



January, 2024

**To: All 8<sup>th</sup> District Post/County Commanders, & School Scholarship Chairmen**  
**Subject: Past National Commander Michael J. Kogutek**  
**American Legion Scholarship Trust**

The Past National Commander Michael J. Kogutek American Legion Scholarship Trust will award two \$1,500 scholarships to students/veterans attending college in 2024.

All applicants for the scholarship MUST be on official applications obtained from the local schools, American Legion Posts, or Erie County Headquarters at City Hall, or our website at [eriecountyal.org](http://eriecountyal.org). County Commanders, please forward to your Posts.

This scholarship is intended to assist 8<sup>th</sup> District New York State Veterans, their families, and patriotic students who share the ideals of the American Legion. The scholarship will be awarded based on veteran status (including family members), financial need, scholastic ability, realistic goals, extra-curricular activities and community involvement. All students must show proof that they have been accepted at an accredited college or university prior to receiving the scholarship.

**All applications MUST be submitted to the Erie County American Legion Headquarters located at 609 City Hall, Buffalo, New York 14202, by Friday May 3, 2024 by Noon, or postmarked by that date.**

The Scholarships will be awarded at a site to be determined based on the awardees home area or at the 8<sup>th</sup> District Convention in Cheektowaga, NY on Saturday June 15, 2024.

If any County, Post, or anyone else would like to donate to the Scholarship Trust, it would be greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to: Past National Commander Scholarship Trust and send to 609 City Hall, Buffalo, NY 14202. All contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law. We thank you in advance for your support.

Legionally yours,

Scholarship Trust Committee

James Bojanowski, Martin Moot, Joseph Porempski



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Note: Scholarship applications will be judged on their own merit based on the experience and education level of the individual student/veteran.

### Application Requirements

#### High School Students

- A. Submit a copy of your College/University Letter of Acceptance with the scholarship application.
- B. Submit an official transcript from your High School.
- C. Must attend College/University as a full-time student.

#### Veterans

- Attendance at the College/University as a full-time student is not mandatory.
- Submit all additional information available, even from High School.

#### All Students

- Submit one completed scholarship application form. The form is available at The Erie County American Legion, 609 City Hall, 65 Niagara Square, Buffalo, N.Y. 14202. Phone number 716-852-6500. Website [eriecountyal.org](http://eriecountyal.org)
- Submit an essay of 500 words or less.
- Have two letters of recommendation sent separately by the recommender.
- No more than 15 pages of application materials will be accepted.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- All application materials must be submitted by Noon (EST) on May 3, 2024 at the office or postmarked by May 3, 2024. There is a drop box on the office door. Materials arriving after the deadline will not be considered.

### Personal Information

Last (Family)Name	First (Given) Name	Middle Name (if any)
Mailing Address	City/State	Zip Code
Email	Phone Number	Citizenship

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App#	Date Rec.	Ref 1 Rec.	Ref 2 Rec.	Other Mtls	Incomplete
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<b>Name</b>					<b>Page 2</b>	
<b>Educational Data</b>						
Current Enrollment: High School/College/University <i>(Please include contact information)</i>						
Website URL for University			Beginning Year		Expected Graduation Date (month & year)	
College/University Major						
What degree are you currently pursuing? (Please place a check in the appropriate box)	Associate <input type="radio"/>	Bachelor <input type="radio"/>	Master's <input type="radio"/>	Doctorate <input type="radio"/>	Other? (Please list below)	
School Activities						
Name of College/University you will Attend August 2024 - 2025 School Year if Different from Above <i>(Please include contact information)</i>						
Website URL for University			Beginning Year		Expected Graduation Date (month & year)	
College/University Major						
<b>Reference Letters</b>						
Two letters of recommendation are required. At least one of the letters should be from a faculty member who is familiar with your educational program. Faculty recommendations must be on institution letterhead. References should comment on your character and potential for leadership and/or for making a significant contribution to your community. This can be based on specific examples drawn from your course work, projects, or activities. Each letter of recommendation must be signed and sent directly to Erie County American Legion by the person making the recommendation.						
Ref1 Name		Institution Name				
Dept Name		Telephone			Email	
Ref2 Name		Institution Name				
Dept Name		Telephone			Email	
<b>High School/College/University Department Head Endorsement</b>						
To the best of my knowledge, I hereby verify that the academic information and summary of school activities as submitted in this application are correct, and the applicant meets the application requirements.						
Endorser's Name and Title (Please print)				Signature and Date		
Telephone		Email		Institution Name		
Complete Mailing Address						



4. **Essay Question:** In 500 words or less, describe your proposed course of study. Describe your career objectives and how the award of this scholarship would help you attain them. Comment on what you have achieved and learned through your studies and activities.

**To be eligible for consideration, all fully completed Scholarship Applications must reach The Erie County American Legion by May 3, 2024, or postmarked by that date.**

**Submit materials to:**  
Erie County Committee  
Attn: MJK Scholarship Committee  
609 City Hall  
65 Niagara Square  
Buffalo, NY 14202

**For More Information contact:**  
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