

GOOD OF THE LEGION

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



Focus on Youth and Community Programs

This issue of The Good of the Legion is dedicated to one of the most important aspects of our mission: **Youth and Community programs**. Inside, you will find a wealth of information about the many opportunities available to your Post. I encourage you to read through these programs carefully, visit our website for more details, and explore which ones can be put into action within your community. Remember—you are never alone in this work. Your Zone Commander, District Commander, Committee Chairmen, and I are always here to provide guidance and support.

Guided by Our Four Pillars

Since its founding, The American Legion has stood firmly on four pillars of service: **Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth**. These pillars remain the foundation of everything we do. They are not only our history—they are our marching orders.

Every Post has an opportunity—and a responsibility—to put these pillars into practice. Working together with the Legion Family and our local communities, we strengthen not only our Posts, but the very communities we serve.

Programs that Make a Difference

Most of our programs fall under the pillar of Americanism, with the exception of Law Officer of the Year and Firefighter of the Year, which fall under National Security. The majority of these initiatives cost nothing more than your time and commitment—but the rewards are immeasurable.

I challenge each Post to set a goal this year: take on at least one new project, program, or event that you have not done before. Do not rest on past accomplishments. Instead, build upon them and continue to grow. That is how we honor the Legion's legacy and ensure its future.

Our youth programs, in particular, have shaped millions of young lives. They include competitive athletics, college scholarships, leadership development, civic education, support for children in need, and so much more. Each one offers a chance to leave a lasting impact.

Department Programs

For the Department of Michigan, the Americanism pillar includes the following:

- American Legion Baseball
- Youth Scholarships - Brewer/Wilson, Skilled Trades, Samsung, Turner, Diamond, and Legacy Scholarships
- American Legion Junior Shooting Sports
- Oratorical Contest & Scholarships
- Boys State and Boys Nation
- Scouting Programs - Eagle Scout of the Year, Square Knot Award
- Junior Law Cadet Enforcement Program (Student Trooper)
- Teacher of the Year (Community Award)
- Law Officer of the Year (Community Award)
- Firefighter of the Year (Community Award)

These programs are not just "events." They are opportunities—to mentor, to serve, and to remind our communities what the Legion stands for.

Moving Forward Together

The more your community knows about what the American Legion does, the more they will support your Post. Together, we can make this year an outstanding one for The Department of Michigan, for your Zone, your District, and for your Post.

Finally, a reminder: If your Post or individual Legionnaires choose to volunteer with programs involving anyone under 18, it is strongly recommended that you complete a yearly background check and abuse awareness training. This protects not only our youth, but also the integrity of our programs and the good name of the American Legion. For more information, please email: legion@michiganlegion.org.

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Shaping Tomorrow's Leaders: The American Legion High School Oratorical Contest

For more than 87 years, The American Legion has proudly sponsored the High School Oratorical Contest, a program that challenges students to deepen their knowledge of the United States Constitution while developing critical leadership and communication skills. This contest not only strengthens understanding of our nation's founding principles but also prepares participants to accept the duties, rights, and privileges of American citizenship. Through this program, students gain confidence, sharpen their ability to think on their feet, and learn to speak clearly and persuasively; qualities that will serve them for a lifetime.

Contest Requirements

Each contestant delivers two speeches:

1. Prepared Oration (8-10 minutes): Focused on any aspect of the U.S. Constitution, with an emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to government.
2. Assigned Topic Speech (3-5 minutes): Drawn at random from a designated list of topics during the contest.

2025-2026 Assigned Topics:

- Amendment IV
- Article III
- Article IV
- Article VI

Registration & Timeline

- Registration Deadline: December 5, 2025
- District Contests: Must be completed by January 25, 2026
- Zone Contests: Must be completed by February 22, 2026
- State Finals: March 28, 2026, at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing
- National Finals: May 15-17, 2026, at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, MI

Scholarships & Awards

Zone Contests (Department Level):

- Winner (5) - \$500 each
- Runners-up (5) - \$200 each

Department Finals (Department Level):

- 1st Place - \$2,000
- 2nd Place - \$1,500
- 3rd -5th Place - \$1,000 each

National Finals:

- 1st Place - \$25,000
- 2nd Place - \$22,500
- 3rd Place - \$20,000

In addition, the Department of Michigan winner will represent our state at the National Contest, with all expenses paid for both the contestant and a chaperone. The Department winner also receives an additional \$1,500 scholarship for attending Nationals.

Learn More

The Oratorical Contest is more than a competition—it's an opportunity to inspire the next generation of civic leaders and to remind our communities of the enduring importance of the Constitution.

For full contest details, rules, and registration, visit: **www.michiganlegion.org/oratorical**.

Scholarships for Michigan's Military Legacy Families

The American Legion, Department of Michigan, is proud to announce the availability of twenty (20) scholarships to be awarded in the spring of 2026. These scholarships honor the legacy of service and are intended to support the educational goals of Michigan students who are descendants of U.S. military veterans and active-duty servicemembers.

- Five (5) William D. & Jewell Brewer Scholarships – \$500 each
- Fifteen (15) Guy M. Wilson Scholarships – \$1,000 each

Selections will be based on academic performance, leadership qualities, and financial need.

Scholarship Details

William D. & Jewell Brewer Scholarship – \$500

- Available to high school seniors or college students (who have not yet earned a bachelor's degree).
- Must be planning to attend, or currently attending, any nationally accredited college, university, or trade school in the Fall of 2026.

Guy M. Wilson Scholarship – \$1,000

- Available only to high school seniors.
- Must plan to attend a Michigan-accredited college, university, or trade school in the Fall of 2026.

General Eligibility Requirements (Apply to Both Scholarships)

- Residency: Applicant must be a Michigan resident.
- Veteran/Service Connection: Must be a direct descendant (child, stepchild, grandchild, or great-grandchild) of an honorably discharged veteran or active-duty servicemember.
 - Provide a copy of the veteran's DD-214 (or equivalent discharge papers) showing dates of honorable active service (December 7, 1941 – present). Please black out Social Security Numbers.
 - If applying as a descendant of an active-duty servicemember, a copy of the current military ID card is required.
- Academic Performance: Minimum 2.5 GPA and submission of the most recent transcript signed by a school official (teacher, counselor, or principal).
- Financial Need:
 - Submit a copy of the parents' most recent Federal Tax Form 1040 (both sides, showing adjusted gross income and signature).
 - If the applicant is fully independent, a copy of the applicant's own 1040 form is required. Please black out all Social Security Numbers.

Additional Information

- Both scholarships are one-time awards and are not renewable.
- Students may apply for either or both scholarships, but only one award will be granted per applicant.
- Application Deadline: All completed applications and required documents must be received (not postmarked) at Department Headquarters by 5:00 p.m. on January 5, 2026.

Applications and full details are available online: www.michiganlegion.org/scholarships

The American Legion Law and Order Program: Honoring Our Community's Heroes

In the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion, we pledge ourselves to ten noble purposes. Among them are:

- To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America
- To maintain law and order
- To foster and perpetuate 100% Americanism
- To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation
- To promote peace and goodwill on earth

To fulfill these purposes, the Legion strives to uphold law and order in our homes, our Posts, and our communities.

One of the most meaningful ways we do this is by recognizing the unsung heroes among us—the men and women who serve as law officers, firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics. These professionals, both paid and volunteer, give of themselves daily to safeguard our freedoms, protect our neighborhoods, and respond selflessly to emergencies. Their sacrifices often go far beyond the call of duty, and the American Legion is proud to honor their service.

Firefighter and Law Officer of the Year Awards

Each year, the American Legion recognizes outstanding first responders through the Firefighter of the Year and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year awards.

- Eligibility: All nominees submitted to the Department must be Michigan-certified Firefighters, EMTs, Paramedics, or Law Enforcement Officers.
- Advancement: The winners at the Department level will be forwarded for consideration at the National level.

Judging Criteria

Nominees will be evaluated on the following qualities:

- Professional Excellence (40 points): Consistently exceeds the duty requirements of their position, demonstrating dedication and professionalism.
- Heroism (20 points): Acts of courage and bravery that embody selflessness in the line of duty.
- Community Service (5 points): A clear pattern of service, whether on or off duty, that strengthens community well-being.
- Supporting Documentation (5 points): Letters of recognition, official documentation, or news coverage that confirm the nominee's impact.

