

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Items to share with your post members at your next post meeting or to display on the bulletin board.

Quick Reference for Post and SAL Leadership

This is a condensed, quick reference version of the September GOL. It highlights youth and community programs that are currently accepting applications/nominations for the 2026–2027 year. Please share with your Post members and local schools to encourage participation.

Oratorical Contest – “A Constitutional Speech Challenge”

For over 87 years, this contest has inspired students to learn, speak, and lead through the U.S. Constitution.

- Deadline: December 4, 2026 (registration)
- District Contests: by Jan. 24, 2027
- Zone Contests: by Feb. 27, 2027
- State Finals: March 27, 2027
- National Finals: May 14–16, 2027, Hillsdale College
- Scholarships: Up to \$25,000 (National); up to \$2,000 (State)

👉 www.michiganlegion.org/oratorical

Brewer & Wilson Scholarships – Supporting Michigan Students

Twenty scholarships are available for descendants of veterans.

- Brewer: \$500 (HS seniors or college students)
- Wilson: \$1,000 (HS seniors, attending a Michigan school)
- Deadline: January 4, 2027

👉 www.michiganlegion.org/scholarships

Scouting Awards

- Eagle Scout of the Year: \$1,000 (State) + National competition eligibility (\$10,000 National) –Due March 1, 2027
- Square Knot Award: For Legion Family members supporting Scouting (apply year-round).
- 👉 www.michiganlegion.org/scouting

Skilled Trades Scholarship

For ages 17–21 pursuing construction, automotive, manufacturing, or energy careers.

- Two awards: \$1,000 per year (2– year award)
- Deadline: April 23, 2027
- 👉 www.michiganlegion.org/trade-scholarship

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Junior Shooting Sports

Air rifle program teaching safety, responsibility, and competition.

- Registration Opens: Sept. 1, 2026
- Scholarships: \$1,000-\$5,000 available

👉 www.michiganlegion.org/juniors shooting

Law & Order Awards – Honoring First Responders

Recognizing Michigan's top Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, EMTs, and Paramedics.

- Deadline: January 8, 2027
- Department winners advance to National consideration.
- 👉 www.michiganlegion.org/firefighter
 - www.michiganlegion.org/lawofficer

Teacher of the Year \$500 Award

Honors five outstanding Michigan educators who inspire patriotism and civic responsibility.

- Deadline: March 5, 2027
- 👉 www.michiganlegion.org/teacher

Youth Law Cadet Program (Student Trooper)

A week-long training with the Michigan State Police Academy.

- Dates: July TBD
- Deadline: May 3, 2027 (Applications Avail. October 1)
- Cost: \$475 (usually Post-sponsored)
- Scholarships Available (4): Up to \$1,000
- 👉 www.michiganlegion.org/trooper

Boys State – Civic Leadership in Action

Hands-on mock government program for high school juniors.

- Dates: June 20-26, 2027
- Deadline: May 24, 2027 (tentative)
- Cost: \$500
- Scholarship Opportunity: Samsung Scholarship (up to \$10,000)
- 👉 www.michiganboysstate.org

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Tentative Program Dates for the 2025-2026 Year:

December 2026

December 4th- Oratorical Registrations deadline
December TBD- JSSP First round postal match competition target set sales and registration closes.

January 2027

January 1st- Baseball registration opens on baseball.legion.org
January 4th- Brewer/Wilson Scholarship submission deadline.
January 8th- Law Officer of the Year submission deadline
January 8th- Firefighter of the Year submission deadline
January 24th- District Oratorical Contests deadline

February 2027

February TBD- JSSP Targets due to the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) - must be postmarked on or before this date to be eligible for scoring.
February 27th- Zone Oratorical Contests deadline.
February TBD- JSSP Second round postal match competition targets mailed out by CMP.

March 2027

March 1st-Eagle Scout of the Year Award submission deadline
March 5th- Teacher of the Year Nominations deadline
March 27th-Oratorical State Contest at the a location to be determined.

April 2027

April TBD- End of 2nd round postal match competition. Targets due to CMP - must be postmarked on or before this date to be eligible for scoring.
April 23rd- Skilled Trades Scholarship Application deadline

May 2027

May 3rd-Student Trooper Application submission deadline
May 15th- Baseball insurance purchase deadline
May 14th-16th- National Oratorical Contest at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, MI
May 24th- Boys State Application submission deadline

June 2027

June 1st- Final day for Baseball teams to register
June 20th-26th -Boys State program at Hillsdale College.

July 2027

July 1st-Robert Turner Baseball Scholarship submission deadline
July 15th- Diamond Baseball Scholarship deadline
July 19th-24th- Student Trooper Program
July TBD- JSSP American Legion National Championship (Individual Tournament) at Hillsdale College.
July TBD- Class AA, Class A Senior Baseball State Tournaments in TBD.
July TBD- Junior Baseball State Tournament in TBD
(Baseball Tournament Dates/locations TBD in December 2026)

2026-27 Program Supplies Order Form

Brochure and Flyers: 200 max quantity each

Applications: No quantity limit

Boys State Supplies

- Brochure ----- qty
- Flyer----- qty

Baseball Supplies (Avail. Jan 1, 2027)

- Turner Baseball Scholarship Application----- qty
- Diamond Baseball Scholarship Application----- qty
- Baseball Booklet----- qty
- New Baseball Team Formation Packet----- qty

Community Awards Supplies

- Law Officer of the Year Nomination Form----- qty
- Firefighter of the Year Nomination Form----- qty
- Teaacher of the Year Nomination Form----- qty

Oratorical Supplies

- Brochure ----- qty
- Flyer----- qty

(Student Registration is completed online- no paper registration forms are available)

Scholarship Supplies

- Brewer/Wilson Scholarship Application----- qty
- Skilled Trades Scholarship Application----- qty

Scouting Awards Supplies

- Eagle Scout of the Year Nomination Form----- qty

Square Knot Award Requirements

Flyer----- qty

Student Trooper Supplies

- Brochure ----- qty
- Flyer----- qty
- Application----- qty

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