

# **American Legion Post 8**

Ballinger, Texas

2025-2026 Scholarship Application

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
FOR GOD AND COUNTRY.**

**WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER  
FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:**

**TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND  
THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;  
TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER;  
TO FOSTER AND PERPETUATE  
A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT AMERICANISM;  
TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES AND INCIDENTS  
OF OUR ASSOCIATIONS ON THE GREAT WARS;  
TO INCULCATE A SENSE OF INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATION  
TO THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION;  
TO COMBAT THE AUTOCRACY  
OF BOTH THE CLASSES AND THE MASSES;  
TO MAKE RIGHT THE MASTER OF MIGHT;  
TO PROMOTE THE PEACE AND GOOD WILL ON EARTH;  
TO SAFEGUARD AND TRANSMIT TO POSTERITY  
THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE, FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY;  
TO CONSECRATE AND SANCTIFY OUR COMRADESHIP  
BY OUR DEVOTION TO MUTUAL HELPFULNESS.**

The purpose of The American Legion Scholarship is to recognize, support and promote graduating students who display patriotism and practice Americanism.

Application deadline: Application and Essay are to be returned to Your High School counsellor by 12 March 2026.

Criteria: Graduating Senior planning to attend a 4-year University, Junior College, Community College, or Technical School.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Guardians

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

College or University to be attended:

\_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

American Legion Post 8 will be awarding one scholarship of \$750 to each graduating High School in Runnels County: Consisting of : Ballinger, Miles, Olfen, and Winters

**Application Requirements:**

Each American Legion Scholarship will be awarded to an eligible student with the best typed Essay of 300-500 words.

The Essay topic will be "What Americanism means to you and What aspects of Patriotism are most important to the American Way of Life