



## *Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Indiana*

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### **Sons of The American Legion 2017 Scholarship Competition**

The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Indiana encourages its members to seek a higher education in the State of Indiana and has established this scholarship to reward its members for outstanding service to community, state, and nation.

This scholarship is unique because it is based only on a member's involvement in activities of our organization rather than academic achievement or financial need. An applicant

must be an active member of a squadron within the Indiana Detachment of the Sons of the American Legion, who will be attending an accredited college, university, or trade school located in Indiana during the 2017-2018 school year.

The winner of the scholarship will be decided and announced at the annual Close of Books membership turn-in held at Indiana Veterans Home on Sunday June 4, 2017. The winner will be invited to be a distinguished guest of our Detachment Convention held July 7-9, 2017 in Indianapolis, IN.

During our Detachment Convention on the morning of Saturday, July 8, 2017 the winner of the scholarship will be presented a memento plaque by Detachment Commander Chris Carlton. That member will also receive \$1000, to be available for use during the 2017-2018 school year. The Detachment scholarship check will be issued to the winner through his school's financial aid office. In addition, the winner's name will be placed on a much larger plaque that hangs permanently in the Detachment Headquarters at Indianapolis.

Anyone interested in being considered for this scholarship must complete the attached application, an essay, and have an endorsement from their Squadron Commander or Post Commander. Rules for the 2017 Scholarship Competition are listed on the back of this letter.

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### **2017 Scholarship Rules**

- 1.) Applicant must be an active member of a Squadron within the Indiana Detachment of the Sons of The American Legion
- 2.) Applicant must fulfill one of the two criteria's:
  - a.) A high school senior who graduates with his class in the Spring of 2017 will be attending an accredited college, university or trade school
  - b.) A high school graduate who now attends or will be attending an accredited college, university, or trade school
- 3.) The winner must attend an accredited college, university or trade school located in Indiana during the 2017-2018 school year.
- 4.) Applicants must submit a complete application on the official form including Squadron Commander or Post Commander endorsement of their application.
- 5.) Attached to the application applicants must submit a two-part essay written by himself that gives a detailed description of:
  - a.) His involvement in the activities and programs of the Sons of the American Legion
  - b.) An explanation of the reasons he feels he should receive this scholarship
  - c.) The whole essay must not exceed 1800 words
  - d.) Applicant's Name and Squadron Number should be in the header of the essay (e.g. John M. Smith, Sq. 500)
- 6.) This is a one-time award. Any recipient of this scholarship may not apply in subsequent years.
- 7.) Applicants' entries will be judged solely on their involvement with and service to the Sons of The American Legion.
- 8.) Completed applications and required attachments must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2017** and mailed to the address listed below. There is no limit to the number of applicants from the same Squadron

Mail all scholarships applications to:  
**American Legion Detachment of Indiana**  
**Attn: S.A.L. Scholarship Chairman**  
**5440 Herbert Lord Rd.**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46216**



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S.A.L. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron Number: \_\_\_\_\_

S.A.L. Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

S.A.L. Member Since: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Located in \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Endorsement Section

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read this application  
(print name)

and find it a true testament to the quality of work the applicant has done on behalf of the Sons of The American Legion.

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Squadron or Post Commander Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron/Post No: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please feel free to include a note with any comments or suggestions. Last updated on 81415