**** **AMERICAN LEGION PIERRE POST 8**

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**Scholarship Fund Information for the 2024 – 2025 School Year**

Pierre Post 8 of the American Legion and the Burke Family are offering scholarships for the Academic Year 2025 – 2026. Scholarships will be paid in two equal installments per consecutive semester. Prior awardees are not eligibile.

Scholarships are available to children (natural, adopted and step) or grandchildren of members of Pierre Post 8, or the American Legion, or the children or grandchildren of veterans who died in service during any period of service which qualifies for Legion membership or who died subsequent to their Honorable Discharge after serving during a qualifying period.

The criteria for membership in the American Legion can be requested through the Post 8 office.

Male applicants must affirm that they have registered for the Selective Service if they have attained the age of 18 or that they will register for the Selective Service when they attain the age of 18, if under 18 during the time of applying for the scholarship.

Required material submitted:

1. Personal Resume with Cover Letter written by applicant.
2. Pierre Post 8/Burke Family Scholarship Application Form.
3. Verification of military service of a parent or grandparent which establishes eligibility for membership in the American Legion, only if the parent or grandparents is/was not a member of Pierre Post 8 American Legion.
4. Copy of Grade Transcripts, with cumulative GPA.
5. If applicant is a high school senior, a letter of acceptance of the student from the institution will be required.
6. Current college student applicants must provide a copy of their current grade transcripts showing a cumulative GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
7. **APPLICATIONS MUST BE GIVEN TO CARLENE BARBER, COUNSELING OFFICE AT RIGGS, NO LATER THAN 3:30 P.M. MARCH 20, 2025.**

Qualified students are selected by our Post 8/Burke Family Scholarship Committee on the basis of their scholastic ability, potential, character, leadership, ability to properly follow these requirements, and financial need (to some extent). Other grants and scholarships may be taken into account.

Awardees must attend undergraduate level studies at colleges, community colleges or vocational schools that are approved and accredited for Title IV funds under the U.S. Higher Education Act administered by the U.S. Department of Education. The scholarship funds may be used to assist with tuition fees, books and supplies, and room and Board, either on or off campus. Applicants must enroll as a full-time student.

Post 8 wishes you all the best in your pursuit of higher education.