



Harford Post 39, American Legion, Inc.
500 N. Hickory Avenue • Bel Air, Maryland 21014

2026 Scholarship Program

Harford Post 39, American Legion, Inc. may award up to **\$2,000 for a non-renewable scholarship** to a qualified applicant who is a graduating senior in the Class of 2026 from Bel Air High School, C. Milton Wright High School, Fallston High School, Harford Technical High School, The John Carroll School, and Patterson Mill High School.

A student who is a child or grandchild of a current member of the American Legion Post 39, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 39, or Auxiliary Unit 39 or the child of an active-duty service member is also eligible even if they do not attend one of the High Schools listed above.

Applicant shall indicate on the application his or her relationship to the current member or status of active-duty service of parent(s).

Application Procedures

1. Obtain an application from your school counselor or email scholarships@alpost39.org for one.
2. Complete the application by:
 - a. Attach a copy of your high school transcript including current senior grades, class rank, and GPA.
 - b. Attach a copy of your SAT or ACT scores to the application.
 - c. Provide information about your school and extracurricular activities.
 - d. Write an Essay with information about your background, school achievements, post-secondary goals, career goals, and why you think you deserve to receive this scholarship.
 - e. List the colleges/universities that you have been accepted to and provide acceptance letters.
 - f. Provide Letters of Recommendation from teachers, guidance counselors, volunteer organizations or employers.
3. Submit the application to the post at the above address to the attention of the Scholarship Committee no later than **Friday, May 1, 2026**. **Applications which are mailed must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2026, to be eligible.**



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Packets are graded on a weighted scale with the following criteria:

Academic Excellence	30%	Measures GPA, ACT/SAT test scores, and difficulty of courses (AP, Honors, etc.)
Leadership & Extracurricular Activities	25%	Assesses leadership, extracurricular participation, and initiative
Personal Essay	25%	Evaluates the applicant's communication skills, personal narrative, ambitions and goals
Special Talents or Achievements	10%	Recognizes talent in arts, STEM, sports, or entrepreneurship
Letters of Recommendation	5%	Weighs the strength of teacher/mentor endorsements
Future Goals & Impact	5%	Evaluates aspirations and potential contributions to field or society, based upon combination of Personal Essay and Letters of Recommendation



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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Harford Post 39, The American Legion, Inc. may also offer the same scholarship to a student who is a child or grandchild of a current member of Harford Post 39, Sons of The American Legion Squadron 39, or American Legion Auxiliary Unit 39.

The student may also be the son or daughter of any active-duty service member. The applicant shall indicate on the application of his/her relationship to the current member or status of active-duty parent(s).

Application Procedures

1. Obtain an application from your school counselor or email scholarships@alpost39.org.
2. Complete the application, print, and sign.
3. Attach copies of your most recent high school transcript including current senior grades, class rank, GPA, and SAT/ACT scores to the application.
4. Provide information about your school and community support extracurricular activities.
5. Provide information of your background, school achievements, post-secondary goals, career goals, and if you have received scholarships from other sources within your essay.
6. List the schools that you have applied to and have received acceptance letters from.
7. List the sources and amounts of any financial aid from schools that you have applied to and received acceptance letters from.
8. Submit your entire packet to Harford Post 39 at the above address, in care of (C/O) the scholarship committee **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026**. Packets should be postmarked no later than the same date. ***Any packets received after the postmark date will be ineligible.***

Please note: Information submitted within the packet is non-returnable; please make sure you provide copies and not original documents.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION (PLEASE TYPE OR USE INK – NO PENCILS)

Full Name _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address

City State ZIP

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Are you related to a member of Post 39? YES NO

Have you been accepted to an accredited college or university? YES NO

Are you related to a current service member? YES NO

If above is YES, do you plan to attend? YES NO

Are you a current graduating senior? YES NO

EDUCATION

High School: _____

School Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

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REFERENCES

Please list at least two (2) references and any relationships with current Post 39 Members or Active-Duty Service Members, if any.

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Affiliation: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Comments: _____

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Organization 1: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Supervisor: _____

Type of Activity: _____

Number of Years Active: _____

Responsibilities: _____

May we contact your supervisor for a reference? YES NO

Organization 2: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Supervisor: _____

Type of Activity: _____

Number of Years Active: _____

Responsibilities: _____

May we contact your supervisor for a reference? YES NO

Organization 3: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Supervisor: _____

Type of Activity: _____

Number of Years Active: _____

Responsibilities: _____

May we contact your supervisor for a reference? YES NO

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Organization 3: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Supervisor: _____

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Number of Years Active: _____

Responsibilities: _____

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Additional activities may be included on a separate sheet attached to this document.

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HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

GPA through Junior Year: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Current Class Rank: _____ out of _____ students in Senior class.

Please list any academic awards received (Honor Society, etc.): _____

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE INFORMATION

Please list up to four (4) colleges or universities you have been accepted to:

College/University Name: _____

Campus Location: _____

Major (or state undeclared) _____

Anticipated YEARLY Tuition (do not include Room & Board or other fees): _____

Will you receive a Merit Scholarship (Yes/No): _____

If so, how much? _____ Per Semester or Year? _____

College/University Name: _____

Campus Location: _____

Major (or state undeclared) _____

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ESSAY REQUIREMENT

Please attach a typed essay to this packet telling us more about your background, achievements, goals, and aspirations. Some examples are: What sets you aside from your peers; Why should you receive this scholarship instead of someone else; Will you be a first-generation college student; What is your planned college major, and why did you choose that field?

Following APA guidelines, your essay length should be at least one full page, but no more than two full pages, double-spaced, and use an accessible font (e.g., Times New Roman 12pt., Arial 11pt., or Georgia 11pt.).

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DISCLAIMER and REQUIRED SIGNATURES

By signing below, I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false or misleading information in my application or an interview may result in disqualification of my application. I understand that my application and other submitted documents will not be returned to me.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Scholarship Packet Contents

1. Completed Application form
2. College Acceptance Letters
3. Essay
4. High School Transcript through Junior Year
5. SAT/ACT Scores

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This scholarship program is not affiliated with, nor conducted in conjunction with, any other American Legion organizations or programs.

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ATTN: Scholarship Committee

500 N. Hickory Avenue

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Questions or concerns may be directed to scholarships@alpost39.org .