



**VERMILLION AMERICAN LEGION
POST NO. 1
SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW**

The Vermillion American Legion Post No. 1 offers one \$500 scholarship annually. To qualify, applicants must be a Vermillion High School senior and must be on schedule to graduate this current school year. In addition, each winner must be accepted to and enrolled in an accredited post-secondary program of study during the 2021-2022 school year. Scholarship funds will be forwarded, on behalf of the winner, to the institution where they have been accepted and are enrolled.

For consideration, the applicant must complete the Scholarship Application and must write a brief essay on the topic of “**Americanism**”. Information on this subject is provided below. Financial need, grade point average, school and community activities, and other honors and awards will be taken into consideration to receive one of the American Legion Americanism scholarships.

PRINCIPLES OF AMERICANISM

Americanism is love of America; loyalty to her institutions as the best yet devised by man to secure life, liberty, individual dignity, and happiness; and the willingness to defend our country and flag against all enemies, foreign and domestic. It is a vital, active, living force. Americanism means peace, strength, the will and the courage to live as free people in a free land. It means a friendly hand to people everywhere who respect our institutions and our thinking. It is not a word; it is a way of life.

Americanism is an ideal of loyal patriotism, religious tolerance, righteous freedom, fearless courage, honest integrity, abiding faith in the commanding destiny of the United States, and a fathomless love for the principles that led our forefathers who found this country.

Americanism is complete and unqualified loyalty to the ideals of government as set forth in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. It is respect for, and ready obedience to, duly constituted authority and the laws of the land. It is freedom without license, religion without bigotry, charity without bias, and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.

Application forms are available in the Guidance Counselor's office.