Required Paperwork

To be considered at the Department level, Posts must submit completed nominations to Department Headquarters by January 9, 2026. Submissions must include:

- Completed Cover Sheet
- 5x7 Photograph of the nominee
- Narrative (up to 6 pages, one-sided): A detailed account of the nominee's outstanding service, including letters of recommendation
- Supporting Documentation (up to 12 pages, one-sided):
 - State or federal certification
 - Letters of support from officials, commendations, newspaper articles, certificates of training, and other evidence of service and impact

How Posts Can Support the Program

Every Post is encouraged to take part in this important recognition. Consider hosting an Awards Ceremony—with a dinner if possible—to honor local law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics, along with their families. These ceremonies can be held by individual Posts or jointly with neighboring Posts to strengthen community recognition.

Recognition can take many forms: certificates, plaques, or other awards. Posts are also encouraged to partner with local agencies by asking leadership or colleagues to help select their outstanding professionals for nomination.

If your Post already honors a local Law Officer or Firefighter of the Year, we urge you to pass their nomination on to the Department for statewide recognition.

Nomination Forms

Nomination forms for both awards are available now:

- www.legion.org/lawofficer
- www.legion.org/firefighter

THE AMERICAN LEGION SCOUTING PROGRAM: BUILDING CHARACTER, HONORING EXCELLENCE

The American Legion, Department of Michigan, is proud to sponsor more than 65 Scout troops, packs, and crews across our Posts. Our partnership with the Boy Scouts of America dates back to the Legion's very first National Convention in 1919. From the beginning, it has been a natural fit—Legionnaires, with their service-learned skills, discipline, and leadership, helping to guide and mentor the next generation of American citizens.

Few Post activities generate more goodwill in the community than Scouting. It is a visible reminder of the Legion's commitment to fostering character, citizenship, and service in our nation's youth.

Eagle Scout of the Year

Each year, the Department of Michigan recognizes an Eagle Scout of the Year, honoring a young leader who has demonstrated exceptional character, service, and leadership.

- Applications Due: March 1, 2026
- Department Recognition: The winner is honored at the Department Convention and awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. The recipient also advances to the National competition.
- National Recognition: At the American Legion's National Convention, the Eagle Scout of the Year receives a \$10,000 scholarship. Three national runners-up are each awarded \$2,500 scholarships.

Application Information

Full eligibility requirements and application materials for the Eagle Scout of the Year Award are available online at: www.michiganlegion.org/scouting

American Legion Square Knot Award: Award for Legion Family Members

The American Legion Square Knot Award is presented to members of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of The American Legion who dedicate their time and talents to supporting Scouting programs within their Posts.

This award is designed to be inclusive, not selective—any eligible Legion Family member who completes the requirements may earn it. The Square Knot Award serves as a meaningful recognition of the dedication, leadership, and service required to help advance the Scouting program in partnership with The American Legion.

Award Requirements

To qualify, applicants must:

- Be a current member of the American Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion
- Submit appropriate documentation verifying completion of all requirements listed in sections A, B, C, and D of the official checklist (available online). Documentation may include:
 - Membership card
 - Photocopies of course completion certificates
 - Narrative of accomplishments
 - Other supporting records

Important: Applications that are incomplete or missing documentation will be returned for correction and resubmission.

Awards are granted upon approval of the submitted documentation. Applications may be submitted at any time throughout the year.

Learn More

For full details, requirements, and application materials: www.legion.org/scouting/award

To learn more about the Department of Michigan's Scouting program, email: legion@michiganlegion.org or visit: www.michiganlegion.org/scouting

HONORING EDUCATORS:

THE AMERICAN LEGION TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

K-12 teachers are a national treasure. Their work is not only to educate, but to inspire, challenge, and shape the future of our nation. Day after day, they guide students through lessons that extend far beyond textbooks—teaching principles, values, and critical thinking that prepare young people to be tomorrow’s leaders.

The American Legion understands the unique challenges educators face. Many dedicate their own personal time and resources to ensure their classrooms are places of growth, discovery, and opportunity. Some go even further, instilling in their students the timeless values of patriotism, Americanism, and civic responsibility, reminding us all of the founding principles upon which this country was built.

To honor this commitment, the American Legion, Department of Michigan, proudly recognizes five outstanding teachers each year who embody these ideals and make a lasting impact in their classrooms and communities. While this recognition may be only a small gesture compared to the enormous contribution educators make, it is our way of saying: your service matters, and we are grateful.

