

Post Excellence Award

The American Legion's Post Excellence Award has added new criteria. To qualify for the Post Excellence Award, a post is required to achieve excellence in four areas: membership, submission of the Consolidated Post Report (CPR), attaining a 90 percent renewal rate and community activity.

The purposes of this award is membership growth, exposure of American Legion values to the youth of the community, and increased visibility of the American Legion Family through service projects. A post achieving this qualification will have had numerous post members involved in planning and achieving these goals. Many posts are most likely already active in these areas and will qualify without extra effort. Others, however, will need to increase their efforts in one or more areas to qualify for the award.

The standard to be achieved in each area is as follows:

Membership: Post must attain at least 103 percent of their membership goal. At least one post officer attends district meetings.

Consolidated Post Report: CPRs must be submitted by July 1. The American Legion's federal charter requires the submission of an annual report to Congress on activities for the year. MyLegion.org has made it simple for a post to submit its CPR in a timely manner.

90% Renewal Rate: The post must renew at least 90 percent of their members that were on the 2019 roster.

Community Activity: The post must conduct an event that connects the local community with The American Legion post. The objective is to open your doors, welcome the community in, and educate them on what The American Legion is all about and how the post is an asset to the community. Posts do not need to have a physical building to accomplish this. This activity can be held in a park, a community center, or anywhere the post can welcome and interact with the local community.

The district commander responsible for the post will certify a post as having achieved the four specified criteria. The district commander will submit a list of posts meeting the criteria to department headquarters. That list should include the post name, phone number, address and commander's name. If possible, accompany the last two criteria with copies of press releases submitted to the local media about the projects to show that the projects were not only accomplished but that an attempt was made to enhance the image of The American Legion through local media. The copy submitted should include a date and time stamp showing receipt by the media outlet.

The department adjutant will transmit information as posts qualify to:

The American Legion National Headquarters
Attn: Membership

P.O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206-1055

“2019-2020 Reminders”
October 2019– February 2020
The American Legion Department of Missouri

October

9 National Dues Notices Mailed Out
9 55% Membership Target Date
14-17 National Fall Meetings Indianapolis, IN
13 The Navy’s Birthday
18-20 Department Fall Conference Jefferson City

November – Membership Retention Month

2 - 8 National Legion College, Indianapolis, IN
5 Election Day
10 Marine Corps Birthday
11 Veterans Day Observance (Department HQ Closed)
14 Department 65% Membership Target Date
15 National Dues Renewal Mailout
21-24 National Vice Commander’s Visit (See Website for schedule)
28-29 Thanksgiving (Department Headquarters Closed)
20 Post Oratorical Contest should be held before this date

December

7 Pearl Harbor Day
11 Department 75% Department Membership Target Date
11 National Dues Cutoff Date
7-16 High School Oratorical County Contest Window
25-27 Christmas Holiday (Department Headquarters Closed)
27 Membership cutoff date for Lincoln Pilgrimage
31 Department closed at Noon

January 2020

3 National Dues Renewal Mailout
15 Department 80% Membership Target Date
20 Martin Luther King, Jr (Department HQ closed)
20 District Oratorical Contest before this date
28 Veterans Day At the Capitol

February-Americanism Month

3 Zone Oratorical Completion date
6 Law & Order/Firefighter Nominations due
10 Distinguished Legionnaire Department Nomination deadline
11-12 Lincoln Pilgrimage, Springfield, IL
Mid to last February- Continuous membership 50, 60, 70, 75, 80, or 85 year mailed from National
12 Department 85% Membership Target Date
12 National Dues Cutoff Date
15 Cadet Patrol applications due to District Chair
17 President’s Day (Department HQ closed)
23 Department Oratorical Contest – Southern Boone County High School, Ashland, MO
26 National Dues Renewal Mailout



THE AMERICAN LEGION
STATE YOUTH GOVERNMENT DAY

TEACHER / STUDENT REGISTRATON

(Submit to District Commander/Chairman by March 15, 2020)

DISTRICT	DISTRICT COMMANDER / CHAIRMAN NAME		
E-MAIL ADDRESS		PHONE NUMBER	<input type="radio"/> HOME <input type="radio"/> CELL

PARTICIPANT'S NAME	SCHOOL NAME	TITLE T - Teacher S - Student D-Bus Driver	TEACHER'S CELL PHONE <small>IMPORTANT - TO NOTIFY YOU OF CHANGES WHEN ENROUTE</small>
TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING			
<input type="radio"/> Payment arranged by _____ (Post or Dist.) LUNCHEON BUFFET @ ROSCOE ENLOE POST 5 IS \$8.00/PERSON		<input type="radio"/> Payment Enclosed TOTAL AMOUNT	

