



# *Sons of The American Legion*

DETACHMENT OF NEW YORK

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## THE CERULLO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND RULES

Up to four (4) Scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each will be awarded annually. One (1) new and up to three (3) renewable scholarships to previous winners, see Rule 5. This is a gift scholarship – not a loan. We welcome donations towards funding.

1. Candidates for this award must be a **MEMBER** in good standing in The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion Junior Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion in New York State and are in their Senior year or are graduates of an accredited High School.
2. There will be no limit to the number of applications that any one Squadron, Post or Auxiliary Unit may wish to submit.
3. Applications are mailed to all registered Squadrons; additional applications may be photocopied. Completed applications must be returned to Detachment Headquarters, ATTN: SONS Coordinator, by April 30<sup>th</sup>.
4. Each application shall be certified by the Detachment Scholarship Chairman.
5. **PREVIOUS WINNERS** may receive up to three (3) additional annual awards – **SIMPLY** reapply by completing a new application, **NO** Article is necessary. Years won **MUST** be entered.

### SELECTION PROCEDURES:

1. A Committee of at least five (5) distinguished members of the Detachment of New York Sons of The American Legion will serve as judges.
2. A representative of the Detachment of New York Sons of The American Legion will present the award at the Detachment Convention.
3. Candidates shall be selected on the following basis: 25% each for: Americanism, Character, Leadership and Scholarship.
4. The decisions of the Selection Committee are final, and are published in a Detachment mailing.

**SONS COORDINATOR** will forward all applications together to the Chairman within one week after the due date.

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**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION      DETACHMENT OF NEW YORK  
ROCCO & VIRGINA CERULLO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Winner ? – Years \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone Number ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**If both parents are deceased, person responsible for your financial support:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name & Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (Relationship)

High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name & Address)

Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Age at Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

**College or Trade School Applicant expects to attend or is presently attending:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name & Address)

Type of program you expect to enter or are presently enrolled in: (Check One)

Two-year      Four-year      Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Program \_\_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_\_

Has application for admission  
been submitted to college? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been  
accepted? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

What is the fixed cost to each student per semester in the program you plan to enter or are presently attending: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How will the cost of college be financed? (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Applicant)      (Signature Detachment Scholarship Chairman)      / /  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
#      of      County  
(Name and Number of Organization)

**THE FOLLOWING MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.**

1. Copy of **APPLICANT'S** current-year Membership Card.
2. An article written by applicant, consisting of no more than 200 words, subject being: **THE CONSTITUTION.**
3. A certified transcript of high school or college grades.
4. Listing of extra-curricular activities, participation in civic activities, employment, number of hours worked per week, paid and volunteer work.
5. (High School Seniors Only) Certificate of acceptance and/or letter stating date you will receive it from the school or college you will attend.

Send by April 30<sup>th</sup> to 112 State Street, Suite 1300, Albany, NY 12207 ATTN: SONS Coordinator.

**ROCCO AND VIRGINIA CERULLO  
SCHOLARSHIP**

Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Cerullo were two people who belonged to the world's largest veterans groups: The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary. Through the love and involvement of their own parents, both became involved in these organizations and lived their lives in dedication to God and Country. The Sons of The American Legion, a third part of this great Legion Family, are here to keep Old Glory proudly flying and continue the hard work of our parent organization.

Rocco and Virginia became especially involved in the Sons of The American Legion. Christopher R. Cerullo, the youngest of 5 boys, with the help and guidance of his parents, became National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion in 1982-83.

The Cerullos stated in a program in 1982: "We are proud of all of our SONS of The American Legion and salute them for being leaders in promoting our Legion and Auxiliary. The image that they leave as they travel this Country of ours should make the parent organizations proud that the SONS are their youth group, and the blood of veterans flows in their veins. The American Legion and Auxiliary should look to them to carry on the work of these organizations in future years."

The Sons of The American Legion have given this Scholarship in Memory of Rocco and Virginia Cerullo. They would be very proud of this Scholarship, because it will spread the word about the Sons of The American Legion by bringing a gift to one of its members or perhaps introducing a prospective member to this great organization.

One of Virginia's greatest awards was when the Detachment of New York Sons of The American Legion made her their "State Mom." She stated, "I am proud to be the Detachment Mom of New York State and will wear this title with pride. I love you all and to be called "Mom" by so many boys is an honor I do not take lightly. God bless you all."