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To: All 8th District Post/County Commanders, & School Scholarship Chairmen
Subject: Past National Commander Michael J. Kogutek
American Legion Scholarship Trust

The Past National Commander Michael J. Kogutek American Legion Scholarship Trust will award two \$1,500 scholarships to students/veterans attending college in 2026.

All applicants for the scholarship **MUST** be on official applications obtained from the local schools, American Legion Posts, or Erie County Headquarters at City Hall, or our website at eriecounty.al.org. County Commanders, please forward to your Posts.

This scholarship is intended to assist 8th District New York State Veterans, their families, and patriotic students who share the ideals of the American Legion. The scholarship will be awarded based on veteran status (including family members), financial need, scholastic ability, realistic goals, extra-curricular activities and community involvement. All students must show proof that they have been accepted at an accredited college or university prior to receiving the scholarship.

All applications MUST be submitted to the Erie County American Legion Headquarters located at 609 City Hall, Buffalo, New York 14202, by Friday May 1, 2026, or postmarked by that date.

The Scholarships will be awarded at the 8th District Convention in Frewsburg, NY on Saturday June 20, 2026.

If any County, Post, or anyone else would like to donate to the Scholarship Trust, it would be greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to: Past National Commander Scholarship Trust and send to 609 City Hall, Buffalo, NY 14202. All contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law. We thank you in advance for your support.

Legionally yours,

Scholarship Trust Committee

James Bojanowski, Joseph Porempski, Ted Balbierz