



THE AMERICAN LEGION EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

 **AMERICAN
LEGION**



Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Date of birth: _____

Telephone number: () _____

Email: _____

Is your Boy Scouts of America Unit chartered to an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) unit or Sons of The American Legion (SAL) squadron? _____

If yes, please complete the following:

(Post/Unit/Squadron Number)

(Street)

(City) (State) (ZIP)

For members of BSA units chartered by an American Legion post, ALA unit or SAL squadron, the affiliation of the Scout to the Legion Family must be certified.

Are you the child/grandchild of a Legionnaire, Sons of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary member?

If yes, please complete the following:

(Name of Member)

(Relationship) (Membership No.)

Eligibility Requirements

THE NOMINEE MUST:

- Be either a registered active member of a Boy Scouts of America unit that is chartered to an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit or Sons of The American Legion squadron.

OR

- Be a registered active member of any chartered Boy Scouts of America unit and have a parent or grandparent possessing up-to-date membership in The American Legion or Sons of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary, and in the case of a recently deceased member, their membership for the year immediately prior to the current year may be used.

AND

- Received the Eagle Scout Award.
- Received a Scouts BSA or Venturer Religious Emblem.
- Have demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting and community.
- Have reached their 15th birthday and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection.
- Applied through the department (state) in which their Scout unit is chartered.
- Provide documentation of current BSA membership. (Membership must be valid for the year in which you are applying.)

**APPLICANTS: DO NOT SEND THIS APPLICATION
DIRECTLY TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. SUBMIT
TO YOUR AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT (STATE)
HEADQUARTERS.**



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NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS



The Scout who best meets the qualifications outlined in the nomination application will be selected as the annual American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year by the National Americanism Commission.

Each year the American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will travel to join the youth champion delegation of The American Legion for participation in the annual National Convention of The American Legion.

Scholarships

The American Legion provides for a national scholarship to be awarded to the Eagle Scout who is selected The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year.

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will receive a \$10,000 scholarship. Three runner-up scholarship awards will be granted in the amount of \$2,500 each.

The scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive their scholarship immediately upon graduation from high school (public, parochial, military, private, or home school) and must utilize the total award within four years of their graduation date, excluding active military duty or religious mission.

The scholarship may be used to attend a school selected by the student provided it is state accredited, above the high school level, and within the continental limits of the United States, except in the case where the student may be from a possession of the United States, in which case the student can select a school in that possession or in the continental United States.

Disbursement from the scholarship fund will be made jointly to the student and the school at the beginning of each semester or quarter. **Only one request will be honored per semester or quarter.**

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Applicant should type or print all information.

Section A – High School Record

Note: Please attach a copy of your official high school transcript.

Grade: _____ Name of high school: _____

Grade point average: _____ In upper _____ % of class. Number in class: _____

On **one additional page (500 words)** list activities participated in during high school and also list awards, honors and recognition received. And include a copy of school transcripts.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first page of Attachment A if more than one page is submitted.

Section B – Scouting Record

Note: This section will be reviewed closely by the selection committee.

	Years	Unit No.	Sponsor
Cub Scout	_____	_____	_____
Scouts BSA	_____	_____	_____
Venturing Crew	_____	_____	_____
Eagle Award Received:	_____	Palms: _____	

Section B – Scouting Record (continued)

On **two additional pages (1,000 words total)** (1) List leadership positions held in your Cub Scout Pack, Scouts BSA Troop, Varsity Scout Team, and/or Venturing Crew; (2) List other Scouting activities you may have participated in (Jamborees, Order of the Arrow Conferences, etc.).

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first two pages of Attachment B if more than two pages are submitted.

Section B1 – Eagle Scout Project

On **two additional pages (1,000 words total)** succinctly describe your Eagle Scout Project.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first two pages of Attachment B1 if more than two pages are submitted.

Section C – Community Participation Record

On **one additional page (500 words)** list community organizations in which you have held membership **excluding high school and Scouting**. Additionally list other activities that you were involved with that directly or indirectly improved life in your community.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first page of Attachment C if more than one page is submitted.

Section D – Religious Award

Denomination: _____ Name of Religious Institution: _____

Name of BSA Religious Emblem (Award) Received: _____

Month and Year Received: _____

On **one additional page (500 words)** list religious youth organizations, clubs, groups that you have been involved in, to include honors awarded and offices held.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first page of Attachment D if more than one page is submitted.

Section E – Career Interests

On **one additional page (500 words)** describe your career interests and/or goals. The selection committee realizes that in many cases, applicants will not have decided on career goals; however, complete this section to the best of your ability.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first page of Attachment E if more than one page is submitted.

Section F – Letters of Recommendation and Testimony

One letter each from your **religious institution, school, your community and Scouting must be included**. Two additional letters of recommendation and testimony may also be included. Please keep in mind that the letters of recommendation are an important part of this application and will be carefully reviewed by the screening committee.

Note: The screening committee will only consider the four required letters and the two additional letters of recommendation of Attachment F if more than the six required letters of recommendation are submitted. Letters of recommendation will be limited to one page.

Authorization

CERTIFICATION BY EAGLE SCOUT

I certify to the accuracy of the foregoing facts. If selected, I will be free to travel to The American Legion National Convention and participate as a member of the youth champion delegation, representing The American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America.

