

**Scholarship Criteria**  
**(Revised, May 4, 2011)**

1. The Clarke County High School Scholarship Committee shall select two students to receive the American Legion scholarships using the guidelines developed and approved by American Legion Post 41. Each scholarship award shall be \$2,000. No other scholarships or “grants-in-aid” will be awarded by Post 41.
2. The scholarship funds shall be paid directly to the student’s account at the school the student is attending. The funds shall not be paid prior to the beginning of the student’s second semester or second quarter, as applicable.
3. A written essay of 300 to 500 words is required. The essay topic: “What are your life goals and how will this scholarship help you to achieve those goals?”
4. The two scholarship awardees shall read their essays to a monthly meeting of American Legion Post 41.
5. The following weighted criteria, variable from zero to maximum shall apply:

<u>Weighted Criteria</u>	<u>Maximum Points</u>
Academic standing/GPA.....	30 points
School-related extra-curricular activities ..... (Leadership roles are emphasized)	15 points
Community Service ..... (Degree of participation is emphasized)	15 points
Quality of Essay..... (300-500 words, graded like a term paper)	25 points
Especially deserving student..... (Based on exceptional citizenship or study effort)	15 points
Financial need ..... (Verified by the CCHS Scholarship Committee)	15 points
6. Bonus points (Verified by American Legion Post #41) shall be awarded as follows:	
Son or daughter of a US Military Service Veteran.....	25 points
Son or daughter of a deceased US Military Service Veteran..... (Service-related death)	50 points