(COPY / ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY)

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CHAPERONE REGISTRATION

(Submit to District Commander/Chairman by March 15, 2020)

DISTRICT	DISTRICT COMMANDER / CHAIRMAN NAME	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	<input type="radio"/> HOME <input type="radio"/> CELL

NAME	TITLE <small>i.e. Commander, Member, President, Teacher</small>	POST / SQUAD / UNIT / SCHOOL	CELL PHONE <small>Important for Dept. Staff</small>
TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING			
LUNCHEON BUFFET @ ROSCOE ENLOE POST 5 \$8.00/PERSON		<input type="radio"/> Payment Enclosed	TOTAL AMOUNT

SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. — REGISTRATION
Roscoe Enloe Post 5

9:45 a.m.— Tour Missouri Senate
*If there is time left after the Senate
tour, you are welcome to tour the
Missouri State Capital.*

12:00 p.m. — LUNCHEON
Roscoe Enloe Post 5
Guest Speaker

2:30 p.m.— SUPREME COURT VISIT
207 West High Street



33rd Annual
**Missouri State
Youth Government Day**



*Thank you for participating in
this memorable day.*

*Wishing you success in all your
future endeavors and a safe
trip home.*

*~The American Legion
State Youth Government Committee*



The American Legion
Department of Missouri
P.O. Box 179
Jefferson City, MO 65101-0179
573-893-2353
800-846-9023



33rd Annual

Missouri State Youth Government Day



*Conducted at the
Missouri State Capitol
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April 14, 2020

*An Americanism Activity
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Department of Missouri*

The American Legion



DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI INC.



In Memoriam

The State Youth Government Day Program is a result of the efforts of the late Lawrence F. Bonderer, Past Commander of Vern R. Glick Post 25, The American Legion, Chillicothe, Missouri.

Commander Bonderer's tragic death occurred just days before the first State Youth Government Day held in April 1988. In appreciative memory, a Resolution was unanimously adopted during the 1988 Department Convention naming the program for him.



Purpose

Our purpose is to provide Missouri youth with the opportunity to witness their state government in action. Never in the history of the world has there been a greater need for highly educated and involved students of Democracy than now. With this in mind, The American Legion is providing a forum allowing young adults to participate in the governmental process with officials of the three branches of government. The heritage of freedom, liberty, and justice gained through the sacrifices of our forefathers cannot be lost nor taken for granted through complacency. We, the people, must make every effort to insure understanding and dedication to these principles.



We hope that the young men and women who participate in State Youth Government Day will witness the professionalism and dedication of our government officials in action and will have their pride in America strengthened.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
STATE YOUTH GOVERNMENT DAY
DISTRICT CONTACTS

DISTRICT 1

Terry McCameron, Chairman
18073 Monroe Road 851
Paris MO 65275
573-931-1239

Outdoorsman117@yahoo.com

*District 1 counties include:
Schuyler, Scotland, Ralls,
Clark, Adair, Knox, Lewis,
Macon, Shelby Marion,
Monroe*

DISTRICT 2

Ralph Thomas, Chairman
10707 Atlantic Loop
Bucklin MO 64631
660-342-9376

rlthomas@cvalley.net

*District 2 counties include:
Mercer, Putnam, Grundy,
Sullivan, Livingston, Linn,
Carroll, Chariton, Randolph*

DISTRICT 3

Doug Millison, Chairman
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Gladstone, MO 64118
816-509-5247

Dwmillison7@gmail.com

*District 3 counties include:
Worth, Harrison, Gentry,
Davies, Dekalb, Caldwell,
Clinton, Clay, Ray*

DISTRICT 4

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308 Clark St.
Conception Junction MO 64434
660-944-2520

jimdeb@jaytec.net

*District 4 counties include:
Atchison, Nodaway, Holt,
Andrew, Buchanan, Platte*

DISTRICT 5

Steven W. Boeck, Chairman
409 W Country Ln Terr
Kansas City MO 64114
816-941-0882

s.j.boeck@att.net

District 5 - Jackson County

DISTRICT 6

Gerald Seelinger, Chairman
705 Shamrock Ln.
Warrensburg, MO 64093
660-238-0994

seelinger@gmail.com

*District 6 counties include:
Cass, Johnson, Bates, Henry
St. Clair, Vernon, Cedar*

DISTRICT 7

Stephen J. Olson, Chairman
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Marshall MO 65340
660-831-0982

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*District 7 counties include:
Lafayette, Saline, Howard,
Pettis, Benton, Hickory*

DISTRICT 8

Terry McDonald, Chairman
404 S Greenwood Ave
Columbia, MO 65203
573-289-1708

tbmcdonald@hotmail.com

*District 8 counties include:
Cooper, Boone, Morgan,
Moniteau, Cole, Callaway,
Osage, Miller, Camden*

