



THE AMERICAN LEGION
H.W.MERRILL POST 16
WESTERLY, RHODE ISLAND 02891

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – 2024

One graduating member of the **Class of 2024** from each of the following schools
-Westerly High School and Chariho High School-
will be selected to receive a Scholarship in the amount of \$1000.00 each.

The following requirements must be met for an application to be qualified for consideration of The American Legion, H.W. Merrill Post 16 Scholarship.

1. Applicants must identify at least one relative who has received an Honorable Discharge from the United States Armed Forces (any branch), or is presently serving in the United States military. (*Eligible relatives:* Sibling, Parent, Aunt, Uncle, Grandparent)
2. Applicants must be students in good standing, who will be graduating with the **Class of 2024** of either Westerly High School, or Chariho High School.
3. Applicants must submit two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals who are qualified to specifically discuss your achievements within the community, your achievements in school, as well as your personal qualities of citizenship. References may NOT be written by members of your family, or other students.
4. Applicants must submit a well-constructed essay of no fewer than 500 words on the following topic: **"DO YOU THINK OUR CURRENT TWO-PARTY POLITICAL SYSTEM IN THE UNITED STATES IS VIABLE? IF YOUR OPINION IS 'YES,' EXPLAIN WHY. IF YOUR OPINION IS 'NO,' EXPLAIN WHY."**
Essays will be evaluated on the basis of English Skills/Format/Readability, Subject Content, Thoughtfulness, and Uniqueness of your writing.
5. Applicants must submit a copy of their current official high school transcript.
6. Applicants must submit all parts of this Scholarship Application to their respective Guidance Department no later than the date stipulated by the counselor in charge.

PERSONAL DATA

Name _____ Address _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Address of Parent/Guardian (if different from above) _____

Father's Occupation _____

Father's Place of Employment _____

Mother's Occupation _____

Mother's Place of Employment _____

MILITARY SERVICE: As per the previously stated requirements, identify/explain the military connection that creates your eligibility to apply for this scholarship

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION AND FUTURE PLANS:

High School from which you are scheduled to graduate in June (*Westerly or Chariho*)-

Post High School Plans – School you plan to attend post-graduation

Describe your post-high school goals – Higher education plan:

Estimates for your First Year of post-high school:

Anticipated Expenses

Tuition _____
Room & Board _____
Books _____
Traveling Expenses _____
Other Expenses _____
TOTAL _____

Expected Resources

From Family _____
From Your Own Savings _____
From Private Sources _____
From Summer Earnings _____
TOTAL _____

Career you plan to pursue ***and*** why - _____

Why are you applying for this particular scholarship? _____

ACHIEVEMENTS

LIST the ways in which you have been involved in your community:

LIST the ways in which you have been involved in your school (extra-curricular activities):

Describe/explain Honors and Awards that you have received _____

What jobs have you held (employment)? _____

Are there any Unusual, or Extenuating, Circumstances about which the Selection Committee should know about you?

We solemnly affirm the correctness of the information contained within this application.

Signed (*Applicant*) _____ Date _____

Signed (*Parent/Guardian*) _____ Date _____

REMINDER: Two Letters of Recommendation, the Required Essay, AND your current High School Transcript must be attached to this Application.