SIGNATURE OF EAGLE SCOUT: _____ DATE: _____

PARENTAL CONSENT

I hereby certify that the information on this application pertaining to my Scout's age and grade in school is correct. I am willing and desirous that my Scout become The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year. In consideration of the benefits derived from this honor, if selected, I hereby voluntarily waive any, and all, claims against The American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America totally and all representatives thereof.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____ DATE: _____

Authorization (continued)

SCOUT UNIT LEADER

The above named applicant is qualified in every respect to represent The American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America, and has our recommendation.

SIGNATURE OF SCOUT UNIT LEADER: _____ DATE: _____

AMERICAN LEGION SELECTION COMMITTEE APPROVAL

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT/SCOUT CHAIRMAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS REVIEWED BY DEPARTMENT SELECTION COMMITTEE: _____

Selection Process

DEPARTMENT

- **Nominations must be received by department headquarters no later than March 1.**
- The application judged best in the department and a list of the members of the Department Selection Committee should be emailed to: americanism@legion.org, Subject: Eagle Scout of the Year Nomination.
- For additional information, applicants should contact their department headquarters.
- Please be sure that the application packet is complete upon receipt. Missing documentation will not be requested.

NATIONAL

- **Nominations must be received by national headquarters no later than April 1.**
- The National Americanism Commission's Youth Activities Subcommittee will review all department nominations, and, in their judgment, select The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINALIST

The selection will be announced in the Americanism Commission report to the National Executive Committee during The American Legion's annual Spring Meetings in Indianapolis, each May.

American Legion department (state) contact information is online:
 **legion.org/departments**



P.O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206
(317) 630-1203
americanism@legion.org
 **legion.org**

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Submit applications to The American Legion, Dept of Florida, Attention Programs; P.O. Box 547859, Orlando, FL 32854-7859 or email to programs@floridalegion.org.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

1st \$2,500 | 2nd \$1,500 | 3rd \$1,000 | 4th -7th \$500

Eligibility: Student must be direct descendant, i.e., child, grandchild, great-grandchild, or a legally adopted child of a member in good standing of The American Legion, Department of Florida, or a deceased U.S. veteran who would have been eligible for membership in The American Legion. Student must be in his or her senior year and attending a Florida high school, parents must be Florida residents.

Deadline: March 1 of current school year.



EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR

1st \$2,500 | 2nd \$1,500 | 3rd \$1,000 | 4th \$500

Eligibility: Must have earned Eagle Award and religious emblem, must be a high school student and Florida resident, must be in a troop chartered to an American Legion Post or the child or grandchild of a Legion/Auxiliary/Sons Member or have a parent eligible to join The American Legion, Department of Florida.

Deadline: March 1 of current school year.

JROTC CADET OF THE YEAR

1st \$2,500 | 2nd \$1,500 | 3rd \$1,000 | 4th \$500

Eligibility: Student must be enrolled in Florida high school and member of Air Force, Army, Marine, Navy or Coast Guard JROTC, parents must be Florida residents, must be in senior year of school, and must be chosen by JROTC commanding officer. Only one application per JROTC unit will be accepted.

Deadline: March 1 of current school year.



JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS

Sporter & Precision Individual State Winners - \$500 plus an additional \$500 if they advance to the Qualification Round.

Sporter & Precision Team State Winners - \$500

Eligibility: Must be member of JROTC shooting team who is registered with the Junior Shooting Program at The American Legion National Headquarters.

Deadline: January 15 of current school year.



HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST

1st \$2,500 | 2nd \$1,500 | 3rd \$1,000 | 4th-6th \$500

Eligibility: Student must be enrolled in state accredited high school program in grades 9-12. Parents must be Florida residents. This is a speech contest.

Application: No application necessary. Contact local American Legion Post to enter or Department Headquarters for assistance.

Deadline: Students begin at the Post level contest and progress to the State finals. The State finalist will compete in the National competition in Michigan.



BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP

1st \$1,000 | 2nd \$500

Eligibility: Student must be in senior year of high school or have graduated high school. Must be part of a team affiliated with an American Legion Post and on a current roster filed with National Headquarters.

Deadline: July 15 of current year.



MEDICAL & NURSING STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Submit applications to The American Legion, Dept of Florida, Attention Programs; P.O. Box 547859, Orlando, FL 32854-7859 or email to programs@floridalegion.org.

MEDICAL SCHOOL

One scholarship award of \$2,750.00

Eligibility: A candidate must be: A U.S. Citizen or permanent Florida resident. A student in an accredited Florida medical school or medical program. Must have completed at least one year of study.

Deadline: April 1 of current school year.



NURSING SCHOOL

One scholarship award of \$2,750.00

Eligibility: A candidate must be: A U.S. Citizen or permanent Florida resident. A student in an accredited Florida nursing school or nursing program. Must have completed at least one year of study (if program is shorter than two years, then student must be halfway done with their program to apply).

Deadline: April 1 of current school year.

FLORIDA SCHOLARSHIPS

The American Legion, Department of Florida offers many scholarship opportunities for High School Students, which are focused on Veteran and Military influences.



To participate in this program contact:

The American Legion, Department of Florida
P.O. Box 547859
Orlando, FL 32854-7859

(407) 295-2631

programs@floridalegion.org

Learn more at www.floridalegion.org/scholarships

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