

RUSSELL STRAIT POST #483 SCHOLARSHIP



This Scholarship(s) is given by the late World War II veteran Newt Clendenen and wife, Roberta, in honor of their son, Richard Clendenen, a 1964 graduate of Fox Valley High School. Richard lost his life during the Vietnam War. Scholarships will be awarded to qualified graduating seniors. All applications must be completed and returned by April 15, 2026 to the Van Buren County High School Guidance Counselor, or to a member of the Russell Strait Post #483. The student shall submit his/her application in typed form. The applicant shall sign the application to certify the information forwarded as their own. Scholarship(s) will be awarded in May 2026.

Eligibility Criteria

1. As per donors' wishes, applicant, or veteran relative, must currently reside in the Cantril/Milton area, or as approved by the Russell Strait Post #483.
2. Applicants must be enrolled, or plan to enroll, in an accredited community college, university, or technical school. Awards will be forwarded to the applicant's school of choice.
3. A Letter of Acceptance from the school must be enclosed with the application.
4. Submission of GPA is NOT necessary.
5. Proof of service-connection (a DD214 or Discharge letter) for qualifying veteran will be made available upon request.
6. Application must be supported by listing two or more, non-related, references. One reference must be the applicant's high school principal.
7. Amount of award will be announced prior to graduation. The amount will depend on the number of eligible applicants, and the amount of money available for disbursement.

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APPLICATION FORM

FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE INITIAL _____ LAST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

NAME OF SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND _____

MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY _____

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE/ACTIVITIES _____

WORK EXPERIENCE _____

NAME/NAMES OF RELATIVES SERVING, OR HAVING SERVED, IN THE MILITARY, ie: PARENT, SIBLINGS,
GRANDPARENT OR GREAT-GRANDPARENT:
