

**APPLICATION FOR THE JAY B. THIELEN SCHOLARSHIP**

**(All applicable questions must be answered)**

NAME OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER \_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year City & State or Country

FATHER'S NAME & ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S NAME & ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NAME AND NUMBER OF SQUADRON FATHER, GRANDFATHER OR YOU ARE A MEMBER OF:  
\_\_\_\_\_

LENGTH OF MEMBERSHIP (Years) \_\_\_\_\_ IF TRANSFERED FROM ANOTHER STATE, GIVE  
SQUADRON NAME, NO., CITY & STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OR TRADE SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU MADE APPLICATION? \_\_\_\_\_ IF YES, HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT DO YOU ANTICIPATE YOUR MAJOR OR FIELD OF STUDY WILL BE? \_\_\_\_\_

**WITH THIS APPLICATION YOU MUST INCLUDE:**

1. Above information complete
2. Certified High School Transcript – **MUST SHOW GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND ACT/SAT SCORES (if available).**
3. One letter of recommendation – From a non-relative.
4. List of Leadership and Extracurricular Activities in High School and Honors or Awards You Received
5. A written essay of not more than 250 words on “What Makes You Proud of America”. Essay must be signed and dated.
6. Photo static copy of **SAL membership card of your father, grandfather, or yourself for the current year.**

**SEND ALL OF THE ABOVE TO:  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
1314 SW TOPEKA BLVD.  
TOPEKA, KS 66612**

**DEADLINE DATE IS FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

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(THIS FORM MAY BE REPRODUCED LOCALLY)

**KANSAS SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
**JAY B. THIELEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The name of this fund shall be the “Kansas Sons of the American Legion Jay B. Thielen Scholarship Fund”. The fund will “be used by The Sons of the American Legion for the purpose of assisting financially, in the education of needy and worthy **children or grandchildren of Sons of the American Legion members of the Detachment of Kansas or members of the Sons of the American Legion of the Detachment of Kansas**”.

**RULES**

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

1. The applicant should be an average or better student scholastically.
2. High School seniors, undergraduate college students, and Adults holding High School Diplomas and/or College credits who are enrolled or intend to enroll in an approved Junior College, College, University or Trade School located in the state of Kansas will be considered.
3. **The applicant must be the son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter of a member of the Kansas Sons of the American Legion or a member of the Kansas Sons of the American Legion for the past three (3) consecutive years. (Please attach copy of current year’s membership card of the member from whom eligibility is derived.) SAL member who is a US citizen is eligible to apply.**
4. **The applicant may obtain eligibility through a deceased member whose membership was paid up in The Sons of the American Legion in the year of death. (Please attach certification from Squadron Adjutant.)**

**TYPE OF SCHOLARSHIP**

1. A one year scholarship granted for the 2017-18 school year.
2. Grants are not renewable, but can be reapplied for on a yearly basis.

**AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP**

One (1) \$500.00 scholarships, Paid directly to the school, \$250.00 at the start of each semester upon proof of eligibility. Requirements to receive scholarship: We will need a copy of the recipient’s class schedule. This needs to include your student identification number. The address of the school in which you are enrolled to allow us to send the scholarship check for the school’s distribution to the student. Student Identification Number, Class Schedule, School address.

**TO STAY ELIGIBLE**

1. Must maintain a C average in College or advancement in Trade school, and submit verification at the end of each semester or term.
2. Verification from school of enrollment at the start of each semester or term.

**HOW TO APPLY**

1. Applications must be received in The American Legion Headquarters, 1314 Topeka Ave., Topeka, KS 66612, **by February 15, 2017.**
2. All requested supporting documents and information in a single envelope deliverable by the USPS.
3. **Copy of current membership card in the Kansas Sons of the American Legion or Adjutant’s certification.**

**HOW CHOSEN**

1. After all applications are received at Department Headquarters they will be forwarded to the Sons of the American Legion Scholarship Committee.
2. The Committee will review and select the winning applicant based on the above criteria.
3. The decision of the Scholarship Committee shall be final and absolute.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. The applicant’s major or field of study will be a factor in the final selection. Please indicate your anticipated major or field of study.
2. The Committee will be governed by the existing scholarship rules set forth by direction of the Detachment Executive Board.