The American Legion, Department of Michigan is offering twenty (20) scholarships to be awarded in the spring of 2024. There will be five (5) William D. and Jewell Brewer Scholarships in the amount of $500 each and fifteen (15) Guy M. Wilson Scholarships in the amount of $1,000 each. Criteria for the two scholarships differ and will be available only to students who meet the eligibility requirements for that scholarship. Selections are based upon academic performance, leadership quality, and basis of need.

The William D. & Jewell Brewer $500 Scholarship is available to high school seniors or college students (with no bachelor’s degree) planning to or are attending any nationally accredited college, university, or trade school in the Fall of 2024.

The Guy M. Wilson $500 Scholarship is available only to high school seniors who are plan to attend any Michigan accredited college, university, or trade school in the Fall of 2024.

The following qualifications apply to both scholarships:

1. Applicant must be a Michigan resident.

2. Must be a direct descendant (child, step-child, grandchild or great-grandchild) of an honorably discharged veteran or active duty service member. Applicant must provide a copy of parent's, grandparent's, or great grandparent's discharge papers (DD-214 or equivalent) showing entry and discharge dates from honorable active military service. Eligible service dates are December 7, 1941 to present date. Please black out any social security number on the discharge papers. For descendants of active duty military servicemembers, a copy of the servicemembers current military identification card is required.

3. Applicant is required to have a G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher and must provide a copy of their most recent transcript of grades signed by a school official. (A school official can be a teacher, counselor, or principal)

4. Applicant must have a financial need for the scholarship. Applicant is required to provide a copy of the parent's most recently filed Federal Tax Form 1040 (both sides of the form are needed showing adjusted gross income and signature). If the applicant filed a Federal Tax Form 1040 and is 100% independent from parent's income, the applicant needs to provide a copy of their own Federal Tax Form 1040. Please black out any social security number on required tax forms.

Both scholarships are a one-time award and are not renewable. Students may apply for either one or both of the scholarships, however, only one scholarship will be awarded per applicant.

The completed application and accompanying documents must be received at Department Headquarters by 5:00 p.m. on January 22, 2024 (not post marked by).
AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
WILLIAM D. & JEWELL BREWER SCHOLARSHIP and GUY M. WILSON SCHOLARSHIP  
2023-2024 APPLICATION  

MUST BE RECEIVED AT DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE  
JANUARY 22, 2024 (NOT POST MARKED BY).  

Note: Students may apply for either one or both scholarships; however, only one scholarship will be awarded per recipient.  
☐ I am applying for the William D. & Jewell Brewer $500 Scholarship for high school seniors or college students (with no bachelor’s degree) planning to or are attending any nationally accredited college, university, or trade school in the Fall of 2024.  
☐ I am applying for the Guy M. Wilson $1,000 Scholarship for high school seniors planning to attend any Michigan accredited college, university, or trade school in the Fall of 2024.  
☐ I am applying for both scholarships and understand the eligibility criteria for both.  

Please print clearly and answer every question even if the answer is non-applicable. Every answer is important in determining who will receive a scholarship.  

Applicant Information (all information is required):  

Full Name __________________________________________ Date of Birth ______________________ Male ☐ Female ☐  
Mailing Address _____________________________________ City ____________ State ______ Zip ________  
Email Address ________________________________________ Telephone Number __________________  

High School Information: Provide most recent transcript of grades signed by a school official.  

Name of High School Attending or Attended __________________________ Grade Point Average ______  
If in college/university: provide name of the college/university __________________________ and current GPA _________  

College Career Pathway:  

Current or Desired Course of Study ____________________________________________________________  
I have or will apply to the following college (s) ___________________________________________________  
I have been accepted to the following College (s) ________________________________________________  
My preferred College (s) is (are) as follows: (1) __________________ (2) __________________ (3) ________________  

Explain your educational goal that this scholarship will help you achieve:  

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For Official Use Only (Department Ed & Schol. Committee): Zone: ______________ District: ____________  

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Veteran’s or Active Duty Service Member’s Information: Provide a copy of parent’s, grandparent’s, or great grandparent’s discharge papers (DD-214 or equivalent) showing entry and discharge dates from honorable active military service or current copy of military identification card. Black out all social security numbers on discharge papers.

I am the (state relationship): ___________________ of (veteran/service member’s name):___________________

The individual I am applying under is (please check one box only):
☐ An honorably discharged veteran that served between December 7, 1941 - today
☐ A current active duty service member (includes active duty reserve and National Guard members)

Where to obtain proof of service documents:
- The County Clerk and Recorders Office where the veteran resided.
- The funeral home may have kept a copy if military honors were provided.
- Monument company if VA headstone or marker was ordered.
- If the veteran had utilized a VA Home Loan there may be a copy of the DD214 with the title documentation.
- Veterans who have signed up for E BENEFITS through the Veterans Administration may be able to obtain a printable copy from https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal
- The State Director of Veterans Affairs may have received a copy of the veterans DD214 at the time of discharge from military service. This will be specific to the state in which the veterans’ home of record.

Applicant’s Financial Information:
Savings: $________________________
Expected Summer Earnings: $________________________
Prepaid Tuition at the College of Your Choice: $________________________
Other Prepaid college Expenses: $______________ $______________ $______________
Other Scholarship Amounts Awarded $______________ $______________ $______________

Parent’s or Applicant’s Financial Information: Provide a copy of the parent’s most recently filed Federal Fax Form 1040 (both sides of the form are needed showing adjusted gross income and signature). If the applicant filed a Federal Tax Form 1040 and is 100% independent from parent’s income, the applicant needs to provide a copy of their own Federal Tax Form 1040.

Parent’s Adjusted Gross Income: $________________________
Applicant’s Adjusted Gross Income (if applicable) $________________________

Father’s Name ___________________________ Occupation: ___________________________
Mother’s Name ___________________________ Occupation: ____________________________
List Name of Brothers and Sisters along with Ages currently living at home:
Name: ___________________________________ Age: ________
______________________________________  __________________________
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Explain, if any, matters within the last 12 months that would affect your financial need for the scholarship:

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Certification of Scholarship Information

I understand that the purpose of the William D. & Jewell Brewer and Guy M. Wilson Scholarships is to provide monetary resources for college to descendants of honorably discharged veterans and/or active duty service members. In submitting this scholarship offered by The American Legion, Department of Michigan, I certify that I am a direct descendant of an honorably discharged veteran or active duty service member and the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any falsification of information will result in the termination of the scholarship.

Parent's Signature: ____________________________ Date: ______________

Applicant's Signature: ________________________ Date: ______________

CHECK LIST

Please make sure the following items have been completed and are included with your application. The completed application must be received by January 22, 2024 at 5:00 PM (not postmarked by) in order for it to be considered. NO EXCEPTIONS.

☐ Application has been signed by both parent/guardian and applicant

☐ Veteran's Service Discharge papers (DD-214 or equivalent showing honorable military service). If applying under an active duty service member then a copy of their current military identification card must be provided.

☐ Copy of the most recent transcript of grades signed by a school Official. (e.g. teacher, counselor, or principal, etc.)

☐ 1040 Most recently filed tax forms: both sides with signature(s).

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:
The American Legion Department of Michigan
Attn: Scholarships
212 N. Verlinden Ave. Ste. A
Lansing, MI 48915