

The American Legion Scholarship 2024

Awarded by the Boyle-Hoy Post #379

PURPOSE

This scholarship program of The American Legion, Department of Illinois, Boyle-Hoy Post #379, was established to assist students who have the ability and desire to receive an education beyond high school in an institution accredited by the proper state authorities and/or recognized by the Department of Veteran Affairs, including universities, colleges, technical or trade schools. It is a one-time \$500 scholarship paid to a higher education entity to help cover your educational expenses.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICATION

- (A) A high school or home-schooled senior who is child or grandchild of a living or deceased member of Shannon Boyle-Hoy American Legion Post. ***Priority is given to post member relatives***, but not limited to them; if no relatives apply, see Qual. C.
- (B) Any college student that qualifies under “A” but has never received the Boyle-Hoy Post Scholarship.
- (C) A graduating senior from Eastland High School who resides within the Shannon community (Shannon address). Any applicant(s) who qualifies under “C” must provide proof of residency.

REQUIREMENTS

- (A) The applicant must complete the entire application form and return it by the due date indicated on the form.
- (B) A transcript of the applicant’s grades and class standing must be attached. If the applicant is presently enrolled in a college/university, these grades should be included. Photocopies must bear an original signature of the proper school authority.
- (C) A letter from the applicant introducing themselves and indicating their reasons for applying must be included.
- (D) **Attach proof of acceptance and enrollment in an accredited institution of higher learning. (e.g. acceptance letter, class schedule, tuition bill)**
- (E) A letter of recommendation:
 - 1. High school senior will need a letter from the counselor or teacher(s) attesting to the student’s integrity, personality, work habits, financial need and overall character.
 - 2. If the applicant is already enrolled in a post secondary program, a letter from a professor or administrator addressing integrity, personality, work habits, financial need and overall character must be included.
- (F) In order for the applicant to be considered, **all necessary** paperwork must be submitted by the required due date. Any request for an extension of the due date must be submitted to the scholarship committee for consideration.

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

The payment check will be made out jointly to the recipient (student) and the learning institution, and mailed directly to the school. When the student endorses the check, the institution will then endorse the check and credit the amount of the check to the student's account. The scholarship will be applied to the student's tuition and/or books. No cash or check is to be paid directly to the applicant, either by the post or the institution at which the said recipient is enrolled.

SCHOLARSHIP

This is a one-time award of \$500, with two recipients annually.

GENERAL INFORMATION

In order for the applicant to be considered, all materials must be provided no later than **April 12, 2024**. The committee will make its decision by mid-April, 2024. The recipient will be notified by mail by early May.

The application and all supporting documents should be mailed to the chairman of the scholarship committee at the address below.

If the recipient is an Eastland High School Senior, the committee's decision will be announced at Eastland High School's Scholarship night in May, 2024. The decision of the committee will be final.

Mail to:

Am. Legion Post #379
Scholarship Committee
C/O Ernie Johnson
18069 Scenic Ridge Rd.
Savanna, IL 61074

Questions:

Ernie Johnson 815-541-9738
or email: ecjohnson1953@gmail.com

BOYLE-HOY AMERICAN LEGION POST #379 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME OF APPLICANT _____

Last First MI

ADDRESS	<hr/>	
	Street	Apt
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	City	ST ZIP

CONTACT PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ **AGE** _____ **SEX** M / F

ARE YOU RELATED (Living or Dead) TO A POST#379 LEGION MEMBER? Y / N

If Y, who? _____ How? _____

PARENTS' or GUARDIAN _____
NAME (If applicable)

ADDRESS		
(If different than applicant)	Street	Apt
	City	ST ZIP

Do you or will you have a student loan? Y / N

Are you receiving other scholarships or grants? Y / N

List extracurricular activities or awards while in high school:

List all community, church, employment or volunteer activities during the past two years:

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What future goals have you set for yourself?

What school will you be attending? Name and Location

What will be your program(s) of study? Or Major?

I understand the decision of the scholarship committee is final, and that the information contained in this application and the accompanying documentation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. All information contained in this application and accompanying documentation will be kept totally confidential and is strictly for determining the qualification of the applicant. Applications become the sole property of the Boyle-Hoy American Legion Post #379. It is my understanding that if awarded this scholarship, the funds must be used towards payment of tuition and/or books only.

**SIGNATURE OF
APPLICANT**

_____ **DATE** _____

**SIGNATURE OF
PARENT OR**

GUARDIAN (If applicant under 18)

_____ **DATE** _____