THE AMERICAN LEGION
STATE YOUTH GOVERNMENT DAY
DISTRICT CONTACTS

DISTRICT 9

Ray Rolley, Chairman
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St Clair, MO 63077
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*District 9 counties include:
Pike, Audrain, Lincoln
Montgomery, Warren, St.
Charles, Gasconade, Franklin*

DISTRICT 10

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District 10 - St. Louis County

DISTRICT 11 / 12

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District 11 / 12 - St. Louis City

DISTRICT 13

Duane DeClue, Chairman
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Crystal City MO 63019
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*District 13 counties include:
Jefferson, Washington, Iron
St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve,
Madison, Reynolds, Wayne,
Perry*

DISTRICT 14

Tom Giles, Chairman
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Cape Girardeau, MO 63703
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Tagiles8292@gmail.com

*District 14 counties include:
Cape Girardeau, Carter,
Ripley, Butler, Bollinger,
Stoddard, Scott, Mississippi,
Dunklin, New Madrid,
Pemiscot*

DISTRICT 15

Dan Musgrove, Chairman
400 Valley Dr
Purdy, MO 65734
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Dannyboym1@msn.com

*District 15 counties include:
Barton, Dade, Jasper,
Lawrence, Newton, Barry,
McDonald*

DISTRICT 16

Marilyn S. Hirsch, Chairman
13400 Holden Ln
Dixon MO 65459
573-433-0560
Cdr16district@gmail.com

*District 16 counties include:
Maries, Pulaski, Phelps,
Crawford, Oregon, Laclede,
Texas, Dent, Wright, Shannon,
Howell*

DISTRICT 17

Mark W. Reed, Chairman
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Flemington MO 65650
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*District 17 counties include:
Polk, Dallas, Greene,
Webster, Christian, Douglas,
Stone, Taney, Ozark*

To: All Missouri High Schools

From: The Department of Missouri American Legion

Subject: Missouri State Youth Government Day

It is time to begin planning of our 33rd Annual Missouri State Youth Government Day, conducted at the Missouri State Capitol and the American Legion Roscoe Enloe Post 5. The 2019 State Youth Government Day will be held on **April 14, 2020**.

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TO: District Commanders, District Chairmen, and Post Adjutants
From: Lloyd Miller, Chairman State Youth in Government
Subject: Thirty-Third Annual Missouri State Youth in Government Day
Date: October 1, 2019

The 33rd Annual State Youth in Government Day Program is scheduled for **April 14, 2020**, at the Missouri State Capitol. A busy schedule is planned for the day.

9:00 am Registration—Roscoe Enloe Post 5
9:45 am Tour the Missouri Senate
12:00 pm Luncheon – Roscoe Enloe Post 5 – Guest Speaker

2:30 pm - - Visit Supreme Court ***With the exception of cameras, absolutely no electronic devices permitted. Cell phones, pagers, games should remain in your mode of transportation or at home.**

ALL EVENTS AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

All participants and chaperones should report for registration at a location to be announced at a later date. Sponsor packets containing nametags, certificates, and a map to Roscoe Enloe Post 5 will be distributed at that time. Should your guest list change after being submitted to Department Headquarters it is important you contact Theresa Boss by phone, 573-893-2353 or send email to services@missourilegion.org to advise her of any changes.

Registration forms must be submitted to your District Commander/Chairman by **March 15, 2020**. This list must include all Legionnaires, Auxiliary Members, Chaperones, Teachers and Students attending. Please include \$8.00 per person for the luncheon with your list of names. Don't forget to include bus drivers.

District commanders/Chairman should submit their list and luncheon money to Department Headquarters **no later than March 25, 2020**, to meet deadlines for preparing necessary packets and luncheon arrangements.

Any questions you may have should be directed to your District Commander/Chairman. **Please encourage all schools to participate in this program.**

Teacher/Student Registration and Chaperone Registration forms are on this webpage under 'Programs' and 'State Youth Government Day'.



**NATIONAL COMMANDER JAMES W. "BILL" OXFORD
2020 MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PIN
CERTIFICATION FORM**



**Please make sure that the address, phone number and email address
provided is for the recruiter and not the post**

Date: _____

Name: _____

Membership ID Number: _____

Street Address or PO Box: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

☐ **MAIL TO RECRUITER** ☐ **MAIL TO POST**

TO QUALIFY YOU NEED TO RECRUIT (3) NEW MEMBERS INTO THE AMERICAN LEGION.

