



2026 Scholarship Packet

Deadline: April 17, 2026

Physical Address:
3623 East Main
Nacogdoches, TX 75961

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 631214
Nacogdoches, TX 75963

2026 American Legion Post 86 Scholarship Requirements

The American Legion Post 86 of Nacogdoches, TX is offering
four \$1,000 scholarships directly to prospective candidates graduating this school year.

Eligibility Criteria

- **Residency:** Candidates must be a resident of Nacogdoches County and a U.S. citizen.
- **Academic:** Candidates must be a graduating senior of a High School or Home School program.
- **Texas Residency:** Candidates must have attended a Texas High School for at least 2 years.
- **Military Connection:** Candidates must be a child, grandchild, or sibling of a veteran of the United States Armed Forces.

Application Instructions

To be considered for the award, please submit a physical packet containing the following:

- **Completed Application Form:** Ensure all sections are legible and the form is signed.
- **Introduction Letter:** A letter from the candidate introducing themselves to the Scholarship Review Committee.
- **The Essay:** A typed or legibly handwritten essay of **at least 500 words** (no more than 600 words) on why you selected your course of study and why you deserve this scholarship.
 - The essay must be submitted on 8.5" x 11" white paper with 1-inch margins. Font should be 12-point, double spaced Times New Roman or similar monospaced font.
 - It should reflect level of composition and standard use of the English language by a graduating senior in High School, including correct spelling and punctuation with complete and concise sentence structure.
 - **Prompt:**

Describe your career goals and how your education will allow you to give back to your community or serve others. Please also highlight any connection you or your family have to the U.S. Military or the American Legion.

- **Academic Records:** A transcript from your High School of graduation.
- **Proof of Acceptance:** A mandatory letter of acceptance from a 2-year college, 4-year university, or trade school.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** At least two letters from High School teachers or counselors and one from the community.

Submission & Deadline

All applications must be mailed. No digital submissions will be accepted.

- **Deadline:** Must be postmarked by **April 17, 2026**.
- **Mailing Address:**

American Legion Post 86
Attn: Scholarship Review Committee
PO Box 631214
Nacogdoches, TX 75963

Note: <https://naclegion86.com/blog/scholarship/> serves as the ultimate source of official instructions and information regarding the American Legion Post 86 Scholarship program and overrides information and instructions found here.

Please be sure to review website for any changes before submitting application.

2026 Scholarship Application Form

Applicant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

High School: _____

Veteran Connection:

- Veteran's Name: _____
- Branch of Service: _____ Dates of Service: _____ to _____
- Relationship: _____

Educational Goals:

- Institution Accepted To: _____
- Intended Major/Field: _____

Community & Service:

List extracurricular and/or community service activities (attach extra page if needed).

Certification: I certify that I am a U.S. Citizen and a resident of Nacogdoches County. The award decision of the Scholarship Review Committee is final.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please mail this application form, introduction letter, essay, High School transcript, letter/s of acceptance, and letters of recommendation to the American Legion Post 86, PO Box 631214, Nacogdoches, TX 75963, marked to the attention of the Scholarship Review Committee by April 17, 2026.

All applicants will receive a fair and equal review prior to awarding the prospective candidate. The recipient of the award will be determined solely by the decision of the Scholarship Review Committee of the American Legion Post 86 of Nacogdoches, TX. The award decision of this committee is final.

2026 Scholarship Application Checklist

Before sealing your envelope, verify that you have included all six required items.
Incomplete packets will not be considered for the \$1,000 awards.

Completed Application Form

- All sections (Contact, Military Connection, and Educational Goals) are filled out legibly.
- The certification statement is signed and dated.

Introduction Letter

- A formal letter (Cover Letter) from you to the Scholarship Review Committee introducing yourself.

Personal Essay

- **Word Count:** at least 500 words, no more than 600.
- **Prompt:** Covers your career goals, community service, and military/Legion connections.
- **Formatting:** Submitted on 8.5" x 11" white paper with 1-inch margins.
- **Typography:** 12-point font, double-spaced, in Times New Roman or a similar monospaced font.

Official Academic Records

- A current transcript from your high school of graduation.

Proof of Acceptance

- A mandatory letter of acceptance from a 2-year college, 4-year university, or trade school.

Letters of Recommendation

- Two letters from high school teachers or counselors.
- One letter from a member of the community.

Submission Reminders

- **No Digital Submissions:** Applications must be physically mailed; emailed or digital copies will not be accepted.
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Important: Always check naclegion86.com/blog/scholarship/ before mailing, as the website is the ultimate source of official instructions and overrides all printed materials.