

## Albert E. Baesel American Legion Post 91 2024 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 \$1,000.00, presented in one payment. The payment shall be made prior to commencement of the school year. However, if circumstances dictate that payment needs 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 graduates 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 FIVE (5) \$1,000.00 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.
  - E.) The Don and Barb Vaji Gifts for the Yanks Scholarship. Established through the generosity of Don and Barb Vaji, this scholarship is intended to assist individuals associated with and/or a member in good standing of American Legion Post 91.

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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 February 27, 2024.

James Lockyear  
Post Commander

Tom Morgan  
Committee Chairperson

Jeff Myers  
Committee Member

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

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

**Albert E. Baesel American Legion Post 91  
2024 Scholarship Application**

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

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

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

E-mail Contact information \_\_\_\_\_ 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 members' 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.**

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- Please use the space below and on the back (or on a separate sheet) to answer the following:

### *Ohio School Funding*

From the State of Ohio's Constitution Article VI, Section 2, on Schools funding:  
*"The General Assembly shall make such provisions, by taxation, or otherwise, as, with the income arising from the school trust fund, will secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the state; but no religious or other sect, or sects, shall ever have any exclusive right to, or control of, any part of the school funds of this state."*

In 1997 the judicial case *DeRolph v. State*, the Supreme Court of Ohio ruled that the state's method for funding public education was unconstitutional because it violated the requirement for a *"thorough and efficient system of common schools"*. As described in the Wikipedia article on the court case: *"Historically, Ohio's public schools have been funded with a combination of local property tax revenue and money from the state. This led to disparities in the quality of education in more affluent districts, where high property values led to greater funding, and urban and rural districts, where low property values left students with funding shortfalls and dilapidated facilities."*

As of today, the school funding problem in Ohio has not been remedied.

**How would you suggest the school funding disparity be addressed? Make one or two concrete suggestions on how to achieve a more *"thorough and efficient system of common schools"*.**