(A NEW MEMBER IS DEFINED AS ANY ELIGIBLE VETERAN JOINING FOR THE 2020 MEMBERSHIP YEAR WHO WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DURING THE 2019 MEMBERSHIP YEAR). TRANSFERS DO NOT COUNT AS NEW MEMBERS.)

PLEASE FORWARD THE NAMES OF NEW SAL MEMBERS OR AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO YOUR SQUADRON OR UNIT FOR USE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS. CONTACT YOUR STATE HEADQUARTERS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN PROCESSED BEFORE SUBMISSION.
PINS WILL NOT BE MAILED UNTIL THEY ARE VERIFIED ON THE NATIONAL DATABASE.

(3) NEW MEMBERS:

(Include full name, ID number, department, post)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Return completed forms to:

The American Legion

National Internal Affairs & Membership Division

PO Box 1055

Indianapolis, IN 46206

Fax: 317-630-1413

Email: kadams@legion.org



American Legion Basic Training

The American Legion's official training program for officers, members, Legion College applicants and those who simply want to expand their knowledge of the nation's largest veterans service organization is now available online.

Already taken the old course? The American Legion Extension Institute (ALEI) has been rewritten, updated, streamlined and enhanced with videos, digital photos, clickable links, a historical timeline and additional features. The program should take less than two hours to complete. It is divided into six sections, with a quiz at the end of each one, followed by a final exam.

How Does it Work?

Course Structure

The Course is arranged into 5 major topic areas and 1 concluding section. Each section will present information about the topic via text, images and video.

Evaluation

At the end of each topic area there is a quiz that will help gauge your understanding of the material.

When you've completed each section quiz, you'll be able to take the final exam. The exam will take roughly ~30 minutes to complete.

Course Topics

History & Organization

Learn why and how The American Legion came into existence after World War I.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

The foremost pillar of American Legion service learn the ways in which the organization is dedicated to compassionate care, timely delivery of benefits, career development and other areas of advocacy for those who have served in uniform.

National Security

Outlined here is The American Legion's position on a strong, well-equipped and effectively deployed U.S. military, including a decent quality of life for those now in uniform and retirees of the Armed Forces.

Americanism

This pillar of American Legion service is filled with respect for the nation that those in the military swore with their lives to defend, from proper treatment of the U.S. flag to voter education to youth programs that make life-changing differences.

Children & Youth

The American Legion's long-held position that "every child deserves a square deal" is explained here, to include such programs and efforts as the Child Welfare Foundation, the Family Support Network,

Temporary Financial Assistance and other initiatives that aim to help children and youth follow their dreams, no matter their circumstances.

Course Conclusion

See how all the pieces of American Legion service and advocacy fit together to best serve our nation and learn where other committees and commissions play vital roles.

Final Exam

Take an online test to see how well you understand the nation's largest veterans service organization.

For more information or to take the course go to: www.legion.org/alei

50th Anniversary
51st Class
of the
Missouri Cadet Patrol Academy



June 7th through June 12th, 2020
Conducted at the Missouri Highway Patrol
Law Enforcement Academy
Jefferson City, Missouri
Sponsored by The American Legion
And
the Missouri Highway Patrol



Application can be found on the Department website
www.missourilegion.org deadline for application March 1, 2020

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ANNOUNCING 2020 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Basic Criteria for Scholarship Awards

The student must be a resident of Missouri. Applicants must be under the age of 21, unmarried and a descendant* of a veteran with at least ninety days active service in the U. S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard, who received an Honorable Discharge for such service. A photocopy of the veteran's DD 214, discharge or separation notice must accompany the scholarship application. Any additional requirements for each scholarship are on the reverse side of the application.

Lillie Lois Ford Scholarship Fund - Two awards of \$1,000 each are given each year. One to a boy who has attended a full session of The American Legion Boys State of Missouri or a full session of the Department's Cadet Patrol Academy. The second award is given to a girl who has attended a full session of The American Legion Auxiliary's Girls State program or a full session of the Department's Cadet Patrol Academy.

M.D. "Jack" Murphy Memorial Nurses Training Fund - Currently one \$1,000 award is given for two successive semesters, and may, by application, be extended for two additional successive semesters. This award is available to a Missouri boy or girl training to be a Registered Nurse, and may be used in their freshman or subsequent college years. The student must have graduated in the top forty percent of their high school class or have a "C" or equivalent standing from their last college or university semester. Scholarships are awarded for one year, payable \$375 per semester.

Joseph J. Frank Scholarship – Five awards of \$750.00 are given annually to individuals who are descendants of a veteran. Applicant must have attended a full session of The American Legion Boys State or The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program. Applicants must be unmarried, under the age of 21, a current resident of the state of Missouri and must use the scholarship as a full time student in an accredited college or university.

