤ <u>legion-aux.org/scholarships</u>
- bush41.org/support/grants-scholarships
- Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship- Auxiliary

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<u>Send E-mail</u> – You must sign in to send to this email box. Click on the light blue title bar SIGN IN and create a password. This is free.

Here are some "apps" (search in your phones app store) that assist in matching you with scholarships:

- ✤ Scholly
- Going Merry Scholarships
- College Scholarships...College Raptor
- ✤ Raise Me College Scholarships
- Scholarship Owl

The National Association Scholarship Program (NASP) makes these recommendations:

Talk to your high school counselor! Scholarship providers often send information to high school counselors and many high schools post scholarship opportunities/deadlines on a

bulletin board or on their website. In addition, NSPA recommends the following scholarship search tools:

- ✤ College Board
- Fastweb
- Scholarship Owl
- Scholarships.com
- ✤ <u>U.S. Dept. of Labor</u>

Here is a 2022 article on the best websites to find a scholarship-

✤ <u>10 Best College Scholarship Search Websites (the college investor.com)</u>

Finally, here are scholarships designed for children or grandchildren of veterans, on a larger scope-

<u>16 Scholarships for Children of Veterans | SmartScholar</u> <u>5 Best Scholarships For Children Of Veterans | Bankrate</u> <u>Top Scholarships for Children of Veterans - NerdWallet</u> <u>Top Scholarships for Children of Veterans - 2022 HelpToStudy.com 2023</u> <u>13 Benefits for Children of Veterans that you may not Know About (nvf.org)</u> <u>15 Scholarships for Military Children (militaryshoppers.com)</u>

Again, thank you, and we wish you the best in your educational endeavors.

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