

**Albert E. Baesel American Legion Post 91  
2023 Scholarship Information**

1. **Intent:** Albert E. Baesel American Legion Post 91, Berea, Ohio, shall award scholarships each year to children, step children, 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 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 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 FIVE (5) \$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.
  - 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.

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

American Legion 13<sup>th</sup> District  
Visit District web-site:  
"americanlegioncleveland.org"  
click on left side of HOME page  
**13<sup>th</sup> District 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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2023 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.**

## 2023 Essay question for Post 91 Veterans Scholarship

In September 2022 NBC News reported "More than 1,600 books were banned in over 5,000 schools during the last school year, with most of the bans targeting titles related to the LGBTQ community or race and racism, according to a new report."

Susan L. Webb an Adjunct Librarian at Southeastern Oklahoma State defines book banning as: "Book banning, a form of censorship, occurs when private individuals, government officials, or organizations remove books from libraries, school reading lists, or bookstore shelves because they object to their content, ideas, or themes."

The First Amendment of the US Constitution states: "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."

Given that the freedom of speech is guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, do you think it is reasonable for schools to remove certain books from the curriculum and/or libraries due to objectionable content? Defend your position. Give reasons for both why "book banning" may be acceptable in certain cases and why "book banning" would be objectionable and contrary to the U.S. Constitution.