

Education & Scholarship Committee (Zoom)

October 6, 2026

Members Present:

Don Horn (Chairman), Tom Marcicak (Vice Chair), Jeffery Kosowski, David Morris, Dudley Maden

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Horn.

Committee Purpose & Goals:

The Chair reviewed the committee's responsibilities and the Department Commander's assigned goal of increasing participation in both the Scholarship, and School Medal Award programs through improved promotion and outreach. The committee also discussed establishing an additional goal to increase public recognition of scholarship recipients.

Rubric Scholarship Evaluation:

The committee reviewed and agreed upon revisions to the Rubric Scholarship evaluation to improve consistency, fairness, and objectivity. Changes were made to better recognize academic achievement, extracurricular activities, employment, family responsibilities, financial circumstances, and written responses. The Rubric will maintain a maximum score of 100 points. The Chair will update and distribute the revised rubric to the committee members for final review and approval.

The committee also decided to identify Trade School applications on their covers to assist reviewers. No rubric changes were required.

Review of Scholarship Applications:

The committee agreed to schedule its spring scholarship judging meeting separately from the Department Executive Committee meeting day to allow adequate time for reviewing the applications. The Chair will coordinate the meeting date with Department Headquarters.

Scholarship and School Medal Award Programs:

The committee discussed improving communication within the Posts and Districts. Division representatives will promote both programs at Division and District meetings.

The committee also discussed using existing Department electronic communication resources to distribute program information. Scholarship Application deadline is March 15.

Scholarship Recipient Recognition:

The committee discussed increasing public awareness of the scholarship program by personally recognizing recipients whenever practical.

The committee will work with Department Headquarters to develop certificates for scholarship recipients. Division representatives will coordinate with local Legion leadership to arrange presentations, photographs, and local publicity when possible.

Committee Follow-Up:

The Chair will circulate the revised rubric, coordinate certificate development, and work with Department Headquarters on scheduling and program promotion, and updating members on webpage.

Additional committee business will be handled through email, with meetings scheduled as needed.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Don Horn, Chairman