



The Madison American Legion

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THE 2024 – 2025 EDUCATIONAL ESSAY

Purpose

To encourage students to reflect on the core values of patriotism, the significance of military service, and the sacrifices made by service members to protect the freedoms we enjoy. Additionally, this competition serves as an opportunity to help students understand the historical context of the nation's military, the importance of civic duty, and the ongoing impact that veterans have in our community and throughout society.

Eligibility

Any student is eligible to apply who is:

- a full time Madison County resident;
- classified as senior in a private, Madison County public or home high school;
- plans to attend a trade school, 2 or 4-year accredited U.S. college or university.

How to Apply

Obtain an application from guidance or contact the Madison American Legion Post 157 by emailing: madisonlegion157@gmail.com.

Deadlines and Judging

- Application and essay due date: 18 April 2025.
- Guidance will be notified of the winning student no later than 28 April 2025. MCHS student will be announced at the Senior Awards Ceremony.
- Public and homeschool students must submit both the application form and essay. Public school students submit essay and form to the school counselor for signature by the specified deadline. Home school students submit the completed application form and essay to a parent or guardian for signature by the specified deadline.
- Guidance and the home schoolers parent/guardian contact 540-547-6061 no later than 3pm on the application deadline to arrange delivery or pick up of the submission packet(s).
- Winners will be selected by a local screening committee from the Madison American Legion Post 157.

The Essay

Students will write a 600-800 word essay that focuses on the following themes:

- Fostering Patriotism
- Appreciation of Military Service
- Encouraging Civic Responsibility
- Preserving History

Please type or print legibly:

Name: _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL

Home Mailing Address: _____
NUMBER AND STREET OR P.O. BOX
_____ CITY ZIP CODE

Contact Phone #: _____ Contact Email: _____

High School Name: _____ City/County: _____

(Circle One) Public School Home School

List volunteer opportunities, sports and clubs that you have participated in during your senior year:

Course of Study: _____

List the College or Technical Schools you have applied and/or been accepted (in order of preference):

Institution Name	Applied	Accepted	Awaiting Decision

How did you learn about the Madison American Legion Post 157 Educational Essay Program?

(Check One) _____ Teacher _____ Guidance Counselor _____ School Administrator

_____ Parent _____ Madison American Legion Post 157 Website

Other (please specify) _____

If you are the scholarship winner, do you agree to present your topic to the Madison American Legion Post 157 membership, be included in the press release announcing the scholarship results and have your name, high school, and scholarship award amount posted on the Madison American Legion Post 157's website? (Circle One) Yes / No

Signature of Applicant

Date

Parent/Guardian must sign if applicant is under 18 years old

Date

I have completely reviewed this application and certify all information is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further agree to abide by the conditions specified by the Madison American Legion Post 157 of Madison, Virginia.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Print name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Parent/Guardian contact phone and email address

Signature of Guidance Representative
(high school students only)

Date Submitted

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