

Veterans of Foreign Wars
Post No. 5138
and the Ladies Auxiliary
Memorial Scholarship
2011-12

One scholarship will be awarded for the year 2011-12 in the amount of \$500.00.

RULES

1. Candidates for this award must be the child, stepchild, grandchild, step-grandchild or spouse of an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Services. Proof of service rests with the applicant.
2. Applicants must reside in Cherry County, Nebraska or attend high school in the county.
3. This is a one-time gift scholarship to attend an accredited institution of higher education. Applicants must be of good character and have grades which meet entrance requirements at the institution of their choice. Applicant's accumulated grade average must fall between 85.0% and 93.0%.
4. Applicant must present the completed application packet to the Post President **on or before April 1, 2012**.
5. The student must be enrolled full-time (at least 12 hours of academic study or equivalent vocational program) in the fall semester immediately following the award of the scholarship. It is the student's responsibility to notify the Post President of their matriculation, no more than 30 days after the first day of classes. The award will **only** be paid after proof has been received from the institution the student is attending. If notification is not received, VFW Post #5138 reserves the right to award the scholarship to an alternate.
6. Judging shall be on the following basis:
 - a. Need 40%
 - b. Scholarship (grades and caseload) 30%
 - c. Character (judged by letters from the applicant and letters of recommendation) 15%
 - d. Americanism leadership, community service 15%

THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL.

Application Packet Requirements

1. Completed application form for Memorial Scholarship.
2. An original letter (no photocopies will be accepted), addressed to the Post President, Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 5138, detailing the applicant's financial need, the course of study to be pursued and why, and a brief synopsis of their extracurricular activities. Briefly describe why you think the US patriotic organizations, such as the VFW, are important in the world today.
3. Three original letters of recommendation (no photocopies will be accepted), addressed to the Post President Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 5138, from a representative of the applicant's school, and two adult citizens attesting to the applicant's character (these could include a member of clergy, a current or former employer, or a teacher).
4. A certified transcript or photocopy of the high school grades of the applicant.
5. A copy of ACT or SAT test scores.

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Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Date of Birth _____

Name of veteran through whom applicant is eligible _____

Relationship to veteran _____ Living _____ Deceased _____ Divorced _____

Branch of service _____ Date of honorable discharge _____

Occupation of father/stepfather _____ Annual Gross Income \$ _____

Occupation of mother/stepmother _____ Annual Gross Income \$ _____

Number of dependent children _____ Ages _____

Other compensation, pension, or trust received by parent(s) and/or children \$ _____

Are you eligible for or drawing Social Security payments? Yes _____ No _____

If so, monthly amount \$ _____ Time limit of benefits _____

Name and location of high school _____

Proposed date of graduation from high school _____

Name of college or university you hope to attend _____

Signature of Applicant

Telephone

Date

NOTE: Please attach other required materials to this application and submit to the Post President, Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5138, PO Box 66, Valentine, NE 69201, no later than April 1, 2012.