



## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR: THE ERNIE WILSON JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**



**(YOU MUST BE A MEMBER IN THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION)**

**ONE (1) YEAR (\$3500.00) EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

### **PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING SENT IN ONE (1) ENVELOPE**

1. Current completed application. **(MANDATORY)**
2. Photo static copy of DD214 or Discharge proof for ELIGIBILITY in The Sons of The American Legion.
3. Completed Summary of Activities (enclose copy of **GPA, SAT, and Act SCORES on Summary MANDATORY**)
4. A certified transcript or Photo static copy of High School or GED grades.
5. An original article, consisting of not more than 500 words, describing a person or event which impacted your life. **(MANDATORY)**
6. Four (4) letters of recommendation are required. Examples include:
  - a) Principal or counselor from the applicant's school.
  - b) Clergyman of the applicant's choice.
  - c) Two (2) from citizens (other than relatives) certifying to the applicant's Character, Americanism, Scholarship and financial need.
7. A copy of both parents and or single parent (or married filing a joint return) most current IRS Form 1040 and at least Schedule A and B and child support received, must be submitted. **(MANDATORY)**
8. A brief letter from the applicant stating the reason for his choice of vocation. **(MANDATORY)**
9. A copy of the 2024 signed SAL membership card, submitted with the application. **(MANDATORY)**
10. All parts of the application must be received by the deadline date. **(MANDATORY)**
11. A copy of applicant's birth certificate **(MANDATORY)**

### **IMPORTANT**

### **DO NOT USE ACRONYMS IN ANY SUBMITTAL**

**MAKE SURE THAT THE APPLICATION FORM, COPY OF DD214 OR DISCHARGE, ALL LETTERS AND RECORD OF GRADES ARE MAILED BY THE SCHOOL. THE APPLICANT'S, AND THE SON OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE ARE TO BE IN ONE (1) ENVELOPE MAILED DIRECTLY TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS.**

**NOTE: POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN APRIL 15th, 2025.**

### **THE ERNIE WILSON JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**The Sons of The American Legion**

**Detachment of New Jersey**

**Bldg. # 5, Second Floor, 171 Jersey Street, Trenton, NJ 08618**

Note: It is the responsibility of the applicant to meet all requirements. School records and other confidential material may be sealed if necessary.



## THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAY 15th, 2025



### RULES

1. APPLICANT MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER WITH 2 CONSECUTIVE YEARS OR MORE IN THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF NEW JERSEY.
2. APPLICANT MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE GRADUATING CLASS OF HIGH SCHOOL OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL or GED FOR THE YEAR 2024.
3. APPLICANT MUST START TO USE THE AWARD THE YEAR IT IS RECEIVED.
4. THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED ON THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES,
  - A) **CHARACTER** – 20% - high standards of conduct; keen sense of right; strength of character; adherence to truth and conscience and a belief in God. (e.g. letter from Clergyman and Volunteer work).
  - B) **AMERICANISM/COMMUNITY SERVICE** - 20% - fine ideals; love of Country ability to accept, a citizens Responsibility, (e.g. American Legion Family, Boys State, Scouting, Flag Education, Community Service, etc.)
  - C) **LEADERSHIP** - 20% - ability to lead and to accomplish through group action; (e.g. American Legion Family, Club/School President, Drum Major, etc.)
  - D) **SCHOLARSHIP** — 20% - certified transcripts since freshman year, include all grades, GPA, SAT scores, etc.
  - E) **BASIS OF NEED** — 20% - actual need of financial assistance to continue their higher education, Families most recent IRS 1040 is mandatory.
5. APPLICANT MUST COMPLETE THE ATTACHED APPLICATION.
6. IF THE APPLICANT SELECTED FOR THE AWARD FAILS TO QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION TO SUCH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE OF HIS SELECTION BY AUGUST 1, 2025, THE AWARD WILL BE FORFEITED.
7. APPLICATION TO BE SIGNED BY BOTH THE APPLICANT AND COMMANDER OF THE SPONSORING SQUADRON. **(MANDATORY)**
8. THE DECISION OF THE DETACHMENT SCHOLARSHIP JUDGES IN MAKING THIS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD IS FINAL. A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE REQUIRED FOR THIS AWARD. NOTE: ALL LETTERS, TRANSCRIPTS, ETC. WILL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY, AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED. THE APPLICATION AND ALL DATA, MUST BE MAILED IN ONE (1) ENVELOPE TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT THE ADDRESS ABOVE.



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DETACHMENT OF NEW JERSEY**  
**2024 ERNIE WILSON JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**



ONE (1) \$3500.00 EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP, AWARDED IN ONE YEAR

1. NAME OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

2. ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

3. DATE OF BIRTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY NO. \_\_\_\_\_

4. NAME OF MOTHER, FATHER, STEP- PARENT, OR GRANDPARENT, BY WHICH APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE \_\_\_\_\_

5. NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN IN FAMILY: (INCLUDING SELF) UNDER 18 YEARS \_\_\_\_\_ AND UNDER 12 YEARS GRADE LEVEL.

6. OCCUPATION OF FATHER (STEP-FATHER) ANNUAL INCOME \$ \_\_\_\_\_

7. OCCUPATION OF MOTHER (STEP-MOTHER) ANNUAL INCOME \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8. OCCUPATION OF SELF ANNUAL INCOME \$ \_\_\_\_\_

9. GOVERNMENT COMPENSATION/PENSION RECEIVED BY PARENT AND/OR APPLICANT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

10. ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR / OR DRAWING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS?  
 YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

11. IF SO, AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TIME LIMIT OF BENEFITS \_\_\_\_\_

12. HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING & DATE OF GRADUATION IF APPLICABLE \_\_\_\_\_

13. NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL YOU DESIRE TO ATTEND \_\_\_\_\_

14. THE VOCATION YOU PLAN TO PURSUE \_\_\_\_\_

15. ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSE FOR YOUR SCHOOL CHOSEN \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SQUADRON NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SQUADRON ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE OF SQUADRON COMMANDER

\_\_\_\_\_  
 CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
 CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER OF SQUAD. COMMANDER

SIGNATURE OF SQUADRON ADJUNCT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_



**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_ SCORE OF S.A.T. \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, ATHLETIC AND CLUBS, ETC.**

**Do not use this area use a separate piece of paper and tell us about you!!!**

**AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY AND / OR VETERANS RELATED PROGRAMS ( Tell us what you do for the American Legion and its programs.)**

**Use a separate piece of paper!!!!!!**

**OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE OR VOLUNTEER WORK ( Tell us what you do for your community and explain your Volunteer work.)**

**Use a separate piece of paper!!!!!!**