



Peebles-Vaughn-Wideman Post 253

Festus-Crystal City, Missouri 63028

John C. Vollmar and William Naucke Scholarship

We, the members of Peebles-Vaughn-Wideman Post 253 of the American Legion, Department of Missouri, in order to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to community, state and nation; to carry out the guiding principles of the American Legion and to further education among deserving youth of this community do hereby create an annual scholarship in the names of John C. Vollmar and William Naucke, Past Commanders and dedicated workers of the Post.

Amount of Scholarship

The American Legion Post 253 will award eight (8) scholarships annually in the amount of \$250 until further notice from this Post.

Method of Payment

The scholarship will be paid to the registrar or appropriate department of the college or university chosen by the recipient on or before August 1st immediately preceding recipient's entrance in said institution. The college or university must be accredited by the North Central Association or its equivalent.

The scholarship money will be credited for use of the recipient. If however the recipient should not continue his or her education thereby causing an unused balance of the scholarship to be left, then the entire amount of the unused balance shall be paid over to the general scholarship fund of the particular college or university without any restrictions.

During the time of the recipient's attendance at said college or university the use of the funds will be accounted to the recipient from time to time according to the custom and practice of the institution.

The money shall be used for all expenses normally payable to the institution by a student to include books.

If the recipient should change college or university and there is any money remaining unused the amount shall be paid over to the recipient provided the recipient is reenrolled in an accredited college or university.

The recipient shall be considered to have discontinued the use of this scholarship if he or she shall drop out of said institution for a period of one semester, quarter or trimester depending on the schedule used at said institution.

Basic Qualifications of Recipient

The applicant must be an actual resident of Jefferson County Missouri and not residing in an area where another American Legion Post administers veteran activities.

The recipient must be a full time student at either:

Festus High School

St. Pius X High School

Hillsboro High School

Crystal City High School

De Soto High School

Jefferson High School

Herculaneum High School

Grandview High School

The recipient must be a citizen of the United States of America.

The applicant *does not need to be related to a veteran* although if two or more applicants are equally qualified, children and grandchildren of veterans will be given priority.

No Restrictions

There shall be no restrictions or limitations on the awarding of this scholarship for reason of sex, race, color, or creed of applicants.

Enrollment

The recipient must enroll and attend an accredited college or university at the start of the term following the August 1st award date.

Award of Scholarship

The scholarship shall be awarded on the following combined factors:

The recipient is in the top 50% of the senior class academically.

The recipient is being recognized for outstanding school and community participation involving the qualities of citizenship, leadership and Americanism.

The recipient is the son, daughter or grandchild of a veteran or having attended Boys/Girls State.

Financial need is not a specific selection factor and not part of the application; however, the principals/guidance counselors may consider this when making their recommendations.

Only one scholarship will be awarded per school. If there are no applicants from one or more of the schools then less than 8 scholarships will be awarded.

High School Principal/Counselor

The principal/counselors of each of the qualified high schools shall confirm that each candidate is in the top 50% of their class, provide a copy of the student's transcript and complete the Recommendation portion of the application by January 25th.

Selection Committee

All applications received at the Post by the deadline will be referred to the selection committee. The selection committee will be appointed by the commander and comprised of at least 3 members in good standing from American Legion Post 253. They will review all packages and select a winning and an alternate candidate from each high school. No member appointed to the selection committee can have a son/daughter or grandchild being considered.

Time Schedule

Complete application packages must be received at the Post by January 25th.

The principal or counselor of the respective high school shall confirm the eligibility of the candidate no later than the January 25th to the Post Adjutant or designated representative.

The selection committee shall meet between January 26th and February 27th and submit the finalists and alternates to the Post Commander or designated representative by February 28th.

The primary recipient will forfeit their scholarship if he/she does not enroll in the fall term or fails to notify the Post of Fall term enrollment by April 1st. On that date the alternate will be awarded the scholarship effective with the start of the Fall term and have until May 1st to notify the Post of their Fall term enrollment otherwise they too will forfeit the scholarship. If the primary and alternate from a high school do not meet enrollment/notification dates, no other scholarships for that school will be awarded for the year.

Primary recipients will be notified of the presentation date, time and place.

Recipients must notify Post Finance Officer by letter of the school they will be attending.

Application Package

Cover Letter to include: name, mailing address, telephone number and high school.
Completed Application Form
Principal/Guidance Counselor Recommendation and Top 50% Certification
Transcripts

Return completed application by January 25th to:

Duane DeClue, Post 253 Scholarship Chairman
P. O. Box 253
Festus, MO 63028

Approval Date _____

Duane DeClue
Scholarship Chairman

Harry Barnes, Jr.
Commander

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