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American Legion Family Programs and Scholarships

Boy's State

Tar Heel Boys' State is sponsored by The American Legion Department of North Carolina. It is an intense workshop concentrating on North Carolina state government and politics. Some 500 rising high school seniors representing all geographic areas of North Carolina participate annually in this program. Since 2003 the sessions have been held on the campus of Catawba College, Salisbury, NC. Delegates to Tar Heel Boys' State must be sponsored by a North Carolina American Legion Post. While other organizations may propose students for participation in the program and provide the tuition, the student must be interviewed, approved, and sponsored by an American Legion post.

[\(https://tarheelboysstate.org/\)](https://tarheelboysstate.org/)

Girl's State

American Legion Auxiliary Tar Heel Girls State originated in 1940 to provide an opportunity to study and practice citizenship. For over 80 years, this program has served several thousand young leaders by deepening their sense of responsibilities as citizens and serving as a practical source of instruction in the structure and operation of state and local governments. Tar Heel Girls State is the longest continuously running Girls State program in the country. Rising seniors from across the state spend a week creating city government, political parties, and a state government. They elect officials, write and debate bills, create working governments and attend various workshops to prepare them for their senior year and college. [\(https://www.alanorthcarolina.com/single-project-8\)](https://www.alanorthcarolina.com/single-project-8)

Student Trooper

The purpose of the North Carolina American Legion Student Trooper Program is to create an association between our young people and the men and women who are responsible for enforcing the laws of our State. The American Legion believes that our young people have a strong sense of patriotism and a high regard for Law and Order. It is our belief that the young men and women who participate in the Student Trooper Program will develop favorable attitudes toward Law Enforcement and will articulate those attitudes throughout their communities and among their peers. The week-long American Legion Student Trooper Program is conducted at the North Carolina Highway Patrol Training Center in Raleigh, North Carolina, and is a cooperative sponsorship of The NC American Legion and The NC Highway Patrol. Students who have successfully completed their junior or senior year can be accommodated at the training center, so be sure to get applications submitted early. The application must be submitted through a local American Legion post. [\(https://www.nclegion.org/student-trooper-program\)](https://www.nclegion.org/student-trooper-program)

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship is a needs-based scholarship designed to fulfill a financial gap remaining after all federal and state educational grants/scholarships available to an eligible applicant have been utilized. For 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 for children of the fallen, and up to \$5,000 for children of the disabled for undergraduate or post-graduate college. Recipients may reapply for additional annual awards up to six times. The application deadline is April 1st. Scholarship awards must be used within one year. Winners are announced each May. (<https://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy>)

Colon Furr Memorial Nursing Scholarship Program

Each year, The American Legion Department of North Carolina provides scholarships (normally 5) to students enrolled in nursing programs in North Carolina colleges. Scholarships are currently in the amount of \$600. Any person who resides in North Carolina and has been accepted to or is enrolled in a 1-year Licensed Practical Nurse program, or who is enrolled in a 2, 3, or 4-year program that leads to certification as a Registered Nurse, is eligible for this scholarship. Each Legion Post in North Carolina can sponsor 1 applicant each year. If a post has more than one worthy candidate, that post must select their candidate. (<https://teamup.com/event/show/id/jA8eD9weCxY4wyvnoaSZhLgCKb7upG>)

National High School Oratorical Contest Scholarship

The American Legion Oratorical Contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Since 1938, the program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. 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. Oratorical scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive their scholarships upon enrollment to an accredited trade school, college, or university within the United States. All scholarship claims are a two-party check: to the student AND the school. Scholarship recipients must utilize the total award within eight (8) years, excluding active military duty or religious mission. Additionally, the winner of the National Oratorical Contest will travel to join the Youth Champion Delegation of The American Legion that is honored each August at the annual National Convention of The American Legion. (<https://www.nclegion.org/oratorical-contest>)

The American Legion Baseball Scholarship

The American Legion awards between \$22,000 and \$25,000 in scholarships to deserving baseball players each year. Each Department Baseball Committee may select a player from its department to receive this scholarship. Department Baseball Scholarship Winners receive \$500. Each certified Department Baseball scholarship winner shall be considered for The American Legion All-Academic Team sponsored by Diamond Sports, annually. Eight players selected by a scholarship selection committee at The American Legion World Series will receive an additional \$2,500 scholarship. A ninth player, selected as the most outstanding member of the All-Academic Team, will be awarded an additional \$5,000 scholarship. All-

