

Albert E. Baesel American Legion Post 91 2026 Scholarship Information

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.

1. **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.)
2. **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.
3. **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. Offenbergl 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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- 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.
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 15th 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 9, 2026.

James Lockyear

Tom Morgan

Jeff Myers

Post Commander

Committee Chairperson

Committee Member

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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
2026 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 _____

What schools have accepted you (or if in college already, indicate the school you are attending).

(1) _____ (2) _____

(3) _____ (4) _____

Please list, 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:

Legality of Presidential Imposition of Tariffs on Worldwide Trading Partners

Does the President of the United States have legal authority to impose tariffs on nations that trade with the United States without Congressional Authorization?

Background: The Constitution of the United States in Article 1, Section 8 states:

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

The definition of a tariff is a tax on imported goods and services. The current President has been increasing, reducing, and sometimes rescinding tariffs on foreign goods and services without Congressional authorization. The matter is now being considered by the United States Supreme Court to determine whether or not the President has authority to unilaterally change tariffs.

What do you think? Has Congress legally delegated the authority to change tariffs to the President? If yes, is the President following the guidelines set forth by Congress to modify tariffs. If no, should Congress reclaim its authority to regulate tariffs? Give justification for your opinion.