

**Edward O. Nesheim Memorial Scholarship**  
**The American Legion Foundation, Department of North Dakota**  
**PO Box 5057, West Fargo, ND 58078**  
**(As Amended 2018)**

The Edward O. Nesheim Memorial Scholarship was created by his daughter, Sonja Adahl, in 2008 to honor the memory of her late father. Information about Edward O. Nesheim is available from The American Legion Foundation, Department of North Dakota at the above address, or on line at NDLegion.org.

The Scholarship may be used at any post secondary institution of higher education in North Dakota granting Associate or higher degrees. Application forms are available from the above address in West Fargo and, when completed, must be returned to the same. Application deadline is April 1 of the year the scholarship is to be awarded. Recipients of the Nesheim Scholarship may apply for renewal upon satisfactory completion of the previous academic year with a minimum 2.5 GPA.

**Eligibility requirements:**

1. Must be a legal resident of North Dakota and a direct descendent (child, grandchild or great-grandchild) of a U.S. veteran who served honorably. Proof of service and lineage are required.
2. Must have maintained a secondary school GPA of 2.75 or higher.
3. Must be pursuing a degree in some phase of Agriculture, Human Nutrition, or Medicine (Medical Dr, PA, Dentistry, Dental Hygiene, Pharmacy or Chiropractic).
4. Must be a High School senior or a previous Nesheim Scholarship recipient now attending an institution of higher education.

**Application:**

The applicant must

- a. Submit the completed application form
- b. Include and attach an original essay (500 to 750 words, typed, double spaced, 12 pt font with 1" margins) to address the following issues
  1. What are your educational and career goals?
  2. How do you plan to accomplish those goals and what part will your education play in attaining those goals?
  3. Where do you plan to continue your education and why did you choose that institution?
  4. Briefly discuss your secondary education (coursework, extracurricular activities, sports, jobs, volunteerism, etc) and how you feel they may or may not have helped you prepare for your choice of college, your life and your career.
- c. Provide proof of acceptance into a post secondary institution in North Dakota that grants Associate or higher degrees
- d. Include a certified high school transcript
- e. Include 3 letters of reference, all from non-family members, and one of which must be from a U.S. veteran who served honorably
- f. Provide proof of financial need from the educational institution to be attended

**Notification:**

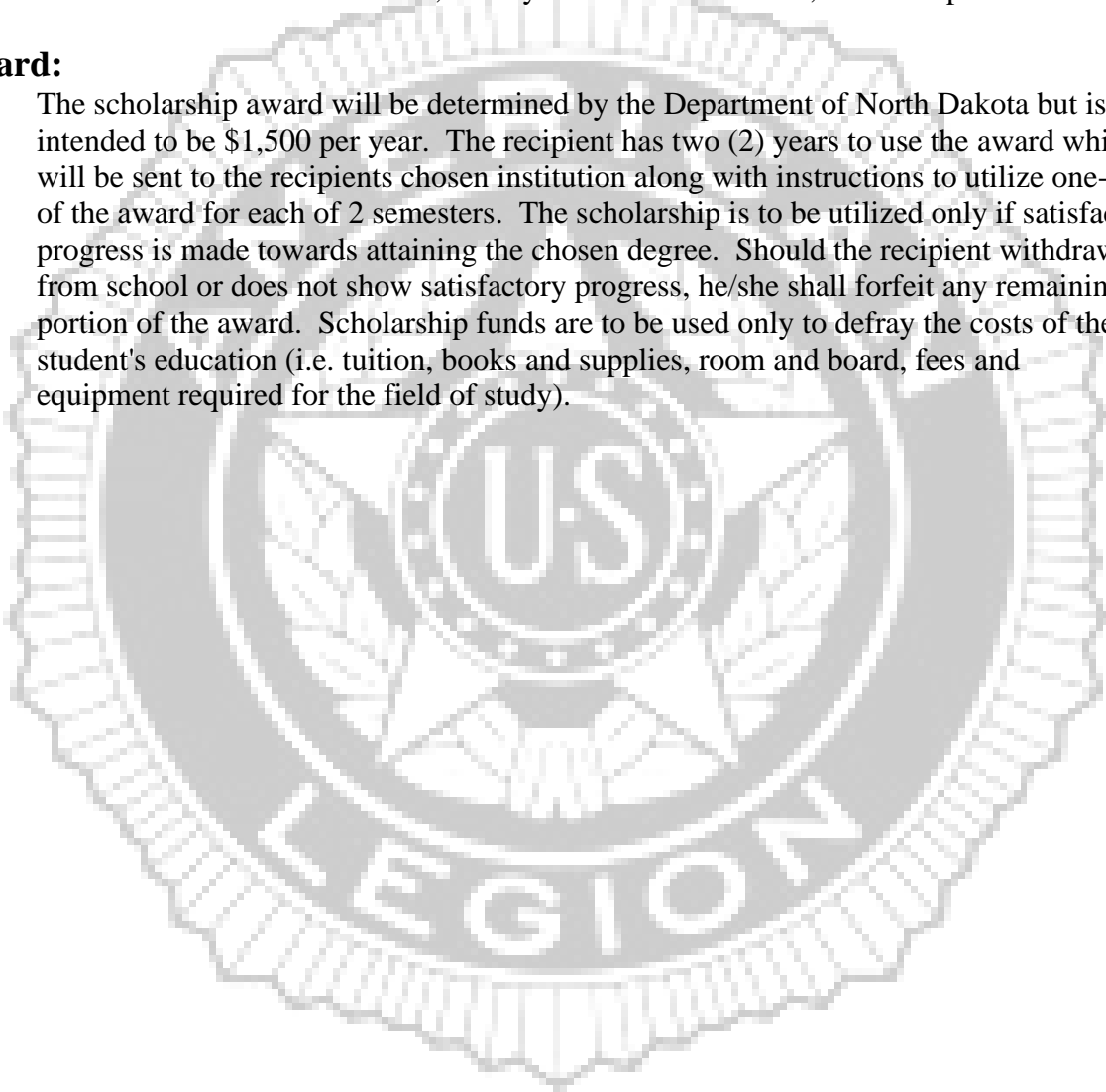
The recipient(s) of the Nesheim Memorial Scholarship will be notified by June 15 or at the June Department Convention in the year in which the scholarship is awarded.

**Selection Considerations:**

The American Legion, Department of North Dakota or their designee(s) will consider all applications and select the recipient(s) based on past and promise of future academic and civic success, evaluated from the applicant's essay, review of the HS Transcript, recommendations of references, history of civic involvement, citizenship and leadership.

**Award:**

The scholarship award will be determined by the Department of North Dakota but is intended to be \$1,500 per year. The recipient has two (2) years to use the award which will be sent to the recipients chosen institution along with instructions to utilize one-half of the award for each of 2 semesters. The scholarship is to be utilized only if satisfactory progress is made towards attaining the chosen degree. Should the recipient withdraw from school or does not show satisfactory progress, he/she shall forfeit any remaining portion of the award. Scholarship funds are to be used only to defray the costs of the student's education (i.e. tuition, books and supplies, room and board, fees and equipment required for the field of study).



**Edward O. Nesheim Memorial Scholarship - Application Cover**  
**The American Legion – Department of North Dakota**  
**(This portion to be completed by the High School Senior Applicant)**  
**See instructions!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Planned field of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Institution planning to attend/attending \_\_\_\_\_  
(Attach acceptance notice or current transcript of Educational Institution currently attending as well as proof of need of financial aid)

Name, address and phone number of 3 references we may contact:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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In submitting this application, I certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree that falsification of any information will result in forfeiture of entitlements from the Edward O. Nesheim Memorial Scholarship.

_____	_____
Applicant's Signature	Signature of Parent or Guardian
_____	_____
Date	Date

**(The below portion is to be completed by a High School Official)**

High School Graduated from: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Attach certified copy of High School transcript)

_____	_____
School Officials Signature	Printed name & Title of Official

**Edward O. Nesheim Scholarship**  
**Application for Previous Scholarship Award Recipients**  
**The American Legion – Department of North Dakota**

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Collegiate Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (best):** \_\_\_\_\_ **e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Major:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Anticipated completion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous Nesheim Scholarship(s) awarded:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name and contact information of college academic advisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

In submitting this renewal application I certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any falsification of any information will result in forfeiture of any entitlements from the Edward O. Nesheim Scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of applicant**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Required information:**

1. Applicant to provide an essay of 750 words or less stating
  - a. How he/she is progressing toward their academic goal(s) as stated in the initial application.
  - b. In what way(s) has collegiate work influenced or affected your goals and ambitions?
  - c. What collegiate extracurricular activity(s) has the applicant been involved in, why those activities were chosen and what has been learned from your involvement?
  - d. How has the Nesheim scholarship aided you in your career goals and how will again receiving it be of benefit to you?
2. Include an up-to-date Transcript of grades to include your current enrollment.
3. Include a letter of support from your academic advisor citing progress in program, personal growth, professional growth, dedication and academic effort and likelihood of success.
4. Must be postmarked by April 1 of current year.

**Mail all documents to: The ND American Legion Foundation, Nesheim Scholarship Renewal;  
PO Box 5057; West Fargo, ND 58078-5057**