

## **DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA**

**Richard D. Johnson Memorial Scholarship**

The American Legion is proud to offer this post-secondary scholarship to all ***graduating high school seniors* in Alaska** who meet the fixed criteria. This scholarship is not based on exceptional grades or athletic abilities. This scholarship is designed for people who are ready to make a commitment to their future and invest in some form of post-secondary education to prepare themselves for the rest of their life. 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 to the local American Legion Post Commander on or before **MARCH 31**. For local post information [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) Find a Post Tab; 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**) attesting to the applicant’s character regarding conduct, citizenship, and leadership.

\*\* The **essay is to be a minimum of 500 words** and should address your involvement in school, church, and community activities 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 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.

> Need (e.g. one income family, not a lot of help from home).

> Goals - Must have defined goals, as defined as a graduating high school senior can have.

### **Richard D. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Application**:

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Estimated Parent Contribution (if any)** $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Institution you are planning to attend\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Planned course of Study\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**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**) attesting to the applicant’s character in regard to conduct, citizenship, and leadership.

Note: ***The deadline is MARCH 31****. Please have your completed application and all attachments submitted to your* ***local*** *sponsoring* ***American Legion Post*** *Commander* ***no later than MARCH 31****.*

**American Legion Post’s Review**

***Applications must be reviewed and approved at the Post’s General Membership Meeting.***

# *Each Post and the Department’s Scholarship Committee (during the Department Convention) are responsible for verifying all necessary information is included in the applicant’s packet to include three (3) references, essay, AND high school transcript.*

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

**Applicant’s Name** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Post sponsoring applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

At the General Membership Meeting on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the membership reviewed this applicant’s packet and meets the criteria for consideration of the Richard D. Johnson Memorial Scholarship. The applicant has submitted the required documents.

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Printed Name Post Commander Signature Post Commander

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Post Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name & Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 (Post’s Commander OR Adjutant)

In case any questions arise from the Department Scholarship Committee.