

## **Albert E. Baesel American Legion Post 91 Scholarship Information**

1. **Intent:** Albert E. Baesel American Legion Post 91, Berea, Ohio, shall award scholarships each year to children, stepchildren, or grandchildren of Post 91 members of the Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons of the American Legion for the purpose of continuing academic pursuits. Such academic pursuits shall include, but are not limited to, two-year or four-year colleges or technical schools, or other accredited post high school institutions of higher learning.
2. **Grant:** The scholarships shall be a minimum of \$1000.00, presented in two equal payments. The first payment shall be made prior to commencement of the school year, upon proof of enrollment. **The second payment shall be made after showing completion of a quarter/semester of studies with at least a 2.5 average (GPA) and enrollment in a second quarter/semester.** However, if circumstances dictate that payments need to be made in a different manner, the scholarship committee shall consider the merits of such payments. (Example: Military academies, special education, etc.)
3. **Qualifications:** All candidates shall be a child, grandchild, stepchild, or orphan of an active member of Post 91 of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion (S.A.L.). All candidates must be high school seniors or the graduate of an accredited high school. ***The scholarships are primarily designed to benefit high school students in the commencement of their college education;*** however, consideration may be given to any college students, if applicable.
4. **Scholarships:** Your application will automatically be considered for **ONE** of the four \$1000.00 Scholarships provided by American Legion Post 91 which are the following:
  - A.) The Albert E. Baesel American Legion Post 91 Scholarship. Named in honor of our namesake who was the first soldier from the Berea area killed in action during World War I. He was awarded The Congressional Medal of Honor for bravery beyond the call of duty.
  - B.) The Thomas Marks American Legion Post 91 Scholarship. Named in honor of our very first Post Commander. His years of dedicated service began the foundation of what American Legion Post 91 stands for today.
  - C.) The James C. Masie Memorial American Legion Post 91 Scholarship. Named in honor of one of Post 91 members who was involved in Post activities, sports and the game of golf. An annual golf outing is held to raise the funds needed for this scholarship. The scholarship is intended to assist a candidate in some type of athletic endeavor.
  - D.) The Virginia R. Offenbergs Memorial American Legion Post 91 Scholarship. Named in honor of one of Post 91 members who served as a caring and dedicated nurse during World War II. Her love and dedication to Post 91 was witnessed by all and therefore her endowment is intended to assist a candidate in any area of the nursing and/or medical profession.

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5. **Guidelines:** The decision as to the selected student or students will be based primarily on showing of satisfactory grades, acceptance to a college or technical school, extracurricular activities and community involvement. All scholarships shall be limited to **ONE** per individual, per school year. The scholarship chairperson, appointed by the Post Commander, shall have the responsibility to select the scholarship review committee. The committee shall ensure applications and letters are sent out in a timely manner so that a deadline return date of April 15<sup>th</sup> can be met by all applicants. Selection of the applicant's awards by the committee should be accomplished no later than mid-May of the school year.
6. If you are chosen to receive a scholarship you will be expected to notify Post 91's Scholarship Committee which college you will ultimately attend. If you change your mind regarding that choice, it is **your responsibility** to contact Post 91's Scholarship Committee and advise them of the change.

Revised and drafted by the scholarship committee December 30, 2002.

Albert Wolf / Scholarship Guideline Committee Chairman (2002)

Colleen Penko / Scholarship Committee Chairperson (2002)

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For information on other American Legion Scholarships contact one of the following:

American Legion 13<sup>th</sup> District  
5861 Ridge Road  
Parma, Ohio 44129  
(440) 887-1313  
Attn: Lustig Scholarship

The American Legion  
Department of Ohio  
60 Big Run Road  
Delaware, Ohio 43015  
(800) 930-8961  
Attn: Scholarship Information

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## Scholarship Application

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle)

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City & Zip)

Best Contact phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

What school are you currently attending? \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach a copy of your last report card or transcripts.*

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Post 91 member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parents (check if living)    \_\_\_ Father    \_\_\_ Stepfather    \_\_\_ Divorced  
   \_\_\_ Mother    \_\_\_ Stepmother    \_\_\_ Separated

List all children in household and ages \_\_\_\_\_  
(use back of form if additional space is needed)

Parent(s) / guardian's signature \_\_\_\_\_

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What schools have accepted you?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

At this time, have you received any scholarships? If so, please list name & amount

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Are you entitled to education benefits from either Social Security and/or the Veterans Administration?    \_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_ No    \_\_\_ Social Security    \_\_\_ V.A.

Have you sent in the Financial Aid Form (FAFSA)?    \_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_ No

Have you applied for the Ohio Instructional Grant?    \_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_ No

Have you applied for the 13<sup>th</sup> District Scholarship?    \_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_ No

Have you applied for the Dept. of Ohio Scholarship?    \_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_ No

Have you applied for the Ohio War Orphans Scholarship?    \_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_ No

How do you plan to finance your education?

Also on the back of this form, list your educational goals, your high school and community activities, list any offices held, awards earned, clubs and/or organizations and any work experience you may have so far.

- Please use the space below and attach additional pages as needed to answer the following:

### Free Speech at Public Universities

You are applying for a scholarship to attend the college of your choice. Universities have traditionally been known as bastions of free speech where differing views could be discussed and argued. Increasingly speakers, which have been invited by student groups to speak on campus, have subsequently been disinvited by the university administration because those speakers hold controversial views. In other cases the administration allowed the speaker to address the university, but failed to provide necessary security for the speaker allowing students opposed to the speaker to shout down the invited speaker, which effectively silenced the speaker's viewpoint.

In light of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution which reads "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.", should public universities (who are funded by the state and federal governments) interfere with free speech on campus by disinviting controversial speakers or allowing disruptive students to silence the speakers? Feel free to research and cite a specific case and give your justification as to why it was appropriate or inappropriate for the university to disinvite a speaker for the good of the university or allow disruptive students to prevent the speaker from delivering their speech.