How Posts Can Participate

We encourage every Post to connect with local schools and help identify teachers who reflect the Legion’s values and commitment to students. Working together, Posts can ensure that deserving educators receive the recognition they have earned. By nominating a teacher, your Post not only uplifts an individual educator—it also strengthens the bond between The American Legion and the community, showing students, parents, and schools that we stand proudly beside those who prepare the next generation.

Timeline:

- Nominations due March 6, 2026
 - Nomination Forms are available at: www.michiganlegion.org/teacher
- Department Selections made by April 1, 2026
- Award presentation(s) made locally in May 2026

Michigan American Legion Skilled Trades Scholarship

The American Legion, Department of Michigan, supports Michigan's next generation of skilled professionals by offering annual scholarships to deserving applicants ages 17-21 pursuing careers in construction/building, automotive, advanced manufacturing, or energy. Eligible pathways include post-high school trades training/apprenticeships or a two-year college degree leading to state or federal certification in the fields above.

Award & Allowable Uses

- Two (2) scholarships of \$1,000 per year (up to 2 years), awarded at the discretion of the Department's Education & Scholarship Committee in conjunction with scholarship donors.
- Funds may be applied to:
 - Tools, specialized clothing, gear, or safety equipment (proof of cost required).
 - Fees and expenses at a post-secondary skilled trades school or apprenticeship.
 - Tuition/fees in a two-year college skilled trades program.
- Disbursement: Scholarship checks may be issued to the student, school, training program, or employer depending on use (supplies vs. tuition).
- Second-year disbursement requires first-year transcripts and proof of continued enrollment in a qualifying program or proof of continued employment in the trade.
- Scholarships are one award per recipient and valid for two years only.

Applicant Qualifications

- Michigan resident.
- 17-21 years old at the time of application.
- Pursuing a skilled trades path via trades training/apprenticeship or a two-year college degree in the eligible fields.
- Veteran connection preferred but not required: Descendants of veterans are encouraged to apply.

How to Apply

1. Complete the full application.
2. Include high school or most recent transcripts.
3. Provide two written recommendations:
 - One from a teacher within the last two years, and
 - One from an employer or adult (non-relative) who can speak to your character and work ethic.
4. Include proof of acceptance into a trades training/apprenticeship or a two-year college skilled trades program.

Application: www.michiganlegion.org/trade-scholarship

Deadline & Submission

- DEADLINE: April 5, 2026
- Send completed applications and all supporting documents to:

American Legion Dept. of Michigan
Attn: Skilled Trades Scholarship
212 N. Verlinden Ave.
Lansing, MI 48915

Junior Shooting Sports: \$1,000 to \$5,000 Scholarships Available

The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program is a gun safety education and marksmanship program encompassing safety, education, enjoyment, and competition. Shooters use the .177 caliber air rifle. Both males and females can participate through Legion sponsorship; disabled youth are encouraged to join, as competitive shooting is a sport that creates an equal playing field for all competitors. Contact your local Legion post, Sons of The American Legion squadron, or Auxiliary unit for information about affiliating as a club or individual.

Air Rifle Competition

The annual 3-Position Junior Air Rifle National Championship begins with postal matches. State and regional champions are determined and advance to a qualification round (also a postal match) to determine the athletes who will earn expense-paid trips to compete in the national championship. The national championship is a shoulder-to-shoulder match held each July. This year, the JSSP National Championship will be held in Hillsdale, MI, dates TBD, with the top 15 marksmanship winners in Precision and the Sporter Events. The event and the results will be on the National website for review and follow-up.

Categories

Competitors may participate in only one of two categories in the tournament, based on the type of rifle they wish to use: Precision Air Rifle or Sporter Air Rifle.

Sponsorship

Entry in the tournament is limited to individual shooters or teams who are active members of a Junior Shooting Club sponsored by a Michigan American Legion Post.

Scholarships Available (in each category):

- First Place Scholarship Winner of \$5,000
- Runner Up Scholarship of \$1,000.

Age Limits

All contestants must be at least 14 and under 18 as of January 1 of the competition year.

Contestants must be enrolled in a junior or senior high school or be a high school graduate of that competition year.

Other Limitations:

Each competitor may fire on only one set of "official match targets" during the state championship phase of the tournament. A shooter is ineligible to compete in the National Championship in successive years UNLESS they are moving from Sporter to Precision Category.

