

**The American Legion**  
**Varina Post 233**  
**School Year 2025 – 2026**  
**Scholarship Packet**



**Background** – The American Legion has a history of supporting not only veterans, but family and communities. Child and youth programs are a big part of Americanism and upholding our values in support of God and Country. American Legion Varina Post 233 is rebuilding the Legacy for Child and Youth support in East Henrico. We proudly stand behind the youth and young adults moving towards positive goals. We are committed to assisting High School Seniors, and those enrolled in Trade School with initial education expenses.

College and Trade School hopefuls must currently be accepted or attending an accredited institution of higher education within the United States to qualify for the AL233 Scholarship Fund. Enrollment **MUST** be within the year 2026. Graduation from High School or home school **MUST** be no later than May 2026.

**Scholarship Award and Authorized Usage** The amount of the scholarship will range from \$500 to \$1500 depending on the number of applicants. The intended use is for expenses such as tuition, fees, books, program costs, meal plans, housing, and transportation. For

**the year 2026, no more than Four awards will be processed and distributed.**

### **Requirements (How Do You Qualify?)**

**Applicants MUST be a senior who is enrolled or aspiring to attend college or Trade School. The candidate is the family member of a Legionnaire, Son of the American Legion, American Legion Rider, or American Legion Auxiliary. If affiliation is through a deceased or qualified member, verification means will be in accordance with normal Legion rules. If a senior has a deceased veteran parent or grandparent that was eligible to join the American Legion; they are still eligible to apply for this scholarship. The application will be accepted with proof of the deceased member's military service.**

**All scholarship applicants MUST provide an official high school or trade school transcript. If applicants are already enrolled in a college or trade school, it cannot be for more than 6 months. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is necessary.**

**Applicants MUST include a short essay entitled “How College or Trade School Will Enhance My Future Goals” Within the essay, please include your goals, and how a scholarship will help. The essay can be no more than 750 words. It must be in paragraph format.**

**Applicant MUST do a separate list outlining community service, special talents and highlight how special skills providing growth, character, or knowledge. It may be in bullet format or paragraph format.**

**The final assignment is to write a sentence or two, stating the most significant event(s) impacting your overall personal development. This should be short, and a separate document.**

**All correspondence should be in 12-pitch, Times New Roman. Punctuation and grammar will be considered in evaluation.**

### **Application Submission Deadline:**

**Applications MUST be received by The American Legion Varina Post 233 no later than May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 11:59pm (No Exceptions)**

### **How Are Applications Accepted?**

**Applications will be accepted by U.S. mail or email, or physical drop off at the Legion Post.**

#### **Mail to:**

**The American Legion  
Varina Post 233  
c/o Dr. Vee Harvey  
12750 Rt 1  
Box 303  
Chester, VA 23831**

#### **Physical Drop off:**

**Call Post to coordinate: 804 859-1359  
8088 Recreation Road  
Henrico, VA 23231**

#### **Email to:**

**al233varinapost@gmail.com**

## **Committee Review and Selections:**

**The Scholarship committee will review all submissions and the winner(s) will be notified no later than May 29th, 2026.**

**If applicant is selected as one of the scholarship winners, they agree to provide a head shot for American Legion Varina Post 233 News Letter and/or agree to their likeness being published and shared to other platforms for recognition.**

**Winners will receive and invitation to the Varina Post 233 2026 Annual Sneaker Awards banquet, Date TBA. The Banquet is normally held in October or November at the American Legion Varina Post, 8088 Recreation Road, Richmond, VA 23231. If unable to attend, winners are asked to please send representatives on their behalf.**

**If scholarship winners decide to attend banquet, they are allowed to have up to four guests present at no charge. The event will be live streamed.**

**Points of Contact:**

**If you have any questions, please email us at**

**[al233varinapost@gmail.com](mailto:al233varinapost@gmail.com)**

**Or call 804-859-1359**

**WE WISH ALL APPLICANTS GOOD LUCK!!!**