



New York American Legion Press Association

Albert M. Becker Memorial Scholarship

The New York American Legion Press Association offers two annual scholarships in the memory of Albert M. Becker, Past NYALPA President (1984-85) and Past Department Commander (1988-89).

Scholarship Guidelines

Category 1: Youth Scholarship: Offered to a student 23 years of age or under, pursuing an undergraduate degree. **MUST** be a child or grandchild of a member of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion, or him/her self a member. A child of a 50% or more disabled Vet, a child of a currently serving National Guard or Reserve service person or the child of a deceased veteran (Copy of membership card, Service ID, VA Disability, or proof of deceased veteran, and High School Transcript **MUST** be provided).

Category 2: Military Scholarship: Offered to a military veteran with an honorable discharge, or a currently serving National Guard or Reserve service person pursuing an undergraduate degree. (Copy of form 214 discharge, or current military ID **MUST** be provided) NOTE: It is not necessary for a person applying in this category to be a member of the American Legion family; however, extra credit will be given for membership.

- Amount of each scholarship: \$1,000.00. Only one scholarship offered per category each year.
- Students **MUST** be entering or attending an accredited College, University or Trade School.
- Student may apply for this scholarship a maximum of two (2) academic years.
- Student **MUST** be a legal US citizen residing in New York State, but may pursue an education outside of New York.
- Student **MUST** be matriculated in at least twelve (12) credit hours per semester for two (2) semesters and pursuing a degree in any of the following fields of communications: public relations, journalism, reprographic, newspaper design or management, web page design, video design, social media communications, photo journalism, American history, political science, public communications. Other fields of study may be considered by the scholarship committee if it feels the area of study falls within the goals of the New York American Legion Press Association, and that of The American Legion Family. (Proof of acceptance in an accredited school and course of study **MUST** be provided).

All documents proving eligibility will remain confidential and not shared by anyone except the judges. Applications and supporting documents will not be returned.

Academic Achievement, Financial Need, Community Involvement, and other notable characteristics will be considered, but will not be a sole deciding factor in determining a winner.

Scholarship winners will be notified by mail, no later than June 1. Scholarships are awarded at NYALPA annual meeting, at The American Legion Department of New York State Convention. Recipient and two guests will be invited. Should recipient not be able to attend, an appropriate time and place in the winners home area will be selected to present the scholarship award.



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(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Birth Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Pursuing Major: _____

School Currently Attending: _____ Graduation Year: _____ N/A Veteran: _____

School Planning to Attend: _____ Phone: _____

School Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Category Applying For: Category 1: Youth Scholarship _____ Category 2: Military Scholarship _____

Name of Person Providing Eligibility: _____ Membership #: _____

Parent _____ Grand Parent _____ Self _____ Legion _____ Auxiliary _____ SAL _____ Veteran _____

Current Service Member _____ A Compensable Disabled Veteran _____ (_____ %) Deceased Veteran _____

Veteran Branch of Service _____ Date of Discharge _____ Years of Service _____

Extra-curricular activities, such as sports teams, clubs, volunteer activities, military and civilian awards, or honors may be listed. _____

➤ EXTRA 5 POINTS CREDIT: (I have participated in, or am a member of one or more of the following. Proof MUST be provided).
Five (5) Points Maximum will be given. Check all that apply.

Boys' State _____ Girls' State _____ Oratorical Program _____ Jr. Shooter Sports _____ American Legion Baseball _____
Boy Scouts _____ Girl Scouts _____ American Legion _____ American Legion Auxiliary _____ Sons of American Legion _____
Volunteer Firefighter _____ Active: Accredited EMT _____ Police _____ JR ROTC _____ Retired Veteran: 20+ Years of Service _____

➤ A 500 word essay expressing your field of study, the reasons for choosing your field of study, and your goals upon completion of study, MUST be attached to this application.

I attest that all of the information provided is true and accurate: Date: _____ 20 _____

Print Name _____ Signature _____

Return application with all necessary documents by **April 15** to:
NYALPA, Attn: Scholarship Chairperson, P.O. Box 424, Sanborn, NY 14132