Registration: Opens September 1, 2025

Registration is done completely online at www.legion.org/jssp-club-registration.

For more information on starting a team, visit www.michiganlegion.org/juniors shooting or www.legion.org/shooting/resources.

Youth Law Cadet Program (Student Trooper)

Each year, the American Legion, Department of Michigan, selects outstanding high school students in 10th, 11th, and 12th grade to participate in the Youth Law Cadet Law Enforcement Program (Student Trooper).

This unique program provides students with first-hand experience in law enforcement operations while offering an opportunity to explore law enforcement as a potential career. It also strengthens understanding, respect, and appreciation for the men and women who serve and protect our communities.

Program Overview

Student Troopers spend the week at the Michigan State Police Training Academy in Lansing, where they:

- Participate in daily calisthenics
- Receive training in firearms, self-defense, fingerprinting, and K-9 handling
- Learn about accident investigation, criminal investigation, and patrol operations
- Gain experience in state patrol car driving

The program challenges motivated young people to build discipline, leadership, and respect for law enforcement professionals and their techniques.

Key Details

- Program Dates: July 19–24, 2026
- Application Deadline: May 1, 2026
- Cost: \$475 per student (typically sponsored by an American Legion Post, Squadron, Unit, or other civic organization)

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- Michigan residents entering 10th, 11th, or 12th grade in Fall 2026
- In good health and able to participate in physical activities
- Demonstrating a positive attitude and respect for law enforcement
- Maintaining an academic record of 2.5 GPA or higher
- Holding a Level 2 driver's license (preferred but not required)

Both male and female students from all communities and backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Scholarships Available

Student Troopers also have the opportunity to compete for scholarships:

- \$500 Academic Scholarship
- \$500 Marksmanship Scholarship
- \$500 Orator Scholarship
- \$1,000 Student Trooper of the Year Scholarship

Learn More

Additional information and application materials are available at: www.michiganlegion.org/trooper

Boys State: A Civic Leadership Program

The American Legion Boys State Program is a non-partisan, non-political mock government exercise designed to prepare tomorrow's leaders for the responsibilities of citizenship.

At Boys State, participants gain a hands-on understanding of the rights, privileges, and duties of American citizens. The program models the structure of city, county, and state government, providing students with a realistic and practical experience in civic engagement.

The purpose of Boys State is simple yet profound: to awaken in our nation's youth a conviction that well-informed, intelligent, and active citizens are essential to preserving our American traditions and democracy.

Boys State reflects the Legion's deep faith in young people and its commitment to equipping future leaders with:

- A strong appreciation for active citizenship
- A deeper understanding of democracy
- Familiarity with the American system of government
- The confidence and discernment needed to be productive leaders

Program Details

- When: June 2026 (Exact dates TBD)
- Where: Location TBD
- Eligibility: Male high school juniors entering their senior year in Fall 2026
- Application Deadline: May 1, 2026
- Cost (tentative): \$25 Delegate Application Fee + \$400 Sponsor Fee = \$425

Sponsorship

Each delegate must have a sponsor. Sponsors may include:

- An American Legion Post, Sons of the American Legion Squadron, or Auxiliary Unit
- Parents or guardians
- A business, school, or civic organization (e.g., Elks, Knights of Columbus, Moose Lodge)

Scholarship Opportunity

Participants at Boys State are also eligible to apply for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship.

- Awarded to high school juniors attending Boys State (or Girls State) who are direct descendants of wartime U.S. military veterans.
- Scholarships of up to \$10,000 are awarded annually.

Learn More

For more information or to apply, visit: www.michiganboysstate.org

Questions? Contact:

☎ Ashley Zimmer – 517-220-2754

✉ legion@michiganlegion.org

How to Raise Funds to Sponsor a Student for Boys State and Student Trooper

The cost of sponsoring a student—\$400 for Boys State or \$475 for Student Trooper—can sometimes be a challenge for Posts. With a little pre-planning and creativity, however, Posts can make these life-changing opportunities possible for Michigan's youth.

Even if the Post's bank account is low this year, there are many proven and creative ways to raise the necessary funds. Remember, sponsoring a student is not just a financial expense—it's an investment in the future leaders of our communities.

