

Travis L. Williams American Legion Post 65 2024 Scholarship Program

The Travis L. Williams American Legion Post 65 of Phoenix, Arizona, provides services and support to the residents of Phoenix and surrounding communities and particularly those residing in the zip code areas 85040, 85041 and 85042.

The Scholarship Committee of Travis L. Williams Post 65 believes that the pursuit of education is the gateway to open opportunities for increased employability and earning potential and acts as a foundation for a productive life.

Education is an investment that will never depreciate.

On behalf of the men and women of Travis L. Williams Post 65, we extend to interested parties an opportunity to apply for the 2024 Travis L. Williams Scholarship. Additionally, Post 65 pledges our commitment to assist selected applicants who plan to pursue or continue their pursuit of higher education at an accredited college, university, trade or vocational school.

In previous years, we have been able to award at least 3 applicants with scholarships in the amount of \$1500 each!

Scholarship Application Period: March 16, 2024 through April 6, 2024

Please note that all items must be received no later than April 6, 2024 to be considered.

Be sure to follow the instructions for submission of your application!

To be considered, applications may be submitted in one of two ways:

1. Send all required elements by mail to:

Attention: Scholarship Committee

Travis L. Williams American Legion Post 65

P.O. Box 21241

Phoenix, AZ 85040

2. Send files via E-mail as noted below to:
 - a. Scholarship@twilliamspost65.org
 - b. Subject line: *“Your Full Name”* Scholarship Application
 - c. Attach application and required documents as MSWord or Google Docs documents or scanned in pdf format.
 - d. Transcripts can be scanned/sent in the pdf format only. *jpeg and .gif formats will be rejected.*

Instructions for candidates:

For submission by mail: completed application and required documents must be mailed.
For email submission: completed applications and required documents must be attached as *MSWord/Google Docs* documents or scanned in a PDF format, in ONE (1) PDF file. ***JPEG and GIF image formats will be rejected.*** The following are required to complete your application:

- Applicant must be an eligible graduating high school Senior/GED recipient during the 2023-2024 school year who will be attending post-secondary or vocational/trade school in 2024 with a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Application form included here (pages 3, 4 and 5)
- Official high school transcripts or GED Certificate
- A 500-word essay on ONE of the topics described below (A or B or C)
- Letter of recommendation on official letterhead from a teacher/guidance counselor/school administrator and/or employer (for GED)
- Letter of recommendation on letterhead from a community service organization, community member or local government member
- Signed Terms and Conditions/Release Form (Page 2)
- Parent's signature if a student is under 18 years old (Page 2)
- Letter of introduction: One (1) page describing who you are, your accomplishments to date, your family background, and the degree/certificate to which you are seeking. Provide a summary of how you plan to use the scholarship if selected. Also, incorporate how this scholarship would benefit you in giving back to your community.

Essay Topics: Write a 500-word essay (typewritten) on one of the following topics:

A. What impact did the Buffalo Soldiers make in war and/or peacetime? Why is it necessary to pass this legacy on to future generations?

B. Provide examples of the historically significant contributions of the Travis L. Williams American Legion Post 65 to the community.

C. The Medal of Honor and the Congressional Gold Medal are very prestigious awards. Please provide a brief narrative regarding a Black American who received one of these honors and what can be learned from his/her life, efforts, and commitment to duty.

Terms & Conditions:

I, _____ , certify to the best of my knowledge, that the information on this application is complete and accurate. Falsification of any information will cause my disqualification from the scholarship competition.

(1) It is my responsibility to make sure the application process is complete, and the entire application packet is mailed or emailed by the deadline. If not, the application will be disqualified from the scholarship competition and will not be considered for an award.

(2) This application, upon receipt, becomes the property of the program sponsor.

(3) Upon notification of award, I agree to provide an appropriate headshot photo.

(4) Upon notification of award, I agree to provide a letter of acceptance from an institution of higher learning. I also agree to provide the complete name and address of the school and/or financial aid office where the I/student will be attending school, and the student ID number. Funds will be paid directly to school.

I agree that, if selected as an award winner for the Travis L. Williams Post 65 Scholarship, the program sponsor or its agents may use my name and likeness and any other information or materials provided in connection with this program for purposes of news, publicity, and advertising in all media, including but not limited to print and electronic media, press releases, internet, websites, and video media.

To comply with the provisions of the Family Educational and Privacy Act of 1974, I hereby grant permission for school officials to release secondary school records and other requested information, if necessary.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature (if under 18):

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Application Deadline: April 6, 2024

For questions: scholarship@twilliamspost65.org

Contact Information:

First Name:		Last Name:	
Street Address:			
City:		State:	
Zip Code:		Email:	
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Date of Birth:			

Academic Information:

High School Name:		City / State	
Graduation Date:			

College Information (If you have not finalized your college choice, provide your first-choice school.):

College Name:		City / State:	
Institution Type:			
Certificate Four-Year Two-Year Vocational or Technical:			
Type of degree: Associates Bachelors Certificate			
Major:			
Anticipated Graduation Date:			

Applicant Service, Extracurricular Activities, and Work Experience:

Use this space to provide the applicant's volunteer service, extracurricular activities, and work experience during the applicant's academic career. *Do not attach a resume in lieu of completing this form. It will not be reviewed.*

Description			
Total Hours or Average Hours per week:		Are you still participating? (yes/no)	
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