



# DETACHMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION 2020 PNC SMITH, O'HEARN, SMOLINSKY SCHOLARSHIPS

To help protect the health and safety of our members during the COVID- 19 Pandemic, the Detachment Scholarship Committee has taken the following actions.

- Extended submission date to Friday, May 15, 2020
- Allowing electronic submissions of applications and essays
- Fillable PDF applications on our web site [salmass.org](http://salmass.org)

We hope these changes make it more convenient to shelter in place during this national emergency.

Please email your submissions to:

[scholarshipsalmass@gmail.com](mailto:scholarshipsalmass@gmail.com)

Word, PDF docs or quality scans only.

Mark B. McCue  
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**To: All Squadrons**

**From; Detachment Scholarship Chairman**

**Subject: Clifford A. Smith, Brian O’Hearne and John Smolinsky Past National Commanders Scholarship.**

The Sons of The American Legion was established in 1932 by The American Legion to get the youth of this nation involved with The American Legion family and the great work that it does for our veterans, community and the youth of our nation. Our organization has grown to over 369,000 members across the country. Over the past 20 years, our national organization has donated millions dollars to various organizations. Here in Massachusetts, we have over 5700 members and growing.

As a state organization, we raise money for various Americanism programs and I cannot think of a better project than helping the youth of our great state reach their goals in life by pursuing a college education.

This scholarship is dedicated to all the veterans that gave of themselves in the defense of our country, many giving the ultimate sacrifice and never returning to this great state of ours. We want to instill a feeling of Pride, Honor and Patriotism into each of the candidates who apply for this scholarship. The one thing that brings them all together is that they are eligible for this scholarship because their father, mother, grandfather or grandmother served in the armed forces and defended their country when called upon to do so. Any member of the Detachment of Massachusetts Sons of The American Legion in good standing is eligible for this scholarship.

We hope that the words from the Sons of The American Legion National Preamble will inspire you to apply for this scholarship:

Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of the Great Wars, associate ourselves together as Sons of The American Legion...To adopt in letter and spirit all the great principles for which The American Legion stands, and to assist in carrying on for God and Country,

Eligibility and scholarship rules can be found on the application form. Please read them carefully and fill out all requested information. If you have any questions, please contact the Detachment Scholarship Chairman, Mark McCue, 878 Stafford St., Rochdale, MA 01542 or [markbmccue@gmail.com](mailto:markbmccue@gmail.com).

The application form is also available on our Detachment Web Site: [salmass.org](http://salmass.org)

# Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Massachusetts

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### **Eligibility:**

This scholarship is open to any member of the Detachment of Massachusetts Sons of The American Legion in good standing. The scholarship is available for any eligible member who is enrolled as a full time student in an institution of higher learning. Any level of college enrollment will qualify, e.g. Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior level students will be eligible to receive this award. The award can be used by the recipient at their digression to offset the cost of their annual enrollment. This scholarship is a onetime monetary award of \$1,000.00. The award will be presented to the recipients upon proof of enrollment, before the start of any first college semester in the academic year with no restrictions as to what year the recipient has attained at their particular institution.

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SAL Membership Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_

Post # and Location \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your extracurricular activities (Include name of organization, office held, award received and dates):

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Hobbies/Special interests:

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Name of college or university you plan to attend or currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

What do you plan on majoring in: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **PLEASE WRITE YOUR ESSAY ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER**

After you have read the attached letter we want you to answer the following question in 500 words or less:

Write an essay on:

The Sons of The American Legion are involved in many programs and activities in their local Communities. Our focus is “Patriotism and aid to the Veteran”.

**Describe to me, “As a member of the Sons of The American Legion how have you given back to your community.”**

**Applicant’s Name, ID Number and Squadron Number should appear only in the header of the essay.**

All essays must be double-spaced typewritten. No handwritten essays will be accepted. .

Please send you completed application form and your essay to:

Sons of The American Legion,  
Detachment of Massachusetts  
c/o Mark McCue  
878 Stafford St.  
Rochdale, Ma 01542

E-Mail  
scholarshipsalmass@gmail.com  
documents must be Word, PDF or  
a high quality scan.

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION IS**

**May 15, 2020**

**NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.**