



Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Indiana

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Sons of The American Legion Raymond P. Giehl, IV Memorial Scholarship Competition

The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Indiana encourages its members to seek a higher education and has established this scholarship to reward its members for outstanding service to community, state, and nation.

This scholarship is unique because it is based only on a member's involvement in activities of our organization rather than academic achievement or financial need. An applicant must be an active member of a squadron within the Indiana Detachment of the Sons of The American Legion, who will be attending an accredited college, university, or trade school during the 2026-2027 school year.

The winner of the scholarship will be decided and announced at the annual Close of Books membership turn-in held at the Indiana Veteran's Home/ TBD on Sunday, June 7, 2026. The winner will be invited to be a distinguished guest of our Detachment Convention held July 11, 2026 in Indianapolis, IN.

During our Detachment Convention on the morning of Saturday, July 11, 2026, the winner of the scholarship will be presented a memento plaque by Detachment Commander Ken Corbeille. That member will also receive \$1,000 to be available for use during the 2026-2027 school year. The Detachment scholarship check will be issued to the winner through his school's financial aid office. In addition, the winner's name will be placed on a much larger plaque that hangs permanently in the Detachment Headquarters at Indianapolis.

Anyone interested in being considered for this scholarship must complete the attached application, an essay, and have an endorsement from their Squadron Commander or Post Commander. Rules for the 2026 Scholarship Competition are listed on the next page.

Sons of The American Legion 2026 Scholarship Rules

- 1.) Applicant must be an active member of a Squadron within the Indiana Detachment of the Sons of The American Legion
- 2.) Applicant must fulfill one of the following two criteria:
 - a.) A high school senior who graduates with his class in the Spring of 2026 will be attending an accredited college, university or trade school –or–
 - b.) A high school graduate who now attends or will be attending an accredited college, university, or trade school
- 3.) The winner must attend an accredited college, university or trade school during the 2026-2027 school year.
- 4.) Applicants must submit a complete application on the official form including Squadron Commander or Post Commander endorsement of their application.
- 5.) Attached to the application applicants must submit a two-part essay written by himself that gives a detailed description of:
 - a.) His involvement in the activities and programs of the Sons of The American Legion
 - b.) An explanation of the reasons he feels he should receive this scholarship
 - c.) The entire essay must not exceed 1800 words
 - d.) Applicant's name and squadron number should be in the header of the essay (e.g. John M. Smith, Sq. 500)
- 6.) This is a one-time award. Any recipient of this scholarship may not apply in subsequent years.
- 7.) Applicants' entries will be judged solely on their involvement with and service to the Sons of The American Legion.
- 8.) Completed applications and required attachments must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2026 and mailed to the address listed below. There is no limit to the number of applicants from the same Squadron.

Mail all scholarships applications to:
Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Indiana
Attn: S.A.L. Scholarship Chairman
5440 Herbert Lord Rd.
Indianapolis, IN 46216



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RAYMOND P. GIEHLL, IV
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____

Squadron Number: _____

S.A.L. Membership Number: _____

S.A.L. Member Since: _____

High School: _____

City _____ State _____ Graduation Year: _____

School Attending: _____

Campus Located in _____

Applicant's Signature

_____ Date _____

Endorsement Section

I, _____ (print name) _____ have read this application and find it a true testament to the quality of work the applicant has done on behalf of the Sons of The American Legion.

_____ Squadron or Post Commander Signature _____ Date _____

Membership # _____ Squadron/Post No: _____

*Please feel free to include a note with any comments or suggestions.