Academic Team winners will retain their \$500 scholarship from their department. Scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive their scholarships immediately upon graduation from an accredited high school. Scholarship winners must utilize the total award within eight (8) years of their graduation date, excluding active military time. (<https://www.legion.org/scholarships/baseball>)

Samsung American Legion Scholarship

Worldwide electronics leader Samsung endowed a scholarship fund of \$5 million to be administered by The American Legion in 1996. Meant to show appreciation for U.S. veterans who came to Korea's aid during its struggle against communist forces in the Korean War, the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program established a series of scholarships derived from interest and other income from the principal amount. Scholarship applicants must **complete and submit their online application prior to 11:59 (local time) of Day 1 of their respective American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program**. Samsung scholarships may be used for undergraduate studies and applied toward tuition, books, fees, and room and board. Winners are selected according to academic record, involvement in school and community service. Ten National Scholars receive \$10,000 each (two from each region), Ten National Runners-Up receive \$5,000 each (two from each region), Remaining Department Finalists receive \$1,250 each guaranteed. Scholarship applications are limited to students between their junior and senior years of high school who attend the current session of either an American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program and are a direct descendant - i.e. child, grandchild, great grandchild, etc. - or a legally adopted child of a wartime U.S. military veteran who served on active duty during at least one of the periods of war officially designated as eligibility dates for American Legion membership. Applicants who are direct descendants of Korean War Era Veterans will receive three bonus points. (<https://www.legion.org/scholarships/samsung>)

American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Scholarship

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year nomination window is from November 1st to March 1st, annually. Nomination packets must be received by each applicant's respective American Legion Department (state) no later than March 1st. Then each respective American Legion Department (state) Selection Committee will determine the Eagle Scout judged to be the best in their Department (state). The Department (state) will then send that packet, along with a list of the members serving on that Selection Committee, to The American Legion National Headquarters no later than April 1st. The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will receive a \$10,000 scholarship. Three (3) runner-up scholarship awards will be granted in the amount of \$2,500 each. The scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive their scholarship upon enrollment to an accredited trade school, college, or university within the United States. Disbursement of the scholarship funds through an online request will be made available jointly to the student and the school. Scholarship winners must utilize the total award within four (4) years of their post high school graduation date, excluding active military duty or religious mission. (<https://www.legion.org/scholarships/eaglescout>)

Boy Scout High Adventure Award

Scholarship awards will be based on up to a \$1,500.00 scholarship per Division, to be forwarded to the sponsoring American Legion Post for presentation to winning applicant. Trip must be to a recognized

National Boy Scout High Adventure Area or to a National or International Jamboree.
([High Adventure Award](#))

Adult Scouter National Training Scholarship

Each year the Department of NC American Legion Boy Scout Committee may select one adult volunteer scouter to receive a scholarship to attend ANY National BSA Training program. If no application is received for the National Boy Scout Training program, an applicant may choose to apply for a scholarship for the following in this order: 1. Wood Badge, 2. Sea Badge, 3. National Camp School, 4. Commission's College, or 5. Powder Horn, wherever they are held. The scholarship is to pay the conference registration fee to a maximum of \$250 or the actual registration fee, if less. The applicant must be endorsed by a local North Carolina American Legion Post. (<https://nclegion.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/ScouterScholarship.pdf>)

Junior Shooting Sports Scholarship

Annual American Legion 3-Position Junior Air Rifle Championship (Two Categories: Precision: Winner will receive \$5,000 in college scholarships; Sporter: Winner will receive \$5,000 in college scholarships) These scholarships are provided in part by The American Legion and The Sons of the American Legion. Second place finishers in each category will each receive \$1,000 in college scholarships generously provided by The American Legion Auxiliary. Junior Shooting Sports scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive their scholarships upon enrollment to an accredited trade school, college, or university in the United States. All scholarship claims are a two-party check: to the student AND the school. Scholarship recipients must utilize the total award within eight (8) years, excluding active military duty or religious mission. (<https://www.legion.org/get-involved/scholarships/junior-shooting-sports-scholarship>)

Scholarships available through ANAVICUS

ANAVICUS (Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada United States) is a unit of ANAVETS – the Canadian veterans organization founded in 1840. The United States charter was presented in 1953 during The American Legion's national convention in St. Louis where the first ANAVICUS meeting was held. There are 1,200 members in ANAVICUS, and all are American Legion past national commanders and other distinguished Legionnaires. ANAVICUS membership is by invitation only, and new members are inducted twice a year at national convention and the Washington Conference.

