

EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the Scholarship Program is to assist students who desire to pursue their education beyond high school, into colleges, universities and trade or vocational schools/programs.

To qualify the applicant must be the son/daughter/grandson/granddaughter of a current paid member or a deceased member of The American Legion Department of Illinois. The applicant must be a senior in an accredited high school, a US citizen and meet the academic standards of the school he/she wishes to attend.

Each year the Department of Illinois awards 25-\$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors. There are 4 awards given in each of the 5 Divisions for accredited colleges and universities, and 1 award given for a student entering a trade/vocational school (a non-degree program). These scholarships are not renewable.

Award selection is made on the basis of personal financial need, academic qualifications, extra circular activities and essay. All completed applications are due by March 15th of each year.

For the 2023-2024 academic year the Department of Illinois Education and Scholarship Committee reviewed thirty-three applications. The applications were comprised of thirty-two general colleges and one trade school applications. The selection process consisted of the committee reviewing every application in detail and using a rubric to assist in being as objective as possible in the scoring of each application. This committee awarded 25 (twenty-five) \$1,000 (one thousand dollar) scholarships. Announcement of the awards are anticipated to be made public about May 1, 2024.

We thank everyone for submitting your applications and wish you all the best success life has to offer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Horn, Chairman