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Charles L. Bacon Memorial Scholarship - Two awards of \$750.00 are given annually in memory of the first Missourian to serve as National Commander of The American Legion. Eligible are individuals who are currently members of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, or the Sons of The American Legion, or a descendant* of a member of any thereof. Applicants must be unmarried, a resident of Missouri, under the age of 21, and must use the scholarship as a full-time student in an accredited college or university and.

Erman W. Taylor Memorial Scholarship - Two \$750.00 awards are given annually to a student planning on obtaining a degree in education, in honor of this Past National Executive Committeeman from Missouri. To be eligible, individuals must: (1) be a descendant* of a veteran who served 90 or more days of active duty in the armed forces and having an honorable discharge; (2) be a Missouri resident; (3) use the award as a full-time student at an accredited college or university; (4) provide a copy of the discharge certificate for the veteran on whose the application is made; and (6) submit an essay of 500 words or less on the subject **In your opinion, what was the most significant world event of this past year?**

Shane Dean Voyles Memorial Scholarship - One \$750.00 award will be awarded, annually. (1) Each school in the State of Missouri may nominate **one** student to be considered for the award. (2) The nominee will be selected on athletic, scholastic and leadership abilities. The nominee should be deeply involved in community and school activities. (4) Must use the award as a full-time student at an accredited college or university.

Direct all questions concerning scholarships to:
Mr. John Buckwalter, Chair
Education and Scholarship Committee
(660) 627-4713

Completed applications should be mailed no later than April 20, 2020 to:
The American Legion Department of Missouri, Inc.
Attn: Education and Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 179
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0179

***ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS ***

Scholarship applications
may be reproduced as necessary. Copies of the scholarship applications may also
be obtained on the web at www.missourilegion.org

Some applications require a counselor's statement be attached.

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MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Category I -- Legionnaire to recruit **3 New Members** by **May 10, 2020** will be announced during General Session and receive the Department Commander Membership Pin

Category II -- Legionnaire to recruit **5 New Members** by **May 10, 2020** will receive a Certificate and Department Commander Membership Pin.

Category III -- Legionnaire to recruit **10 New Members** by **May 10, 2020** will receive a Plaque and Department Commander Membership Pin.

Category IV -- Legionnaire to recruit **25 New Members** by **May 10, 2020** will receive a Plaque and Department Commander Membership Pin.

Category V -- Legionnaire to recruit **50 New Members** by **May 10, 2020** will receive a Plaque and Department Commander Membership Pin.

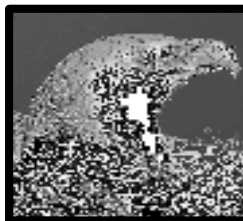
Legion Post -- The Post with the highest percentage of its **2020** membership goal will be awarded \$100.00. Membership must be received at Department Headquarters by **July 1, 2020. (Postmarked not honored)**

Auxiliary Members -- Any Auxiliary member to recruit **2 New Legion Members** for **2020** by **May 10, 2020** will receive the Department Commander Membership Pin. The Auxiliary member who recruits the most Legion Members will receive a certificate of recognition.

Recruiters Name should only be submitted once. This form should not be submitted to Department Headquarters before April 10, 2020 to ensure proper credit is given to the recruiter. New Members names will be verified at Department. This form must be returned to Department no later than May 10, 2020.

Recruiters Name _____ Post No. _____

New Members Names:	Post No.	New Members Names:	Post No.
1 _____		2 _____	
3 _____		4 _____	
5 _____		6 _____	
7 _____		8 _____	
9 _____		10 _____	



The American Legion

Eagle Scout of the Year

NOMINATION FORM



Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Age: _____

Telephone number: () _____

E-mail: _____

Is your Scouts BSA Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew chartered to an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit or Sons of The American Legion squadron? _____

If YES, please complete the following:

(Post/Unit/Squadron Number)

(Street)

(City) (State) (ZIP)

Are you the Scout of a Legionnaire, Sons of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary member?

_____ If yes, please complete the following:

(Name of Member)

(Relationship) (Membership No.)

**APPLICANTS: DO NOT SEND THIS APPLICATION
DIRECTLY TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.
SUBMIT TO YOUR AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT (STATE) HEADQUARTERS.**

**photograph in Scout uniform
REQUIRED**

Eligibility Requirements

THE NOMINEE MUST:

- Be a registered, active member of a Scouts BSA Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew chartered to an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit or Sons of The American Legion squadron.

OR

- Be a registered, active member of a chartered Scouts BSA Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew, and the scout of a Legionnaire, Sons of The American Legion or Auxiliary member.