(<https://www.legion.org/scholarships/245648/scholarships-available-through-anavicus>)

Frank R. Kossa Memorial ANAVICUS Scholarship. The scholarship is presented to a cadet of the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ontario, Canada. It is awarded to an outstanding cadet of the third year based on academic performance and leadership potential. All cadets are assessed and graded upon completion of their third year. The college makes the selection of the recipient.

Father Edward J. Carney Scholarship. Carney was a national chaplain of The American Legion and longtime chaplain of ANAVICUS. This \$1,500 scholarship is given to a sophomore or junior student at Merrimack College, North Andover, Mass., based on financial need, a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and proven leadership potential. The college makes the selection of the recipient.

Reverend Frank L. Harrington Scholarship. Harrington was a national chaplain of The American Legion and faculty member of Carroll College in Helena, Mont. This \$1,500 scholarship is given to an outstanding sophomore or junior student at Carroll College based on financial need, a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and proven leadership potential. The college makes the selection.

General Lewis B. Hershey Scholarship. Hershey was a leading force in establishing the United States unit of ANAVIC and served as its first president for 20 years. This \$1,500 scholarship is given to a sophomore or junior student at Trine University in Angola, Ind., based on financial need, a 3.0 cumulative GPA and demonstrated leadership potential. The college selects the recipient.

James F. O'Neil Scholarship. O'Neil was a past national commander of The American Legion and a past president of ANAVICUS. This \$1,500 scholarship is given to an outstanding sophomore or junior student at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H., based on a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and proven leadership potential. The college selects the recipient.

General Frank R. Schwengel Scholarship. Schwengel was instrumental in establishing the United States unit of ANAVIC. This \$1,500 scholarship is given to a sophomore or junior student at Iona College in New Rochelle, N.Y., based on a demonstrated financial need, a minimum of 3.0 cumulative GPA and proven leadership potential. The college selects the recipient.

E. Roy Stone Jr. ROTC Scholarship. This \$1,500 scholarship is given to a worthy and deserving full time student at Furman University in Greenville, S.C. Stone was an alumnus and faithful friend of the university, was a past national commander of The American Legion and a longtime distinguished member of the ANAVICUS Executive Committee. The college makes the selection.

Richard M. Pedro Memorial Scholarship. Pedro was a longtime Department of New York adjutant and ANAVICUS Executive & Selection Committee. This \$1,500 scholarship is given to a student in the ROTC program based on financial need and a 3.0 cumulative GPA. The college selects the student.

Judge Daniel F. Foley Scholarship. Foley was a long standing ANAVICUS president. This \$1,500 scholarship is given to a student who is a direct descendant of a member or deceased member of the Army, Navy, & Air Force Veterans in Canada (ANAVETS). Their board of directors receives the applications and decides the bursary recipient at their meeting in a September/October timeframe. ANAVETS will contact the university or college directly to verify the attendance of the recipient and send the check directly to the student's account.

Rev. Jerome D. Fortenberry Scholarship. Fortenberry was a longtime ANAVICUS chaplain. This scholarship is exclusively made available to living and current ANAVICUS members' direct descendants (child, grandchild, great-grandchild). ANAVICUS will award one \$1,500 scholarship per calendar year. The scholarship will be paid to the college to deposit into the student's account. The student must be a high school senior or enrolled at an accredited college or vocational school. The scholarship application is available in September and due in April.

American Legion Auxiliary

Scholarships

(<https://www.legion-aux.org/scholarships>)

Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship

Three \$5,000 scholarships are awarded annually per geographic division, for a total of 15 scholarships. These scholarships are for undergraduate study only at a four-year accredited college or university, and may be used for tuition, books, fees, room, and board.

Non-Traditional Student Scholarship

One \$2,000 scholarship is awarded annually per Auxiliary geographic division. Applicant may be pursuing training in a certified, trade, professional, or technical program, or a two-year or four-year degree program.

Spirit of Youth Scholarship

The Spirit of Youth Scholarship Fund is an umbrella that supports three separate scholarship opportunities for participants in American Legion Auxiliary programs. One is for American Legion Auxiliary Junior members, another for the Honorary National Junior Division Vice Presidents, and one is for participants in the American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation program.

Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship

American Legion Auxiliary Junior members are the future of our organization. To reward those who retain their membership into adulthood, the American Legion Auxiliary offers the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship to current college students. Ten scholarships, in the amount of \$2,500 each, will be awarded to a current college student. Two scholarships will be awarded in each division of the American Legion Auxiliary. The scholarship is a grant; not a loan.