

The American Legion Department of New York
Richard M. Pedro Memorial Scholarship

Application Must Be Typed:

Full Name of Applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Graduation (Expected) Date: _____

Veteran's Name: _____ Relationship: _____
(Parent, Grandparent, Great-Grandparent)

TAL Member Number: _____ TAL Post Number: _____

Name and Address of High School: _____

Essay Requirement

Attach an essay of Five Hundred (500) words or less on the following topic:

In your opinion and your own words, what impact does **The American Legion** have in your community?

Applicant's signature certifies that they understand scholarship eligibility requirements and will adhere to its conditions.

Applicant's signature grants The American Legion Department of New York the right to use their name and/or image to publicize its programs.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

This application for scholarship is being submitted with my knowledge and approval.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Deadline

All applications are due to The American Legion Department of New York, Attn: Education & Scholarship Committee, 1304 Park Boulevard, Troy, NY 12180 no later than April 16th. 518-463-2215

About The Scholarship

At the 94th Annual American Legion National Convention in 2012, the delegates unanimously voted to bestow upon Richard M. Pedro the title of Past National Commander. He joined legendary New Yorkers Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. and longtime U.S. Representative, Hamilton Fish, in receiving this rare honor.

Richard served during World War II in the United States Navy from May 24, 1944 until October 30, 1947, which included twenty-two months of sea duty aboard the U.S.S. Weiss.

Upon his discharge from the Navy, Richard joined The American Legion Post #401 in Owego and was an active member for sixty-five continuous years. He was honored with an honorary life membership in 1964. Richard served as Department Commander of New York during the Legion year 1969 to 1970. He also served as Department Adjutant for twenty-nine years.

Throughout his years of participation in The American Legion, Richard exemplified the four pillars of The Legion (Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth).

This scholarship is meant to ensure that the ideals of The American Legion will continue for many years. The recipient of this scholarship must pass on to future generations the duties and obligations of American citizenship.

The Richard M. Pedro Memorial Scholarship is available to every High School Senior residing within the state of New York and meeting the following criteria:

- A child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a New York State Legionnaire in good standing.
- A child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a deceased New York State Legionnaire.
- A child of a New York service member that was killed as a result of the Global War on Terrorism including The World Trade Center, The Pentagon, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

- A student must compose an essay of less than five hundred words on the importance of The American Legion in my community and provide all requested information on the first page of this application.

The deadline for submission of the essay and completed application is April 16th. One winner will be selected and will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship which will be presented at The American Legion Department of New York's annual Convention held in July.