



DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA Richard D. Johnson Memorial Scholarship

The American Legion, Department of Alaska is proud to offer this post-secondary scholarship to all **graduating high school seniors** within the Department of Alaska who meet the fixed criteria. This scholarship is not based on exceptional grades or athletic abilities. This scholarship is designed for students who are ready to make a commitment to their future. *All post-secondary programs are acceptable including college, university, trade schools, or any other program.* What you have done in the past is not as important as what you want to do in the future. Please show your dedication to your future by completing this application on time and to the best of your ability. It need not be typed but please make it legible.

Please submit your application ***in person or by mail*** to the **local American Legion Post Commander** on or before **MARCH 31**. For local post information [Find a Post \(www.legion.org; Find a Post Tab\)](http://www.legion.org); any questions contact Department Headquarters at (907) 278-8598 or email adjutant@alaska-legion.org.

Please be sure to include the following:

1. Completed application
2. Essay **
3. **High School** transcript
4. *Three (3) letters of reference* from adult citizens, (**not relatives**). *One (1) letter* must be from a current counselor, teacher, or employer.

** The **essay is to be a minimum of 500 words** and should address your involvement in school and community activities (including church activities if applicable) as well as why you think the United States patriotic organizations, such as the American Legion, are important to the world today.

Establish scholarship-judging criteria as follows:

- **Grade Point Average 2.0 to 3.0 GPA** (NOT higher than 3.0 or lower than 2.0)
- Improving verses declining outlook
- The student who normally would not receive an academic scholarship

The Scholarship will be awarded during the American Legion, Department of Alaska Convention, held in late April. The decision of the judges shall be final.

The award will be paid **to the school or organization upon receipt of proof of enrollment.**

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Involvement - Community service, activities, or American Legion Post involvement.
- Goals - Must have defined goals, as defined as a high school senior can have.
- This is a need-based scholarship to fulfill a financial gap.



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Application:

Student's Name _____
First MI Last

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Last 4 of Social Security Number _____

Name of **High** School _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Estimated Parent Contribution (if any) \$ _____

Institution you **plan to attend** _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Intended course of Study _____

Student ID Number (if received from institution of study/training) _____

Attachments:

1. Essay (**minimum** 500 words)
2. **High School** transcript; **GPA of 2.0 to 3.0 ONLY**
3. *Three (3) letters of reference* from adult citizens, (**not relatives**). *One (1) letter* must be from a current counselor, teacher, or employer.

Note: ***The deadline is MARCH 31.*** Please have your completed application and all attachments submitted to your **local American Legion Post Commander no later than MARCH 31** in person **or** by mail; contact Department Headquarters at (907) 278-8598 or email adjutant@alaska-legion.org if you have any questions.



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American Legion Post's Review

*Student applications **must be reviewed and approved** at a **Post's General Membership Meeting** prior to Department Convention (late April).*

*The sponsoring Post and the Department's Scholarship Committee (members appointed at Department Convention) are responsible for verifying all necessary information is included in the student's packet to include three (3) references, essay, **AND** high school transcript.*

This portion **MUST** be completed by the sponsoring Post. Please type or print legibly.

Student's Name _____

Post sponsoring student: _____

At the General Membership Meeting on (date) _____, the membership reviewed this student's packet, and they meet the criteria for consideration of the Richard D. Johnson Memorial Scholarship. The student has submitted the required documents.

Printed Name Post Commander

Signature Post Commander

Printed Name Post Adjutant

Signature Post Adjutant

Post Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Name & Phone Number _____

(**Post's** Commander **OR** Adjutant)

(In case the Department Scholarship Committee has any questions.)

Completed application packages **MUST** be submitted to the **Department Adjutant** **prior to the start** of the Department Convention either in person or by email (adjutant@alaska-legion.org)