

American Legion

Heskett-Arnold Post 132

American Legion Living Legacy Trust Scholarship 2020-2025

The Heskett-Arnold Post 132 of the American Legion in Concrete offers a \$1,000 scholarship to a qualifying individual residing in the Concrete School District. This scholarship will be awarded to an applicant planning on attending a post high school educational institution, including 2 or 4-year colleges, universities, community colleges, or vocational/technical colleges. This is not a cash award; scholarship funds will be sent directly to the educational institution provided by the applicant after proof of enrollment, not merely acceptance. If a student later withdraws, any refunds due will be apportioned appropriately depending on the source of tuition monies.

The scholarship committee invites all those wishing to pursue higher education and meet the requirements to apply. Scholarships are awarded once per year. Application instructions follow and fillable PDF versions using Adobe Acrobat may be requested via email from the point of contact. All application materials must be **received via regular mail** by the following due dates:

Friday, April 3rd, 2020

Friday, April 2nd, 2021

Friday, April 1st, 2022

Friday, March 31st, 2023

Friday, March 29th, 2024

Friday, March 28th, 2025

Email submissions will not be considered. Notifications will be made within four weeks of the due dates. Formal presentation of the scholarship may also be made during a ceremony at the Concrete High School. The scholarship must be used within 12 months of the approval letter.

The Post does not consider this scholarship to be merely a gift for good behavior or grades, we consider it an investment in our nation's future, of which we expect the applicants to be an active part. Submissions will be judged not only on their past performance, but on their assessed future potential and current financial need.

Each application will be reviewed to make sure that all required documentation is provided and the application is complete. Incomplete applications will be eliminated from consideration. Primary emphasis will be placed on what the student has done, what they plan to do, and their financial need.

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Application – Requirements/Criteria

1. Student must have graduated, or received an equivalency certificate, from high school within the past 12 months, or
2. Student must have been accepted at, or attending, a college, university, or vocational/technical college for an in-residence plan of study. Such school must be recognized as one qualified to receive Federal Student aid. For a listing of schools eligible, see www.fafsa.ed.gov.
3. Student must have been a resident of the Concrete School District for the previous 12 months. If not a student at Concrete High School, proof of residency is required and must be submitted.
4. Student must have an aggregate GPA of 2.5 or higher from high school for all coursework, plus the first semester of grade 12, or if already a student of a post high school educational institution, an aggregate GPA of 3.0 or higher for all course work. Students with equivalency certificates will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
5. Include a sealed, official copy of the student's high school (and college if applicable) transcript(s) through the 1st Semester. Also include a copy of any grades received for the 3rd Quarter.
6. Include copies of SAT or ACT test results.
7. United States citizenship is not a requirement for this scholarship. There are many foreign nationals who proudly serve our nation in its armed forces. The demonstration of the characteristics of a good citizen, however are required.
8. Ensure your name is included on each page, including continuation pages. Identify by number the question being responded to.
9. Every question and every blank must be answered. If a question is not applicable, enter "not applicable" or "n/a." If you don't know the answer to a question, enter "Unknown" and explain on a continuation page why it is you don't know.
10. Submission must be printed using a word processor and use continuation sheets where appropriate or necessary. We strongly suggest you obtain a digital application form in .PDF format from the counselor or listed point-of-contact and use Adobe Acrobat's fill-and-sign option to fill in the blanks. Handwritten signatures are required. Submit a printed copy to the address listed on the cover page.

A. Personal Student Information

- 1a. First Name: _____ 1b. Middle Initial: _____
- 1c. Last Name: _____
- 2a. Address: _____
- 2b. City: _____ 2c. State: _____ 2d. Zip: _____
- 3a. Home Phone: _____ 3b. Cell Phone: _____
4. Email: _____
5. Resident of Concrete School District: (Yes or No) Attach proof of residency, if required by instructions on page 2.

B. Educational Status

- 1a. Aggregate GPA: _____ (Attach copy of transcript(s) here.)
- 1b. Attach copy of 3rd Quarter grades here.
2. Expected or Actual Graduation Date: _____
- 3a. Class Ranking: _____ out of a class of: 3b. _____
4. Copy of SAT / ACT Test results: (Attach here)

Student's Name: _____

C. Student Activities/Involvement

Use Section C-1 for sports-related, and Section C-2 for non-sports related activities and specifically address your fulfillment of your responsibilities as member of the community, work ethic, leadership, and involvement in school and community activities and organizations, as well as family responsibilities. Identify the dates and stress the roles and responsibilities exhibited. The content is important, but can be simple bullet statements to address each activity.

