

Apply Today!

DEADLINE: MARCH 15

Apply online

Scan the QR code to open the South Dakota Community Foundation online application.



— OR —

Download the PDF form

Visit sdlegion.org/scholarship-information to download the American Legion application.

TWO EASY WAYS TO APPLY

Use the online form or mail the completed PDF application with all required materials.

Questions?

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South Dakota American Legion

P.O. Box 67

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START EARLY!

Gather documents • Request recommendations • Submit by March 15

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

★ **South Dakota Resident:** Current South Dakota resident or graduate of a South Dakota high school.

★ **Veteran Connection:** Child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a U.S. Armed Forces veteran.

★ **Academic Standing:** High school senior or undergraduate student in good standing.

★ **Full-Time Enrollment:** Enrolled or planning to enroll full time at an accredited post-secondary institution.

★ **Financial Need:** Financial need may be considered during selection.

★ **Community Service:** Record of civic involvement or community service.

HONOR A LEGACY. BUILD A FUTURE.



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Department of South Dakota

**EDUCATIONAL
SCHOLARSHIP
FUND**

 **AMERICAN
LEGION**



*Honoring Those Who Served
by Investing in Those Who Follow*

Opening doors through education

Helping South Dakota students pursue higher education and prepare for a lifetime of leadership, service, and community involvement.

**SERVICE • EDUCATION •
OPPORTUNITY**

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
Department of South Dakota
Established 1919

LEARN • SERVE • LEAD



OUR MISSION & LEGACY

Service creates opportunity.

The American Legion, Department of South Dakota has championed veterans, military families, and communities since 1919. This scholarship connects the sacrifice of those who served with the promise of those who will lead.

A heritage of service

For more than a century, South Dakota Legion members have supported students and expanded access to higher education.

A trusted partnership

Applications are administered through the South Dakota Community Foundation, a statewide leader in scholarship management.

OUR COMMITMENT

- Annual scholarships
- Merit and need consideration
- Renewable awards when available
- Statewide eligibility

VETERANS SERVED.
STUDENTS SUPPORTED.
FUTURES STRENGTHENED.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Recognizing academic excellence, community commitment, and veteran heritage.

General Educational Scholarship
Supports eligible students pursuing undergraduate study at an accredited institution.

Selection considerations

- Academic achievement
- Financial need
- Veteran family connection
- Community involvement
- Essay and recommendations

Award amounts depend on annual fund availability.

A SCHOLARSHIP WITH PURPOSE
Each award honors a veteran family's legacy while helping a South Dakota student take the next step toward a meaningful future.

**INVESTING IN EDUCATION.
BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES.**

HOW TO APPLY!

In Five Simple Steps

1. CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY

Review residency, veteran connection, enrollment status, and academic standing.

2. GATHER DOCUMENTS

Prepare your transcript, FAFSA confirmation, veteran's DD-214 (or other proof of service), and two recommendation letters.

3. WRITE YOUR ESSAY

Write 500–750 words about your educational goals and how your veteran family connection has shaped your values.

4. CHOOSE HOW TO APPLY

Use the SDCF online form through the QR code or download the PDF application from the Legion website.

5. SUBMIT BY MARCH 15

Recipients are typically notified by May 15. Awards are paid directly to the student's institution.

YOUR CHECKLIST

- ☐ Eligibility Determination Met
- ☐ Transcript
- ☐ ACT
- ☐ DD-214 or other proof of service
- ☐ Recommendations
- ☐ Essay
- ☐ Application Completed