



2024 Merit Award Application

(Formally called Scholarship Application)

2nd District, Department of Iowa, The American Legion

The following guidance is provided for the 2024 2nd District Merit Awards Program:

1. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior who resides in the 2nd District (Clinton, Dubuque, Jackson, Jones, Linn, or Scott County).
2. It is not necessary to be related to a member of The American Legion or Auxiliary.
3. Applicant must attend college in the state of Iowa.
4. Application form must be filled out in its entirety. Failure to comply will be automatic disqualification.
5. Two (2) separate \$500 general Merit Awards will be awarded. One for each student selected.
6. The \$500 Merit Award will be sent to the student after proof of completion of the first semester of the freshman year and proof of enrollment for the second semester.
7. The Chairman of the Merit Awards Committee must receive a completed application, along with applicant's transcript of high school grades and a personal letter not later than **March 15, 2024**.
8. The American Legion 2nd District Merit Award should not be confused with the Merit Awards or scholarships provided by The American Legion Auxiliary or the local Post awards.
9. By submitting this application, the applicant hereby agrees to allow the 2nd District of The American Legion the right to use their names for promotional purposes.

Send completed applications to the Chairman of the Merit Awards Committee at the address below.

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It is the responsibility of the applicant to answer **ALL** questions and submit all requested documents. The application will be disqualified if **ALL** requirements are not met.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____

High School(s) Attended: _____ Location: _____ Year(s) Attended: _____ Grade Average: _____

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Parents Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Father's Occupation: _____ Mother's Occupation: _____

Total Family Income: _____

Number of children in your family: _____ Ages: _____

If you live with someone other than your parents, give name, address, and relationship: _____

Nearest American Legion Post (only if known): _____

Name and address of college in which you will enroll: _____

What is your goal? (Degree, specialized training, etc.): _____

Submit a personal letter containing the following: Activities in school, church and/or community, hobbies, and the reason you believe you deserve a Merit Award. Please add any other personal information you would like to relay to the committee.

This completed application, a copy of the most recent transcript of grades, and the personal letter must be **received** by the Chairman of the 2nd District Merit Awards Committee, at the address below, **not later than March 15, 2024.**

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