



The American Legion

Department of Arkansas

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September 8, 2022

The American Legion, Department of Arkansas, is offering eight (8) scholarships to be awarded in the spring of 2023. Four of the scholarships are from the Coudret Trust Foundation in the amount of \$1,000.00 each and four are from the Garner Trust Foundation in the Amount of \$2,500.00 each. The criteria for the two scholarship programs differ and will be available only to eligible students. Selections are based upon American spirit, character, leadership quality, scholastic endeavor, and basis of need. Below is a list of the qualifications for either scholarship:

1. Must be children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren of American Legionnaires in good standing of two or more consecutive years' membership. Step children of living Legionnaires may apply if their parent is currently married to the Legion member. Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of deceased Legionnaires are also eligible.
2. Applicant or Legionnaire must be a resident of Arkansas.
3. Must have received a high school diploma or the equivalent by the time this scholarship will be awarded or be a graduate of a two-year college from an Arkansas Institution.
4. The Scholarship Application (see attached) must be submitted by the student and signed by his or her parent or legal guardian.
5. Applicants must provide: one character reference in business letter format from an official of the student's school, one letter of endorsement from an American Legion Post officer (local preferred), and one from an unrelated person belonging to none of the above.
6. A certified copy of the student's transcript along with ACT or SAT scores and class ranking.
7. A declaration of support for the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion, as printed on the application.
8. A Drug-Free Pledge is required as printed on the application.
9. One color photograph (approx. 3x5) and written authorization to use it. The photograph will be used for press releases.
10. On a separate sheet of paper, using an essay format, provide a brief autobiography. Be sure you describe your plan for achieving your educational and career goals and what led you into this career pathway. Explain your experiences and activities that were helpful in developing your leadership skills and justify why you are the most qualified to receive this scholarship.

The **\$1,000.00 Coudret Trust Scholarship** is available to students who choose to attend an Arkansas or out of state institution of higher learning.

The **\$2,500.00 Garner Trust Scholarship** is available to students that will attend an Arkansas college, university, or technical/trade school. It will not be transferable to an out of state institution of higher learning.

Both scholarships are a one-time award and are not renewable. Students may apply for either or both of scholarships; however, only one scholarship will be awarded per applicant.

The completed application and accompanying documents must be received at Department Headquarters on or before March 10, 2023.

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS

GARNER TRUST SCHOLARSHIP and COUDRET TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION

**MUST BE RECEIVED AT DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE MARCH 10, 2023 APPLICANTS
WILL BE NOTIFIED IF CHOSEN AS WINNERS.**

Note: Students may apply for either or both scholarships; however, only one scholarship will be awarded per recipient.

- I am applying for the Coudret Trust \$1,000.00 in-state or out of state tuition scholarship
- I am applying for the Garner Trust \$2,500.00 State of Arkansas tuition only scholarship
- I am applying for either scholarship and understand the eligibility criteria for both

Answer every question even if answer is non-applicable. Every answer is important in determining who will receive scholarship

Full name _____ Telephone _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

No. of Family members under 18 _____ No. of Other Siblings Under 23 in College _____ Household Annual Income \$ _____

Custodial Parent(s) Status Married Single Remarried Guardian One Disabled Both Disabled

Legionnaire Relationship

Applicants Relationship to Legion Member _____ Name of Legion Member _____

Post No. _____ Membership Number _____ Member Department of: (state) _____

No. of Years Membership _____ Legionnaire is _____ Living _____ Deceased (if deceased) Last year of membership _____

High School Information

Name of High School Attending _____ How long attended _____

Mailing Address of School _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average _____ ACT Score _____ SAT Score _____ Class Standing _____ / _____

School activities and offices held _____

Special Honors or Awards Received _____

College Career Pathway

Desired College Major _____ Secondary or Minor _____

I have or will apply to the following College(s) _____

I have been accepted to the following College(s) _____

My preferred choices of College are as follows: (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____

Scholarships applied for and amount _____

Scholarships received and amount _____

For Department Use Only

Date Received: _____

Application is: _____ Complete
_____ Incomplete – Missing _____

Area: NW SW SE NE _____

District _____



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AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

September 16, 2022

Attention: Arkansas Educators

The American Legion has sponsored the High School Oratorical Contest for 83 years. The purpose of the National High School Contest is to develop knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to speak clearly, intelligently, and acceptance of the responsibilities as well as the privileges of American citizenship. The National Secondary School Principals has placed the program on the NASSP Advisory List of Contest and Activities for 2022-2023.

The Department contest will take place on Saturday morning, March 11, 2023. The following cash scholarships will be awarded:

- **\$2,000 for First Place**
- **\$1,500 for Second Place**
- **\$1,000 for Third Place**

The Department winner will represent The Department of Arkansas at the National level, which includes an all expense paid trip with a chaperone to Indianapolis, Indiana. The student will receive an additional cash scholarship award of \$1500.00 for attending the Indianapolis Contest. Scholarships are presented to the three finalists in the final round of the national contests as follows: **1st place - \$25,000; 2nd place - \$22,500; 3rd place - \$20,000.**

For more information you may contact your local American Legion Post or The American Legion Department of Arkansas Headquarters at 1-877-243-9799 (toll free), 1-501-375-1104 and email: alegion@swbell.net, or at our web site <http://www.arlegion.org/programs/oratorical.html>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Lacy".

Roger Lacy
Department Oratorical Chairman



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DEPARTMENT ORATORICAL CONTEST

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CONTEST APPLICATION

(To Be Completed By Student)

Contestant Name _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Email _____

Are you a United States Citizen? Yes _____ No _____ if no, are you a resident alien? Yes _____ No _____

Parents Name _____ Day Time Phone _____

SCHOOL REPORT

High School _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School Phone _____ School Fax _____

Counselors Name _____ Email _____

I first became interested in the Oratorical Contest when:

I will abide by all the rules of the Department of Arkansas and the National High School Oratorical Contest Committee and follow the instructions of contest sponsors and chairman. I hereby attest that my Prepared Oration and Assigned Topic presentations are my original work.

Applicants Signature _____ Date _____

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Sponsored by American Legion Post or District _____

Post or District Chairman or Officer _____

Phone _____ Date _____

Students should submit this application by January 6, 2023

TO: Department Oratorical Chairman, Roger Lacy
PO Box 3280
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203