

## **Albert E. Baesel American Legion Post 91 2025 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 January 27, 2025.

James Lockyear  
Post Commander

Tom Morgan  
Committee Chairperson

Jeff Myers  
Committee Member

Consolina Templeman  
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

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2025 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) \_\_\_\_\_

**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:

***Capital Punishment***

Should Capital Punishment (also known as the death penalty) be abolished in the United States of America?

Background: The United States Supreme Court has ruled on multiple occasions that Capital Punishment is constitutional and therefore legal. Some exceptions exist, for example, the Supreme Court ruled that persons with mental deficiency may not be executed for crimes they commit.

Despite this legality of capital punishment, the President of the United States in December 2024 commuted the death penalty sentence to a sentence to imprisonment for life without parole for 37 of the 39 persons on Federal death row. According to a White House press release the reason for the reduction of sentencing is because: "He believes that America must stop the use of the death penalty at the federal level, except in cases of terrorism and hate-motivated mass murder..." Additionally, only 27 of the 50 U.S. states allow the use of the death penalty for capital crimes.

***What do you think? Should capital punished be abolished throughout the U.S.?  
Or should the current laws stand that allow states to use the death penalty if  
allowed by their legislatures. Give justification for your opinion.***