AND

- Received the Eagle Scout Award.
- Be an active member of their religious institution and must have received the appropriate Scouts BSA religious emblem.
- Have demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting, and community.
- Have reached their 15th birthday and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection.
- Reside in the department (state) to which they applies.

Note: Eagle Scouts still in high school who reached their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified.



The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year



NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Scout who best meets the qualifications outlined in the nomination application will be selected as the 2020 American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year by the National Americanism Commission.

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will join the youth champion delegation and participate in the 102nd annual National Convention in Indianapolis, Aug. 28-Sept. 3, 2020.

Scholarships

The American Legion provides for a national scholarship to be awarded to the Eagle Scout who is selected "The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year."

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will receive a \$10,000 scholarship. Three runner-up scholarship awards will be granted in the amount of \$2,500 each.

The scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive their scholarship immediately upon graduation from high school (public, parochial, military, private, or home school) and must utilize the total award within four years of their graduation date, excluding active military duty or religious mission.

The scholarship may be used to attend a school selected by the student provided it is state accredited, above the high school level, and within the continental limits of the United States, except in the case where the student may be from a possession of the United States, in which case the student can select a school in that possession or in the continental United States.

Disbursement from the scholarship fund will be made jointly to the student and the school at the beginning of each semester or quarter. **Only one request will be honored per semester or quarter.**

DO NOT SEND THIS APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

Applicant should type or print all information.

Section A – High School Record

Note: Please attach a copy of your official high school transcript.

Grade: _____ Name of high school: _____

Grade point average: _____ In upper _____ % of class. Number in class: _____

On **one additional page (8 1/2 x 11 inches)** list activities participated in during high school and also list awards, honors and recognition received.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first page of Attachment A if more than one page is submitted.

Section B – Scouting Record

Note: This section will be reviewed closely by the selection committee.

	Years	Unit No.	Sponsor
Cub Scout	_____	_____	_____
Scouts BSA	_____	_____	_____
Varsity Scout	_____	_____	_____
Venturing Crew	_____	_____	_____
Eagle Award Received:	_____	Palms:	_____

Section B – Scouting Record (continued)

On **two additional pages (8 1/2 x 11 inches)** (1) List leadership positions held in your Cub Scout Pack, Scouts BSA Troop, Varsity Scout Team, and/or Venturing Crew; (2) List other Scouting activities you may have participated in (Jamborees, Order of the Arrow Conferences, etc.).

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first two pages of Attachment B if more than two pages are submitted.

Section B1 – Eagle Scout Project

On **two additional pages (8 1/2 x 11 inches)** succinctly describe your Eagle Scout Project.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first two pages of Attachment B1 if more than two pages are submitted.

Section C – Community Participation Record

On **one additional page (8 1/2 x 11 inches)** list community organizations in which you have held membership **excluding high school and Scouting**. Additionally, list other activities that you were involved with that directly or indirectly improved life in your community.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first page of Attachment C if more than one page is submitted.

Section D – Religious Award

Denomination: _____ Name of Religious Institution: _____

Name of Scouts BSA Religious Emblem (Award) Received: _____
– (cannot be Cub Scout Religious Emblem)

Month and Year Received: _____

On **one additional page (8 1/2 x 11 inches)** list religious youth organizations, clubs, groups that you have been involved in, to include honors awarded and offices held.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first page of Attachment D if more than one page is submitted.

Section E – Career Interests

On **one additional page (8 1/2 x 11 inches)** describe your career interests and/or goals. The selection committee realizes that in many cases, applicants will not have decided on career goals; however, complete this section to the best of your ability.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first page of Attachment E if more than one page is submitted.

Section F – Letters of Recommendation and Testimony

One letter each from your **religious institution, school, your community and Scouting must be included**. Two additional letters of recommendation and testimony may also be included. Please keep in mind that the letters of recommendation are an important part of this application and will be carefully reviewed by the screening committee.

Note: The screening committee will only consider the four required letters and the two additional letters of recommendation of Attachment F if more than the six required letters of recommendation are submitted. Letters of recommendation will be limited to one page.

Authorization

CERTIFICATION BY EAGLE SCOUT

I certify to the accuracy of the foregoing facts. If selected, I will be free to travel to The American Legion National Convention and participate as a member of the youth champion delegation, representing The American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America.

SIGNATURE OF EAGLE SCOUT: _____ DATE: _____

PARENTAL CONSENT

We hereby certify that the information on this application pertaining to our scout's age and grade in school is correct. We are willing and desirous that they become The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year. In consideration of the benefits derived from this honor, if selected, we hereby voluntarily waive any, and all, claims against The American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America totally and all representatives thereof.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____ DATE: _____

Authorization (continued)

SCOUT UNIT LEADER

The above-named applicant is qualified in every respect to represent The American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America and has our recommendation.

