

**Scholarship Rules**  
**Hoosier Academic Gift**  
**Indiana applicants attending Indiana schools only:**

There are two (2) \$500 Academic Gifts awarded each year.

**1. Eligibility**

The applicant must be the child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a veteran of World War I, World War II, Korean, Vietnam Hostilities, Beirut, Grenada, Panama and the Persian Gulf who is financially unable to attend college or a school for special training after graduation from high school. The applicant must not be under sixteen (16) nor over twenty-two (22) years of age and must be in the senior year or be a graduate of an accredited high school but cannot have attended an institution of higher learning.

**2. Qualifications**

The applicant must have a high scholastic standing and deportment for his/her entire high school course.

**3. Recommendations**

- a. The applicant must complete the application blank and provide the following letters of recommendation from:
  - (1) Superintendent or principal of the school from which the applicant is a graduate.
  - (2) An adult citizen, other than relatives, who knows the applicant in the community and home.
- b. A transcript of credits must be included.
- c. An essay consisting of no more than 1,000 words on the topic, "My Obligation as a Hoosier Towards My Community, State and Nation."
- d. Applicants for the gift will be carefully investigated by one or more members of the Education Committee before the gift is made and from time to time during the period the student is receiving the gift.
- e. The decision of the Education Committee shall be final in all matters pertaining to the Hoosier Academic Gift.

**4. School**

Students receiving a gift must be Indiana residents who will be attending an Indiana School approved by the Education Committee.

**5. Academic Gift**

- a. The gift is not to exceed \$500.00 to any one individual.
- b. Gifts shall be payable to the applicant in the amount of \$250.00 at the beginning of the first semester of work upon approval of the application by the Education Committee.
- c. The second installment of \$250.00 will be granted upon satisfactory completion of the first semester or unit of work.
- d. Gifts are not renewable.
- e. Each student receiving an academic gift shall provide a report of progress to the chairman of the Education Committee at the close of the first semester or unit of college work.
- f. All applications must be to the Unit by **March 1st**.
- g. All applications must be sent to the Department Secretary by **March 15** to receive an academic gift for use during the following school year.

**6. Unit Presidents**

- a. An application for the Hoosier Schoolhouse Gift of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Indiana may be secured by writing to the Department Chairman or Department Secretary giving the name of student and the school he/she wishes to attend. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
- b. The mailing of the application blank shall in no way obligate the applicant or the Education Committee until final approval is given.

**Application for Hoosier Academic Gift  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Indiana**

Return to: Department Secretary  
American Legion Auxiliary – Department of Indiana  
5440 Herbert Lord Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN 46216

1. Full name and residence of applicant \_\_\_\_\_
2. Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
3. With whom living: Full name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip County
4. How and by whom is the applicant now supported? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Name and address of father \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- If deceased: Cause of death, place and date \_\_\_\_\_
6. Brief statement of service of father in the Armed Forces \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Occupation of father \_\_\_\_\_ Income \_\_\_\_\_
8. Occupation of mother \_\_\_\_\_ Income \_\_\_\_\_
9. Number of children in the family under 18 \_\_\_\_\_ over 18 \_\_\_\_\_ and continuing  
education \_\_\_\_\_
10. If you secure the gift, will you need to supplement with aid from other sources? \_\_\_\_\_  
To what extent? \_\_\_\_\_  
Scholarship Loan? \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Gift? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What is the applicant's income from all sources? \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Are you receiving or applied for other scholarships? \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Are you eligible for Jr. G.I. Bill benefits? \_\_\_\_\_
12. If there is a legal guardian, give name and address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. Date and place of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_
14. Athletic Activities \_\_\_\_\_ Musical Activities \_\_\_\_\_
15. Condition of health \_\_\_\_\_
16. Name of school applicant wishes to attend \_\_\_\_\_
17. Indicate course of study time to complete \_\_\_\_\_
18. If you desire a loan, can you secure two (2) persons of financial responsibility in your  
community to sign the contract with you. \_\_\_\_\_
19. Is parent a member of The American Legion or the American Legion Auxiliary? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Write an essay consisting of no more than 1,000 words on the topic, "My Obligation as a  
Hoosier Toward My Community, State and Nation".