1a., 1b., etc. (Expand or use continuation sheet, as required)

2a., 2b., etc. (Expand or use continuation sheet, as required)

Student's Name: _____

D. Scholastic Plans

- 1a. What school do plan to attend? _____
- 1b. Have you been accepted? If so, include copy of letter of acceptance. _____
2. What course of study do you plan to pursue? _____

E. Essays

Grades and test scores are an important track record of your past accomplishments, but you are a lot more than that. The essay portion gives the scholarship committee a better understanding of who you are. Content is important, but so is the written quality, including spelling and grammar.

1. Required essay topic (500 words or less): What makes you a worthwhile investment?

2 and 3. Pick two essay topics from the list below and write essays of 500 words each or less. Essays exceeding the maximum word count will not be considered.

Topics:

1. What have you done to make the Upper Skagit Valley a better place to live?
2. What do you see as your responsibilities to the community?
3. Define your career goals and explain how your achievement of them will benefit the community.
4. What have you not done during your high school years that you now realize you should have?
5. What will you best be remembered for?

Include two letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches, community leaders, volunteer coordinators or ministers, who are not related to you.

Student's Name: _____

F. Student Financial Information

While we understand the hesitancy to provide financial information, it is required because the award of this scholarship is based partially on financial need. Any and all information provided in the application will be protected and only the names of those awarded scholarships and the amounts will be released.

1. Student's Social Security Number: _____ (To ensure proper crediting of student's account at their chosen school.)
2. Student's Date of Birth: _____
3. Student's adjusted gross income from the previous year: _____
(From IRS Forms 1040 line 37, 1040A line 21, or 1040EZ line 4)
- 4a. Are you married? _____ 4b. Are you living with a spouse or partner? _____
5. Do you have any children that you are financially responsible for? Explain.
6. Are you currently working? _____
7. If so, full-time or part-time, where, and for how long, doing what? _____
8. Do you have any other past work experience? _____
9. Have you applied for FAFSA? _____ If yes, include copy and list any award: _____
10. Attach list of any and all other scholarships you have applied for and any results, if known.

Estimate Your Resources and Expenses

Resources

- 9a. Employment _____
- 10a. Social Security _____
- 11a. Welfare/A.F.D.C. _____
- 12a. Savings _____
- 13a. Other Scholarships/student aid _____
- 14a. Support from family _____
- 15a. **Estimated total** _____

Expenses

- 9b. Other (specify) _____
- 10b. Tuition and Fees _____
- 11b. Housing & Food _____
- 12b. Books/Personal _____
- 13b. Miscellaneous _____
- 14b. Transportation _____
- 15b. **Estimated total** _____

Student's Name: _____

G. Parent or Guardian Information

1a. First Name #1: _____ 1b. Last Name #1: _____

2a. First Name #2: _____ 2b. Last Name #2: _____

3. Number of people supported in your household by your parents or guardian: _____

4. Did anyone in the household receive aid from: (yes or no)

Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income (SSI):	_____
Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP)	_____
Free or Reduced-Price School Lunch Program	_____
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	_____
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	_____

5a. Highest level of school completed by parent #1 / guardian #1: _____

5b. Highest level of school completed by parent# 2 / guardian #2: _____

6a. Is your mother, father, or close relative a veteran?

6b. If so, who, how related, what service, and during what time period?

7. What was the parents' / guardians' adjusted gross income for the previous year? (From IRS Forms 1040 line 37, 1040A line 21, or 1040EZ line 4) _____

If you are a **parent or guardian**, by signing this application you certify that all the information is complete and correct to the best of your knowledge and further authorize the scholarship committee to verify any information provided.

8a. Date signed by parent or guardian: _____

8b. Parent's or guardian's signature: _____

Student's Name: _____

If you are an **applicant**, by signing this application you certify that all the information is complete and correct to the best of your knowledge and further authorize the scholarship committee to verify any information provided.

9a. Date signed by student: _____

9b. Student's signature: _____

Student's Name: _____

Student's Name: _____