



American Legion Coleman-Isgate Post #293 Rusk, Texas

POST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (PSP)

- 1. GENERAL:** The Post will establish the 'Coleman-Isgate Memorial Scholarship'
- 2. MISSION:** The PSP will award a \$500 scholarship to a college/university/trade school/technical school-bound high school senior from American Legion Coleman-Isgate Post 293's Area of Service (AoS).
- 3. EXECUTION:**
 - A. Awarded to the best applicant that has submitted a complete scholarship application package and has demonstrated Americanism through service to their community and/or school and participation in patriotic events/activities (e.g., July 4th parade, Veteran's Day or Memorial Day ceremonies, etc.) via the application essay.
 - B. Presented at a school event/awards assembly (e.g., Awards ceremonies, Scholarship Day, or other AoS high school sponsored event) as arranged by PSP committee.
 - C. Funding for PSP will come from donations and American Legion Coleman-Isgate Post 293 organized fundraising events.
 - D. Scholarship weighted criteria:
 - 1) On-topic 300-400 word essay (20 Pts)
 - 2) Veteran relative (sibling, parent, grandparent, etc) (10 Pts)
 - 3) Describe how applicants plan to use their education (post graduation) to provide service and/or leadership to their community (15)
 - 4) Involvement in extracurricular school/community activities (sports, band, FFA, 4H, Scouts, Church, YMCA, etc.) (20 Pts)
 - 5) Volunteer community-service activities (15 Pts)
 - 6) Recommendation Letter (20 Pts)
 - E. Promoting and advertising the scholarship will be conducted within the AoS via Post Website, Post Social Media outlets, and AoS high school counselors.
 - F. Applications can be obtained by the student from their school counselor/administrator or through the American Legion Coleman-Isgate Post #293 website:
www.americanlegionpost293rusktx.com
 - 1) Applications must have all required paperwork submitted by March 1st to allow committee members to evaluate and make recommendations. All applications are to be emailed to coleman.isgate.postno293@gmail.com or postmarked by March 1st if mailed.
 - 2) Applications are to be voted on during the April regular post meeting.

G. Awarding of the Scholarship will be conducted by PSP committee or Post 293 Representative.

- 1) The scholarship is payable to the college/university/trade or technical school to which the recipient is enrolled. Payments directly to individuals are prohibited. PSP committee will coordinate.
- 2) Scholarships will be paid by the start of Fall semester of the following school year or the award is void

H. The establishment of the PSP Committee will be voted on and approved by Post membership.

- 1) The PSP will be chaired by the appointed Post Scholarship Chairman and the committee will consist of the current/active: Post Commander, Post Vice Commander, Post Chaplain, and two Post members in good standing. Four members constitute a quorum
- 2) The Committee will be responsible for:
 - a) Establishing Post approved requirements and criteria for scholarship award; to include identifying the essay topic.
 - b) Notifying and coordinating with appropriate AoS school administrators/counselors.
 - c) Providing applications and scholarship requirements to AoS schools.
 - d) Reviewing submitted applications and essay entries from AoS schools.
 - e) Qualifying and ranking applicants from AoS schools.
 - f) Presenting applicants for vote and approval by Post members.
 - g) Notifying AoS schools and awardees of scholarship award.
 - h) Coordinating with AoS schools for presentation of awards at school-wide event, if possible.
 - i) Coordinating with Awardee's chosen college/university/trade or technical school for scholarship fund disbursement.