



# New York American Legion Press Association

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## Albert M. Becker Memorial Scholarship

The New York American Legion Press Association offers two annual scholarships in the memory of Albert M. Becker, Past NYALPA President (1984-85) and Past Department Commander (1988-89).

### Scholarship Guidelines

**Category 1: Youth Scholarship:** Offered to a student 23 years of age or under, pursuing an undergraduate degree. **MUST** be a child or grandchild of a member of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion, or him/her self a member. A child of a 50% or more disabled Vet, a child of a currently serving National Guard or Reserve service person or the child of a deceased veteran (Copy of membership card, Service ID, VA Disability, or proof of deceased veteran, and High School Transcript **MUST** be provided).

**Category 2: Military Scholarship:** Offered to a military veteran with an honorable discharge, or a currently serving National Guard or Reserve service person pursuing an undergraduate degree. (Copy of form 214 discharge, or current military ID **MUST** be provided) NOTE: It is not necessary for a person applying in this category to be a member of the American Legion family; however, extra credit will be given for membership.

- Amount of **each** scholarship: \$1,000.00. Only one scholarship offered per category each year.
- Students **MUST** be entering or attending an accredited College, University or Trade School.
- Student may apply for this scholarship a maximum of two (2) academic years.
- Student **MUST** be a legal US citizen residing in New York State, but may pursue learning outside of New York.
- Student **MUST** be matriculated in at least twelve (12) credit hours per semester for two (2) semesters and pursuing a degree in any of the following fields of communications: public relations, journalism, reprographic, newspaper design or management, web page design, video design, social media communications, photo journalism, American history, political science, public communications. Other fields of study may be considered by the scholarship committee if it feels the area of study falls within the goals of the New York American Legion Press Association, and that of The American Legion Family. (Proof of acceptance in an accredited school and course of study **MUST** be provided).

All documents proving eligibility will remain confidential and not shared by anyone except the judges. Applications and supporting documents will not be returned.

Academic Achievement, Financial Need, Community Involvement, and other notable characteristics will be considered, but will not be a sole deciding factor in determining a winner.

Scholarship winners will be notified by mail, no later than June 1. Scholarships are awarded at NYALPA annual meeting, at New York State American Legion Convention. Recipient and two guests will be invited. Should recipient not be able to attend, an appropriate time and place in the winners home area will be selected to present the award.



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(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Pursuing Major: \_\_\_\_\_

School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_ N/A Veteran: \_\_\_\_\_

School Planning to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Category Applying For: Category 1: Youth Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_ Category 2: Military Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Providing Eligibility: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Self \_\_\_\_\_ Legion \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_ SAL \_\_\_\_\_ Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

Current Service Member \_\_\_\_\_ A Compensable Disabled Veteran \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Discharge \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Extra-curricular activities, such as sports teams, clubs, volunteer activities, military and civilian awards, or honors may be listed. \_\_\_\_\_

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- EXTRA 5 POINTS CREDIT: (I have participated in, or am a member of one or more of the following. Proof MUST be provided). Only 5 Points Maximum will be given. Check all that apply.

Boys' State \_\_\_\_\_ Girls' State \_\_\_\_\_ Oratorical Program \_\_\_\_\_ Jr. Shooter Sports \_\_\_\_\_ Legion Baseball \_\_\_\_\_

Boy Scouts \_\_\_\_\_ Girl Scouts \_\_\_\_\_ American Legion \_\_\_\_\_ Legion Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_ SAL \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Firefighter \_\_\_\_\_

Active: Accredited EMT \_\_\_\_\_ Police \_\_\_\_\_ JR ROTC \_\_\_\_\_ Retired Veteran: 20+ Years of Service \_\_\_\_\_

- A 500 word essay expressing your field of study, the reasons for choosing your field of study, and your goals upon completion of study, MUST be attached to this application.

Return application with all necessary documentation by **April 15** to:  
**Scholarship Chairperson, NYALPA P.O. Box 424, Sanborn, NY 14132**

I attest that all of the information provided is true and accurate: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_