

The American Legion

Department of Arkansas

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DATE : September 16, 2020

MEMORANDUM TO : HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS/COUNSELORS

FROM : BOB RENNER, DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT

SUBJECT : AMERICAN LEGION COUDRET TRUST AND GARNER TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS

Please find enclosed Scholarship Applications and eligibility criteria for students to apply for a scholarship from The American Legion, Department of Arkansas. Two scholarships will be awarded for each of the four areas of the state, paid for by the interest derived from the Coudret Trust Foundation and the Garner Trust Foundation.

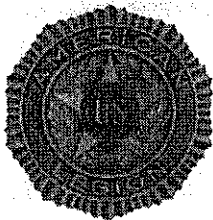
Note that changes have been made in the qualifications letter and the application. Previous versions of the application will not be accepted.

We are sending only one copy to you now, in order to expedite the mail-out. You may run off as many copies of the documents as needed or you may contact the Children & Youth Committeeman of your area or call Department Headquarters for additional copies.

Contact your local American Legion Post or Department Headquarters for additional information.

Deadline for receiving the completed applications and supporting documents back to Department Headquarters is **March 12, 2021**. Eligible participants should be given an application and a copy of the eligibility requirements in order to comply with the documents needed to be considered for the scholarship.

Remember this: Kids don't care how much we know, until they know how much we care.



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September 15, 2020

The American Legion, Department of Arkansas, is offering eight (8) scholarships to be awarded in the spring of 2021. 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:

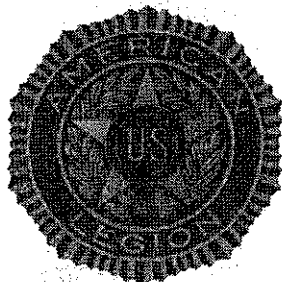
1. Must be children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren of American Legionnaires in good standing of two or more consecutive years' membership. Step children of living Legionnaires may apply if their parent is currently married to the Legion member. Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren 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 12, 2021.



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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 8, 2021

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

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS**GARNER TRUST SCHOLARSHIP and COUDRET TRUST SCHOLARSHIP****APPLICATION**

**MUST BE RECEIVED AT DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE MARCH 12, 2021 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 _____

Endorsing American Legion Post Officer

Post Number Providing Endorsement Letter _____

Post Location City _____

State _____

Name of Member Providing Endorsing Reference Letter _____

Post Office Held _____

Relationship of Member to Scholarship Applicant _____

Statement of Understanding

I understand that the purpose of the Coudret and Garner Trust Scholarships are to provide monetary resources for access to college to descendants of members of the American Legion. In applying for these scholarships offered by The American Legion Department of Arkansas I certify that I am a direct descendant of a living or deceased member of The American Legion or an eligible step-child of a living Legionnaire.

Signature of Applicant

I pledge to lead a drug-free life, I want to be healthy and happy, I will say no to harmful drugs, I will help my friends say no. I pledge to stand up for what I know is right.

Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion: For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

I support the Above Preamble and Drug Free Pledge and give permission to use/publish my photograph

I give permission to use/publish my child's photograph

Applicant _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian (if a minor) _____

Signature of _____

THE SELECTION COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY APPLICATION

Please Note: Distribution of scholarship funds are made upon confirmation of the student's registration at a post-secondary education institution. Mail completed application to:

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For a complete set of rules and qualifications, check the American Legion Department of Arkansas website at:
www.arlegion.org/programs/scholarships.html