

2026 American Legion Riders District 8 Scholarship Application

The Wisconsin American Legion Riders of District 8 will award three \$1000.00 scholarships in 2026. An award will go to: (1) a College-Bound High School Senior Boy, (2) a College-Bound High School Senior Girl, and (3) a Technical College-Bound High School student residing in District 8 (Marathon, Menominee, Portage, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara, or Wood County). **The student must be a son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, grandson or granddaughter of a veteran, active duty service member, National Guard or Reserve member.** All applications must include a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, NOT an Honorable Discharge Certificate. A letter from the service member's commanding officer verifying active or reserve duty status is also acceptable. Please black out the social security number on any attached documents. Candidates may only apply for one scholarship and their application must be post marked or received via e-mail on or before March 1, 2026.



Please follow the scholarship application criteria carefully.

- **Applicants must use this PDF form for submitting their applications.**
- **If additional space is needed, please attach your answers to this application when submitting it.**
- **All essays must be 250 words or less and must use Arial 12 font.**
- Applicants must provide a copy of their latest high school transcripts.
- **Spelling, punctuation, grammar and content of essays, grade point average, high school extracurricular activities, community service, and other factors will be evaluated.**
- Letters of recommendation guidelines:
 - o Submit **two** letters of recommendation. Choose someone who knows you well and can write about your character and activities with firsthand knowledge. Letters from members outside the school community would be considered most appropriate.
 - o Parents, immediate family members and fellow students are not eligible to write letters of recommendation.
 - o Letters of recommendation must be **signed** by the writer and include a contact phone number. **Unsigned letters of recommendation will not be considered.**

Scholarships will be awarded during the Senior Awards Ceremony at each of the recipient's high schools in the spring of their senior year. The scholarship will be paid to the school of enrollment at the beginning of the second semester after proof of enrollment is received. Not following scholarship guidelines outlined above may jeopardize your application from being considered.

If you have any questions, please contact Paula Jensen at ALRA.D8.Scholarship@outlook.com or 715-569-3746

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**Please select the one scholarship
you are applying for**

Boy

Girl

Tech College

Section 1 – Student Contact Information	
Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone Number	
E-mail Address	
Section 2 – Student Academic Information	
Name of High School attending	
Current Cumulative GPA	
ACT SAT Composite Score	
Intended College or Technical College	
Major Field of Study	
Section 3 – Family Information	
Father's Name	
Address City, State, ZIP	
Mother's Name	
Address City, State, ZIP	
Veteran's Name and Relationship to You	
Veteran's Branch of Service and Dates Served	

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Section 4 – Resume (High School Years Only)			
Athletics/Extracurricular Activities		Responsibilities/Offices/Honors	Grade Level
Community Service		Activity/Role	Total Hours Of Service
Employer	Position	From-To (MM/YY)	Average Hours Per week

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Section 5 – Essay

Essay #1: Describe what you have found most rewarding about your participation in one of the activities or community services that you have been involved in.

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Essay #2: Please explain how military service, by those that have served, has made our country better?

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Essay #3: Describe your most significant challenge or accomplishment and explain its value to your life.

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Essay #4: Explain your long range goals for school and your career and describe what specific skills and personal values you want to foster in yourself to achieve these goals?

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Section 6 – Consent and Verification

In submitting this application, I certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that any information provided in this form maybe shared with the American Legion Riders District 8 Scholarship Committee members. Also, I understand that falsification of information may result in termination of the scholarship.

Date:_____

Student's Signature:_____

Date:_____

Parent or
Guardian's Signature:_____

Section 7 – Supporting Documents

Application must be post marked or received via e-mail on or before March 1, 2026.

Please attach your two letters of recommendation and transcript to the end of this application along with a copy of the DD Form 214 or Commanding Officer's letter of verification.

If you are unable to email the completed application or attach the required supporting documents, please mail or e-mail your complete application packet to:

American Legion Riders Dist. 8
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 348
Vesper, WI 54489

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