SIGNATURE OF SCOUT UNIT LEADER: _____ DATE: _____

AMERICAN LEGION SELECTION COMMITTEE APPROVAL

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT/SCOUT CHAIRMAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS REVIEWED BY DEPARTMENT SELECTION COMMITTEE: _____

Selection Process

DEPARTMENT

- **Nominations must be received by department headquarters no later than March 1, 2020.**
- The application judged best in the department and a list of the members of the Department Selection Committee should be sent to: Assistant Director, Americanism Division, Attention: Eagle Scout of the Year, The American Legion National Headquarters, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.
- For additional information, applicants should contact their department headquarters.

NATIONAL

- **Nominations must be received by national headquarters no later than April 1, 2020.**
- The National Americanism Commission's Youth Activities Subcommittee will review all department nominations, and, in their judgment, select The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year.


ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINALIST

The selection will be announced in the National Americanism Commission Report to the National Executive Committee during The American Legion's 2020 Spring Meetings in Indianapolis, May 4-7.

American Legion department (state) contact information is online:
 **www.legion.org/departments**



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**The American Legion
Department of Missouri
Nomination Form**

Check one:

- ☐ Career Fire Fighter
- ☐ Volunteer Fire Fighter
- ☐ Career EMT
- ☐ Volunteer EMT

Date: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Age: _____ Marital Status: _____ Spouse: _____

Nominating Agency: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/State/ Zip Code: _____

Agency Director: _____ Supervisor: _____

Sponsoring American Legion Post: _____

County: _____ District: _____

Commander: _____ Commander's Signature: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ Zip Code: _____

Received by: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Total Number of Packages Included: _____

Failure to use this form may result in the Disqualification of your Nominee. It should be placed immediately after the cover sheet and in front of the supporting documents. Include certification as a career Fire Fighter or EMT and / or Volunteer Fire Fighter or EMT. The Fire Fighter/EMT that is selected as the winner will be requested to forward an official 5" X 7" photograph of the Candidate mounted on a standard 8 ½" x 11" sheet of bond paper with Name and Rank below the picture. The original copy of the entire nomination package must be submitted no later than the close of business, February 10, 2020.

**Mail Package to:
Kenny Goth, Chairman
Law & Order and Public Safety
P.O. Box 179
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(660) 351-2184**

The American Legion Department of Missouri

Fire Fighter/ EMT Award Nomination

1. Name of Nominee _____ Age _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Recommended by _____ Post No. _____
2. Present Position (i.e., Lieutenant, Captain, Fire Chief, etc.) How long as a Fire Fighter/ EMT?

3. List of previous experience: _____

4. Give a brief biographical sketch of nominee, including, but not limited to education, family, church affiliation (if any), fraternal or social organizations including youth groups worked with.
5. Just what, in your opinion, makes this nominee an outstanding Fire Fighter/ EMT?

6. List any honors or awards for outstanding work.

7. If this nominee is declared the winner, will he or she appear at our Department convention? Yes___ No___

8. Has the nominee’s superior been informed of this recommendation? Yes___ No___

Please attach hereto a letter of recommendation from the nominee’s superior.

9. If additional space is needed for further comments on anything pertaining to this nomination use the remaining space or attach additional sheets with comments.

Deadline February 6, 2020

Mail to: Kenny Goth, Chairman
Law & Order and Public Safety
P.O. Box 179
Jefferson City, MO 65102

(Post Commander)

(Post Adjutant)

LEGION Act

The LEGION Act (Let Everyone Get Involved In Opportunities for National Service Act) also opens the door for approximately 6 million veterans to access American Legion programs and benefits for which they previously had not been eligible.

Now that the legislation has been signed, The American Legion's eligibility criteria immediately changes from seven war eras to two: April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918, and Dec. 7, 1941 to a time later determined by the federal government. No other restrictions to American Legion membership are changed.

Here are answers to 11 key questions about the new law and what it means for The American Legion.

Question: How does this change the eligibility requirements for The American Legion?

Answer: The only change is that Congress has reduced the number of eligibility periods from seven to two. They are April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918, and Dec. 7, 1941, and continuing. No other restrictions are changed.

Question: What's the impact on veterans who previously were not eligible for American Legion membership?

Answer: Veterans who were honorably discharged but whose service did not fall into the previous defined war eras may now join The American Legion immediately. To do so, eligible members may sign up at www.legion.org/join.

Question: I am among the veterans who were not allowed to join previously, so why do you want me now?

Answer: The American Legion's founding fathers believed, "a veteran is a veteran," an axiom that has held true throughout the organization's more than century of service. Some veterans were ineligible to join because of the war eras that were defined by Congress. The recent bill passage and president's signature changed that.

