

PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN LEGION

Robert J. Trace Essay Scholarship



The Robert J. Trace Scholarship Fund was set up by Robert J. Trace and his family. Bob served as a Department officer for an incredible fifty years, one as Judge Advocate and 49 as Finance officer from the Central Judicial Section. Bob was also an Honorary Past Department Commander. Legionnaires of his caliber are hard to find, his dedication and contribution to the Pennsylvania American Legionnaire is legendary. Education was very important to Bob and his family. The Robert J. Trace Scholarship Fund was established to assist young patriotic students achieve their academic dreams.

The Robert J. Trace Scholarship Fund is available to every student 15 to 18 years of age residing within the state of Pennsylvania and meeting the following criteria:

- A child or grandchild of a Pennsylvania Legionnaire in good standing;
- A child or grandchild of a deceased Pennsylvania Legionnaire;
- A child of a Pennsylvania soldier that was killed as a result of the war on terrorism including the Pentagon, Iraq and Afghanistan.

To be eligible a student must compose a 300 to 500 word essay on the topic "Patriotism and Citizenship - What America Means to Me", and complete an application containing the information of the person through which the eligibility for this scholarship is made. Applications have been sent to each American Legion Post and are also available on our website at www.pa-legion.com. The essays will be judged by the members of the Department Finance Committee.

Deadline for submission of this essay will be **May 31, 2012**. Essays and applications **must** be sent to the Pennsylvania American Legion at the address below. One winner will be selected and will receive a \$500 scholarship.

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The Robert J. Trace Essay Scholarship Application

Name of Applicant _____ DOB _____
(Last, middle, first)

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Person through whom applicant is eligible for scholarship _____

Relation to applicant _____

Is this person deceased? YES NO *If yes, please attach a certified copy of the death certificate.*

If no, please list current PA American Legion Membership ID Number _____

College/University you desire to enter _____

Location of college/university (city/state) _____

Have you been accepted for admission? YES NO Date of entry _____

Major course of study _____ Number of years to complete _____

Please complete this application in its entirety and attach any required documentation. Return application, along with essay to:

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