

MASONIC WAR VETTRAN'S BETH-EL POST #29

SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION

Beth-El Post #29, Masonic War Veterans of the State of New York, a concordant body of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York awards a total of ten \$100.00 scholarships annually to graduating seniors of schools in Orange and Sullivan Counties (and Ellenville) with a military affiliation. The following guidelines will be used in awarding these scholarships:

1. The applicant must meet at least **one** of the following requirements:
 - A) Be a direct descendant (child or grandchild) of an honorably discharged veteran.
 - B) Be involved/member of a military style organization (JROTC, Civil Air Patrol, New York National Guard Child and Youth Program (NYNGCYP), etc.).
 - C) Have already enlisted in the U.S. Armed Forces after graduation.
2. Be graduating from a school in in Orange or Sullivan County (or Ellenville) in 2025 and be attending college, trade school, or entering military service after graduation.
3. The applicant must complete the application found on next two pages, answering all questions and completing the written essay.
4. The applicant must provide a letter of recommendation from a school or community leader (Principal, Guidance Official, Church, Scouts, civic group, etc.)
5. The applicant will submit a 50-100 word handwritten essay on “**Why veterans are important to me**”. The essay should reflect on why veterans are important to the applicant. The essay should be handwritten in the space provided on application.
6. Each applicant will be judged on the following basis:
 - A. **GPA/Academic Standing:** Does applicant perform well in school?*
 - B. **Activity:** Does applicant have school/community (especially leadership) involvement?
 - C. **Essay Content:** How thoroughly was the subject discussed?
 - D. **Essay Appearance:** Was the application filled out properly and neatly? Is the essay grammatically correct and easy to read?

* - GPA/Standing only accounts for small portion of scholarship judging. Students with mid or lower level GPA/Standings are strongly encouraged to apply.

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APPLICATION (COMPLETE BOTH SIDES/PAGES)**

SCHOOL DISTRICT: _____ SCHOOL: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TOWN/CITY/VILLAGE AND ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE #: _____ EMAIL: _____

VETERAN/ MILITARY BACKGROUND (i.e. CHILD OF VET, ROTC, CAP, ETC.)

POST GRADUATION PLANS: _____

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA): _____ OR PLACEMENT: _____ OF _____

IN-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (CLUBS, SPORTS, MUSIC, ETC.):

(Use back of sheet if necessary)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS, VOLUNTEERING, ETC.):

(Use back of sheet if necessary)

NOTE TO APPLICANT: Attach your application and essay (on back of page) to this page and return the entire packet (two pages plus essay) to your Guidance Office by **Friday, April 18th, 2025.**

CHECKLIST:

___ APPLICATION

___ LETTER OF REFERENCE

___ ESSAY (50-100 WORDS ON "WHY VETERANS ARE IMPORTANT TO ME")

