



## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR: THE ERNIE WILSON JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**



**(YOU MUST BE A MEMBER IN THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION)**

**ONE (1) YEAR (\$3500.00) EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

### **PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING SENT IN ONE (1) ENVELOPE**

1. Current completed application. **(MANDATORY)**
2. Photo static copy of DD214 or Discharge proof for ELIGIBILITY in The Sons of The American Legion.
3. Completed Summary of Activities (enclose copy of **GPA, SAT, and ACT SCORES on Summary MANDATORY**)
4. A certified transcript or Photo static copy of High School or GED grades.
5. An original article, consisting of not more than 500 words, describing a person or event which impacted your life. **(MANDATORY)**
6. Four (4) letters of recommendation are required. Examples include:
  - a) Principal or counselor from the applicant's school.
  - b) Clergyman of the applicant's choice.
  - c) Two (2) from citizens (other than relatives) certifying to the applicant's Character, Americanism, Scholarship and need.
7. A copy of both parents and or single parent (or married filing a joint return) most current IRS Form 1040 and at least Schedule A and B and child support received, must be submitted. **(MANDATORY)**
8. A brief letter from the applicant stating the reason for his choice of vocation. **(MANDATORY)**
9. A copy of the 2017 membership card, submitted with the application. **(MANDATORY)**
10. All parts of the application must be received by the deadline date. **(MANDATORY)**
11. A copy of applicant's birth certificate **(MANDATORY)**

### **IMPORTANT**

### **DO NOT USE ACRONYMS IN ANY SUBMITTAL**

**MAKE SURE THAT THE APPLICATION FORM, COPY OF THE DD214 OR DISCHARGE, ALL LETTERS AND RECORD OF GRADES ARE MAILED BY THE SCHOOL, THE APPLICANT, OR THE SON OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER IN ONE (1) ENVELOPE - DIRECTLY TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:**

**NOTE: POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2017.**

### **THE ERNIE WILSON JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**The Sons of The American Legion**

**Detachment of New Jersey**

**Bldg. #5, Second Floor, 171 Jersey Street, Trenton, NJ 08611**

Note: it is the responsibility of the applicant to meet all requirements. School records and other confidential material may be sealed if necessary.



## ALL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAY 15, 2017



### RULES

1. APPLICANT MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER IN THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OF NEW JERSEY.
2. APPLICANT MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE GRADUATING CLASS OF HIGH SCHOOL OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL and GED FOR THE YEAR 2017.
3. APPLICANT MUST START TO USE THE AWARD THE YEAR IT IS RECEIVED.
4. THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARD ON THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES.
  - A) **CHARACTER** - 20%- high standards of conduct; keen sense of right; strength of character; adherence to truth and conscience and a belief in God. (e.g. letter from Clergyman and Volunteer work).
  - B) **AMERICANISM/COMMUNITY SERVICE** - 20% - fine ideals; love of Country ability to accept, a citizens Responsibility, (e.g. American Legion Family, Boys State, Scouting, Flag Education, Community Service, etc.)
  - C) **LEADERSHIP** - 20% -ability to lead and to accomplish thought group action; (e.g. American Legion Family, Club/School President, Drum Major, etc.)
  - D) **SCHOLARSHIP** — 20% - certified transcripts since freshman year, included all grades, GPA, SAT scores, etc.
  - E) **BASIS OF NEED** — 20% - actual need of financial assistance to continue their higher education, Families most recent IRS 1040 is mandatory.
5. APPLICANT MUST COMPLETE THE ATTACHED APPLICATION.
6. IF THE APPLICANTS SELECTED FOR THE AWARDS FAIL TO QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION TO SUCH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE OF HIS SELECTION BY AUGUST 1, 2017 THE AWARD WILL BE FORFEITED.
7. APPLICATION TO BE SIGNED BY BOTH THE APPLICANT AND COMMANDER OF THE SPONSORING SQUADRON (**MANDATORY**)
8. THE DECISION OF THE DETACHMENT SCHOLARSHIP JUDGES IN MAKING THIS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD IS FINAL. A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE REQUIRED FOR THIS AWARD. NOTE: ALL LETTERS, TRANSCRIPTS, ETC. WILL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED, APPLICATION AND ALL DATA, MUST BE MAILED IN ONE (1) ENVELOPE TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT ADDRESS ABOVE.



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF NEW JERSEY**  
**2017 ERNIE WILSON JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**



ONE (1) \$3500.00 EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP, AWARD IN ONE YEAR.

1. NAME OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

2. ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

3. DATE OF BIRTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY NO. \_\_\_\_\_

4. NAME OF MOTHER OR FATHER STEP PARENT OR GRANDPARENT, BY WHICH APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE \_\_\_\_\_

5. NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN IN FAMILY: (INCLUDING SELF) UNDER 18 YEARS \_\_\_\_\_ AND UNDER 12 YEARS GRADE LEVEL.

6. OCCUPATION OF FATHER (STEPFATHER) ANNUAL INCOME \$ \_\_\_\_\_

7. OCCUPATION OF MOTHER (STEMOTHER) ANNUAL INCOME \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8. OCCUPATION OF SELF ANNUAL INCOME \$ \_\_\_\_\_

9. GOVERNMENT COMPENSATION/PENSION RECEIVED BY PARENT AND/OR APPLICANT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

10. ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR / OR DRAWING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

11. IF SO, AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TIME LIMIT OF BENEFITS \_\_\_\_\_

12. HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING & DATE OF GRADUATION IF APPLICABLE \_\_\_\_\_

13. NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL YOU DESIRE TO ATTEND \_\_\_\_\_

14. THE VOCATION YOU PLAN TO PURSUE \_\_\_\_\_

15. ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSE FOR YOUR SCHOOL CHOSEN \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SQUADRON NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SQUADRON ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF SQUADRON COMMANDER

\_\_\_\_\_  
CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF SQUADRON ADJUNANT

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_



## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_ SCORE OF S.A.T. \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, ATHLETIC AND CLUBS, ETC.

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY AND / OR VETERANS RELATED PROGRAMS

OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE OR VOLUNTEER WORK