



SIDNEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 217
1265 FOURTH AVENUE
SIDNEY, OHIO 45365

2026 Sidney American Legion Post 217 Higher Learning Scholarship **FOR The Following: University * College * Technical/Trade School**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The Sidney American Legion Post 217 proudly announces the awarding of **LEARNING AND TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS** for the **2025-2026** school year. The scholarships are open to all qualified and **eligible** graduating high school seniors from **Sidney High School, Lehman Catholic High School, Christian Academy Schools, Hardin-Houston High School, and Fairlawn High School.**

- **Eligibility:** Must meet one of the two following criteria in order to be eligible to apply:
 1. In order to be eligible to submit an application, any student from one of the five aforementioned high schools listed in “Program Description,” must be enrolled in one of these five high schools. The student must also be a United States citizen.
 2. As a special consideration, any high school senior who is enrolled in a Shelby County high school, and who also resides in Shelby County, and who is a **direct descendent of a current or deceased member of Sidney American Legion Post 217 in the form of a parent or grandparent, and the direct descendent is or has been an active member in good standing with Sidney American Legion Post 217** is eligible to apply. The student must also be a United States citizen.
- **Scholarship Award Amount:** Sidney American Legion Post 217, for the **2025-2026 School Year, will award a total of six two-thousand five hundred-dollar (\$2,500) scholarships.** These five scholarships will be awarded to the top six scoring students. In addition, Sidney American Legion Post 217 **will award two one thousand-dollar (\$1,000) scholarships in memory and honor of Bronze Star Recipient, Kent Knight.** There is no specific allocation amount consideration to any one school. To qualify for the award, a student must be accepted to any **Accredited University, College or Technical/Trade School,** all of which must be based and operated within the borders of the United States of America.
- **Selection Criteria** – The 2026 Sidney American Legion Post 217 scholarships will be awarded to the successful applicants based on the applicant’s academic performance, technical skills, leadership abilities, extracurricular participation, both in school and the community, and personal characteristics.
- **VERY IMPORTANT Additional Criteria**– the Sidney Post 217 Scholarship Committee is solely responsible for the final selection of award winners. Awarded scholarship payments will be made payable to the Bursar of the school. **All applications must be received by Email only by MARCH 16, 2026. The operative word is “RECEIVED”! Note the application can be downloaded from the American Legion Post 217 website. Our website address: <https://sidneylegionpost217.org>**
- **Email Your Completed Applications to: Post217Scholarship@gmail.com**



SIDNEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 217
 1265 FOURTH AVENUE
 SIDNEY, OHIO 45365

For Legion Use Only
Application Nr. _____
Date Received _____

2026 AMERICAN LEGION POST 217 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

TO THE APPLICANT: Thank you for submitting your application. Most of this application can be completed by typing within this document. Those areas requiring a check mark do not have this capability. After answering all questions that can be typed, please print out the pages to mark the empty boxes. Print the pages for the required signatures, as well. Once all pages are completed, please return your application via email. Applications can only be accepted via email ONLY.

Please complete the application so that your eligibility can be verified and your application evaluated for the scholarship award. **Your completed application, along with all supporting documentation is due no later than MARCH 16, 2026.** It is your responsibility to see that all supporting documents are included with your application. **Incomplete applications WILL NOT be considered.** If any application question(s) are not applicable to your current situation, please include an explanatory note. Thank you for applying and Good Luck!

Applicant's Last Name		First Name		MI	
Father's Name		First Name		MI	
Mother's Name		First Name		MI	

CERTIFICATION:

We certify to the best of our knowledge, the information provided is complete and accurate. Falsification of information will result in revocation of any scholarship awarded. Permission is also hereby granted to Sidney American Legion Post 217 Scholarship Committee to verify Post 217 membership of an applicant's family member, and to contact and receive additional information from school officials and references if deemed necessary. Parent or guardian signature(s) will be required if the applicant is younger than age 18 at the time of the signed application. We, the applicant and or

Applicant's Signature		Date	
Parent/Guardian Signature		Date	



SIDNEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 217
1265 FOURTH AVENUE
SIDNEY, OHIO 45365

parent/guardian, authorize Sidney American Legion Post 217 to use any photographs or articles for their use in any news media.

All information provided will be kept confidential and will be used for the consideration of awarding and administering the Sidney American Legion Post 217 Scholarship.

SIDNEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 217 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Full Name	Age	Date of Birth	Place of Birth
Current Address: Street, City, State, Zip			County of Residence
Provide Your Email Address, and Telephone Nr:			

Parent/Guardian Address if different than applicant	County of Residence
List the ages of all dependent brothers or sisters.	

Name and Address of Current High School:	Name of Guidance Counselor:	Grade
---	------------------------------------	--------------

Please explain how you plan on financing your post-secondary education, such as loans, grants, scholarships, employment, etc.
--



SIDNEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 217
1265 FOURTH AVENUE
SIDNEY, OHIO 45365

--

<u>Graduation Date</u>	<u>SAT Score</u>	<u>ACT Score</u>	<u>GPA</u>



SIDNEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 217
 1265 FOURTH AVENUE
 SIDNEY, OHIO 45365

In 500 words or less, please tell us something about yourself. Also, provide a summary of your future plans and how you plan to achieve this goal. Your submission will be judged by its content and not by the length of your reply. Attach a separate sheet if necessary to complete. You may attach your completed responses in the form of a PDF rather than completing this section for your responses.

<p>Please list all of your past and current school activities and number of years participating:</p>	<p>Example: Volleyball</p>	<p>JV – 9,10</p>	<p>Varsity: 11.12</p>

<p>List your volunteer community activities</p>			

<p>What special honors, awards did you earn and what offices did you hold? Attach additional sheet if necessary.</p>			

<p>List all of your employment history – positions, dates, hours worked.</p>		



SIDNEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 217
 1265 FOURTH AVENUE
 SIDNEY, OHIO 45365

Mark each American Legion program you have participated in.	<input type="checkbox"/> American Legion <input type="checkbox"/> American Legion Auxiliary <input type="checkbox"/> Sons of the American Legion/Auxiliary	<input type="checkbox"/> American Legion Americanism & Government Test <input type="checkbox"/> American Legion Oratorical Contest <input type="checkbox"/> American Legion Baseball
---	--	--

Have you participated in or accomplished any of the following?	<input type="checkbox"/> Scouting	<input type="checkbox"/> FFA
	<input type="checkbox"/> Eagle Scout	<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Award

Are you a direct descendant of a current or deceased member of Sidney American Legion Post 217?

Yes No

Name of American Legion member:	Relationship:
Name of Deceased Legion family member:	Relationship:
American Legion Card #	Post #

PLEASE ENCLOSE THE FOLLOWING REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION WITH YOU APPLICATION:

- Copy of American Legion member’s current membership card or number, if applicable.
- If the member is deceased, a letter from the Commander of Post 217 attesting to the deceased’s American Legion membership to Post 217. The deceased member must have been in “good standing” at the time of death.
- Include a copy of your latest transcript, and a copy of ACT or SAT score. If you have both, ACT and SAT scores, please submit both. “Super Scores” may not be considered in your scoring. However, you may submit.
- A separate sheet of any additional comments you wish to make. Please sign and date the additional comments.
- At least three letters of recommendations...one from a teacher, one from your guidance counselor, and one from an employer. A recommendation from a community leader is an option.

Please note that missing documentation will result in demerits to your scoring results.



SIDNEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 217
1265 FOURTH AVENUE
SIDNEY, OHIO 45365

Please visit our website to download our Scholarship Application:

<https://sidneylegionpost217.org>

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION VIA EMAIL ONLY TO:

Post217Scholarship@gmail.com

Reminder: This is the only method of submitting and receiving your application.

Note: Sidney American Legion Post 217 absolutely takes NO responsibility of providing a secure online platform for the submission of any and all information submitted online. The applicant and or their parents/guardian(s), if applicable, hereby acknowledge that the security and privacy of any information submitted online is their sole responsibility and sole responsibility only, and will hold Sidney American Legion Post 217 harmless from any breach of said online submission of any and all personal and private information. The submitter(s) also agree to be responsible for all monetary fees, judgments, etc., associated with any legal action that may be taken by the submitter(s) as a result of a possible security breach. Sidney American Legion Post 217 takes no responsibility of any documents, emails, etc. submitted online being breached. The Post 217 will to their utmost to send and respond to your emails via "Gmail Confidential."

SIDNEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 217 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
265 Fourth Avenue
Sidney, Ohio 45365