Proven Fundraising Methods

1. Post Funds

- Make Boys State and Student Trooper annual budget items in your Post's Program Expenditures.
- By planning ahead, sponsorship becomes a routine expense rather than an unexpected burden.

2. SAL & 40/8 Funds

- Reach out to your Sons of the American Legion Squadrons or 40/8 Voitures for sponsorship or partial support.
- Don't wait for them to offer—ask directly. Many are eager to help but need to be invited.

3. Special Fundraising Events Posts have successfully raised funds with:

- Dinners or Fish Fries
- Dances or Casino Nights
- Golf or Fishing Tournaments
- Bowl-a-thons or Cornhole Tournaments
- Bingo Nights earmarked for the programs
- Card Parties or Trivia Nights
- White Elephant Auctions
- Bake Sales or Garage Sales

4. Booster Clubs

- Collect donations from members and friends of the Post.
- Recognize donors by publishing their names in the Post Newsletter or on a wall display in the Post Home.

5. Outside Donors

- Approach local organizations such as the Moose, Elks, Rotary, Kiwanis, Optimist, Lions, or Knights of Columbus.
- Many civic organizations already budget for youth programs and are happy to partner with the Legion.

6. Appeal for Donations in the Post

- Place a donation jar in the lounge, game room, or dining area.
- Pass the jar at Post functions, dinners, or meetings.

Additional Fundraising Ideas

- Corporate Sponsorships: Local businesses often sponsor youth programs in exchange for recognition in newsletters, social media, or event signage.
- "Adopt-a-Delegate" Campaign: Encourage members or families to donate specifically toward one student's sponsorship, either individually or in groups.
- Raffles: 50/50 raffles or prize raffles at Post events are popular and profitable.
- Legacy Giving: Ask members if they'd like to make Boys State/Student Trooper sponsorship part of their memorial donations or annual giving.
- Crowdfunding: Set up a small campaign on platforms like GoFundMe or use social media to highlight the Post's efforts to send students.
- Community Challenges: Partner with schools or youth organizations for coin drives, "round-up" change jars at local businesses, or community walk/run events.
- Annual Sponsorship Drive: Dedicate one month each year to fundraising specifically for Boys State and Student Trooper, making it a Post tradition.

The possibilities are truly limited only by imagination and the willingness to work together. Every dollar raised helps open the door for a student to attend Boys State or Student Trooper—an experience that can shape their character, leadership, and future. When Posts make youth sponsorship a priority, they also strengthen their connection with families, schools, and communities—building goodwill that benefits everyone.

Tentative Program Dates for the 2025-2026 Year:

December 2025

December 5th- Oratorical Registrations deadline
December TBD- JSSP First round postal match competition target set sales and registration closes.

January 2026

January 1st- Baseball registration opens on baseball.legion.org
January 5th- Brewer/Wilson Scholarship submission deadline.
January 9th- Law Officer of the Year submission deadline
January 9th- Firefighter of the Year submission deadline
January 25th- District Oratorical Contests deadline

February 2026

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 22nd- Zone Oratorical Contests deadline.
February TBD- JSSP Second round postal match competition targets mailed out by CMP.

March 2026

March 1st-Eagle Scout of the Year Award submission deadline
March 6th- Teacher of the Year Nominations deadline
March 28th-Oratorical State Contest at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing.

April 2026

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 3rd- Skilled Trades Scholarship Application deadline

May 2026

May TBD-Boys State Application submission deadline
May 1st- Student Trooper Application submission deadline
May 15th- Baseball insurance purchase deadline
May 15th-17th- National Oratorical Contest at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, MI

June 2026

June 1st- Final day for Baseball teams to register
June TBD -Boys State program at TBD

July 2026

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)
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 2025)

2025-26 Program Supplies Order Form

Brochure and Flyers: 200 max quantity each

Applications: No quantity limit

Boys State Supplies

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

Baseball Supplies

- 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
- (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

Please select one of the following options. (If you select the email option,you only need to fill out the name, Post/SAL #, and email address section)



Mail Supplies



Email PDF Copies

Name(Required): _____ Post/SAL # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address: _____

Return This Form To:

Michigan American Legion
Attn: Programs Coordinator
212 N. Verlinden Ave. Ste. A
Lansing, MI 48915

Or scan and email completed form to legion@michiganlegion.org