Question: So how does this differentiate The American Legion from AMVETS?

Answer: The American Legion's eligibility criteria states that veterans must have served during "wartime." When Congress decides the U.S. is no longer in a state of war, the Legion's membership eligibility period will close, while AMVETS will still be open to those who served.

Question: How does this affect the Sons of The American Legion (SAL)?

Answer: The Sons' eligibility criteria will change along with that of The American Legion. Any son or grandson of a living American Legion member will be able to join the SAL program. (Sons and grandsons of deceased veterans are also eligible.) For example, a son of a veteran who served between 1985 and 1988 previously would not

have been eligible. With the extension of the war period, that veteran would immediately be eligible for The American Legion and the son would be able to join the SAL.

Question: How does this affect the eligibility for the American Legion Auxiliary?

Answer: This follows the same concept as the SAL, as noted previously. Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary is currently open to grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and direct and adopted female descendants of eligible veterans.

Question: How does this affect membership for departments, districts and posts?

Answer: This change opens up American Legion membership to thousands more veterans who likely live in your communities. They may become members immediately.

Question: The current membership applications don't address the eligibility change. How do we process those members?

Answer: [New membership materials](#) will be developed and provided as quickly as possible. Until then, it is recommended that prospective members from a previously undocumented war era write "Other Conflicts" in the eligibility date section and send it in to their department with the appropriate dues.

Question: What steps should departments, districts and posts focus on?

Answer: A good first step would be to review all recruiting materials to look for eligibility dates. Information on electronic media (websites, social media channels, etc.) should be changed immediately. It is up to departments to decide on the best way to handle printed materials, while updated ones are being produced.

Question: How does this change the Paid Up For Life program?

Answer: There are no changes to the PUFL program, though the newly eligible members would be able to become PUFLs. To learn more about the program, visit <https://www.legion.org/PUFL>

Question: Who can I contact for more information about this change as it applies to membership and recruiting?

Answer: Contact the national Membership Division. Visit this web page to find the representative in your state. <https://www.legion.org/membership/contactus>



No Cost LegionCare Overview



LEGIONCARE NO COST TO YOU ACCIDENTAL DEATH INSURANCE PROTECTION GUARANTEED** TO LEGIONNAIRES

As a member of the Legion Family, you're eligible for up to **\$5,000.00** in NO COST To You coverage. But your Confirmation is REQUIRED for activation.

\$5,000.00 ACCIDENTAL DEATH PROTECTION MEMBER-ONLY BENEFIT:

Your beneficiary will receive a check for \$5,000.00 if you suffer a fatal covered accident while you are traveling to or from or participating in any covered event conducted for Legion business, or **\$1,000.00** for all other fatal covered accidents. You pay nothing for this coverage.

Your Department of The American Legion endorses this coverage to stand by your family with up to \$1,000.00 cash benefits paid straight to your beneficiary, if you suffer a fatal covered accident at home, on the job, in your car, on vacation, while traveling, wherever you are.

For more information on this benefit please visit the Legionnaire Insurance Trust website at www.thelit.com

2020 Membership Recruiter

This form is to be completed by the Post Adjutant or Post Membership Chairman to submit names for Membership Recruiter Awards. Send to Department Headquarters at P.O. Box 179, Jefferson City, MO 65102, no later than **May 10, 2020**.

Post # _____ District _____

Please Mail Pins To:

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[illegible]

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2019-20 HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
A Constitutional Speech Contest

TO: Post Adjutants (For Post Oratorical Chair)

This letter inaugurates the 86th Annual High School Oratorical Contest. For more than seven decades, Legionnaires of Missouri have unselfishly worked to help boys and girls become better citizens. Certainly, it is a record in which we can all take pride.

To accomplish our goal, we cannot merely wish for results. It takes hard work by the Post Chair. The Post Chair is the key to the Oratorical Program, which can be no better than the number of schools and students enrolled by them.

Post Chair must contact their schools immediately. The minute that high schools receive our materials is when contestants need to begin to prepare for this program.

Contact your schools. Briefly explain the program, its purpose, and what it does for the students. Encourage the school to enroll its entire speech or social studies class, but if the school can enroll only one student, that is fine. Tell the school the name and address of the County Oratorical Chair, available from your District Chairman. Next, find out what supplies are needed for your schools and order them from Department Headquarters.

The attached "Checklist" will help insure you have all needed materials.

Please use only the material received this year, as outdated materials can cause embarrassment.

Thank you for making the Oratorical program successful. Call or write if I can help in any way.

Sincerely,

Judge Duane Benton, Chair
Department Oratorical Commission

P.S. ***Oratorical information is now available at <http://www.missourilegion.org/oratorical>***