



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Thomas J. Kavanaugh Post 2290

600 Washington Ave

Manville, NJ 08835



## ***Thomas J. Kavanaugh Scholarship***

### **RULES**

1. VFW Post 2290 and its Auxiliary will award one \$600 Scholarship to a graduating member of the 2026 senior class of each of the following schools:
  - Manville High School
  - Bound Brook High School
  - Bridgewater-Raritan Regional High School
  - Somerset County Vocational and Technical High School
2. Each applicant must:
  - a) Complete an official application.
  - b) Present evidence of scholastic achievement based on their GPA and class rank.
  - c) Demonstrate involvement in School and Community Extra Curricular Activities.
  - d) Write an original essay (500 words or less) on the topic: "How are you showing patriotism and support for our country?".
  - e) Demonstrate leadership qualities.
  - f) Show evidence of a high standard of conduct, strong sense of right, strength of character and Love of Country.
3. All applications must be received at the Post by noon on Friday, April 10, 2026. You may email your application paperwork to [vfw2290@gmail.com](mailto:vfw2290@gmail.com) or may mail or deliver it to VFW Post 2290, 600 Washington Avenue, Manville, NJ, so it is received at the Post by the deadline shown above. The decision of VFW Post 2290 & Auxiliary Scholarship Committee shall be final.

NOTE: Applications and all data provided will become the property of Thomas J. Kavanaugh VFW Post 2290 and will not be returned.

***VFW Post 2290 & Auxiliary Scholarship Committee***



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## Thomas J. Kavanaugh Scholarship Application

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT NOTE:** Please be sure that, prior to submission, ALL questions have been answered completely and accurately, since incomplete or incorrect information could disqualify your application. Once you're satisfied that your application is complete, please sign the following certification. Your application must be received by noon on Friday, April 10, 2026. You may email your paperwork to: [vfw2290@gmail.com](mailto:vfw2290@gmail.com), or may mail or deliver it to VFW Post 2290, 600 Washington Avenue, Manville, NJ 08835, so it is received at the Post by the deadline shown above.

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that I am the sole author of the essay provided and have not used ChatGPT or any other AI tool in its preparation.

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Applicant Signature

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Date

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**FOR VFW USE ONLY**

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ # Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

Content: Applicant info \_\_\_\_\_ School info \_\_\_\_\_ EC activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Essay: \_\_\_\_\_ Leader stmt: \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

## **SCHOOL INFORMATION**

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank in class: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any Academic Honors or Recognitions you have received:

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College/University or Technical School which you plan to attend:

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Type Program: Associates: \_\_\_\_\_ Bachelors: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Status of Application: Awaiting Acceptance: \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted on: \_\_\_\_\_

Career Objective: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

A. Below, list all community activities (school and community) you have participated in. If necessary, please attach additional sheets.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Period of Participation</u>
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B. List all recognitions, honors and awards you received because of your participation in the Extracurricular Activities listed above:

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## LEADERSHIP

Please write a brief description of how, while a High School student, you have demonstrated your leadership abilities to resolve a problem or situation you encountered. If necessary, you may attach an additional sheet of paper.

## ESSAY

Attach to this application your ORIGINAL essay of 500 words or less on the topic **“How are you showing patriotism and support for our country?”**. Keep in mind that this essay will be judged based on its content and impact, as well as its grammar and spelling.

## ADDITIONAL RELEVANT INFORMATION

If there is any additional relevant information which will help us evaluate your application, but which has not been provided elsewhere on this form, please enter it below: