



Newfane American Legion Post 873
P.O. Box 72, Newfane, NY 14108-0072



Lester Oakes Memorial American History Scholarship Application

*Award

This scholarship award, in the amount of **\$500.00**, may be awarded to one Newfane Senior or home instruction equivalent. The Newfane American Legion Post 873 reserves the right to not award the scholarship when qualified applicants are not received by the deadline or when all applicant submissions are deemed to not meet the criteria and standards listed below.

*Applicant Criteria

1) Must be a child of a current or former service member of the U.S. Military or under legal guardianship of a current or former service member and be able to provide supporting records/documentation of the qualified veteran.

-Proof of current service in the Active Military, Guard or Reserve

-Proof of Discharge - DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for Active Duty, DD Form 256 (Honorable Discharge Certificate) or DD Form 257 (General Discharge Certificate) for Guard or Reserve, or NGB Form 22 (National Guard Report of Separation and Record of Service)

-Proof of legal guardianship, if applicable

2) Graduating as a senior student from Newfane Senior High School or will be successfully completing home instruction through a qualified Individualized Home Instruction Plan (IHIP) in coordination with the Newfane Central School District.

3) Acceptance to attend 2- or 4-year college or a trade/technical school.

4) Student must have had a "B+" average (85% or above) in US History and Government or a "B" average (80% or above) in Advanced Placement (AP) US History.

5) Student must hold a "B" average (80% or above) across high school social studies courses.

6) Student must be involved in community service activities.

*Judging Criteria

The essay's quality of content as well as the writing skills, including grammar will be main factors in selection for the scholarship. The other application items (honors and awards, leadership positions, community service, and extracurricular activities) will be used when applicant essays are deemed comparable ("a tie") by the scholarship selection committee. Socioeconomic status/circumstance are

not collected on this application nor used as criteria for awarding the scholarship, however, they may be included as supporting details in the applicant's essay.

***Application deadline is May 1st.** Proof of veteran status or guardianship along with proof of school acceptance are not required at submission, only upon award of the scholarship if requested.

-Application forms and essays can be submitted by mail at Newfane American Legion Post 873, P.O. Box 72, Newfane NY 14108 and should be received by the Post or postmarked by this date.

-Application forms and essays can also be submitted to newfanelegion@yahoo.com by the date above

Please legibly print or type.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Name of College/Trade School You Plan to Attend: _____

Anticipated College Major/Trade School Study: _____

Honors and Awards: (Use additional sheets if needed)

Examples: National Honor Society, Academic Awards, Athletic Awards, Highest Average Award, HOBY Ambassador, Business First Honors, Girls/Boys State, Eagle Scout/Gold/Silver Awards, All-State/County (Music), All-League (Sports), etc.

Leadership Positions Held: (Elected or Appointed)

Examples: Student Senate, Class Officer, Athletic Team Captain, etc.

Community Service Activities:

Examples: volunteer services, community projects, church volunteerism, tutoring, junior fireman, etc.

Extracurricular Activities:

Examples: athletics, youth groups, tech and motor sports club, science club, FIRST Robotics, school musical/play, drama club, band, jazz/symphonic/wind ensemble band, part-time employment , Model U.N., yearbook staff, etc.

Essay:

Please attach a typed essay, no longer than 500 words with your name on the essay, on the following topic: **“How my parent’s military service has affected my life”**, or if appropriate, **“How my guardian’s military service has affected my life”**

Mail your completed application, before May 1st, to: Newfane American Legion, PO Box 72, Newfane, NY 14108 or by email to NewfaneLegion@yahoo.com.

Questions concerning the scholarship can be submitted via the e-mail listed above or by calling the Post at (716) 408-3311.

The scholarship certificate and award will be presented by Newfane American Legion Post 873 personnel at Awards Night or another appropriate function. The award may be used as the awardee sees fit (tuition, books, gas money, etc.) and no documentation of how the award was used is required by the Post.