



**DUE THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL !!!**

## **The American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184 SERGEANT TRAVIS A MOOTHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

*Army Sergeant Travis Aaron Moothart died January 27, 2004 serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Aged 23, he grew up in Brownsville, Oregon. Assigned to Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division (Mech), Fort Riley, Kansas, he was killed in an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in Khalidiyah, Iraq. Travis Aaron Moothart is survived by his Gold Star Family.*

### **The American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184 Sergeant Travis A Moothart Memorial Scholarship**

The American Legion is a patriotic veterans organization formed by a group of World War I veterans. Its mission is to enhance the well-being of America's veterans; their families, military and communities by devotion to mutual helpfulness as chartered by Congress on September 16, 1919. Presently, four pillars sum up The American Legion: *Veterans, Defense, Americanism, and Youth*. Establishment of the Sgt. Travis A. Moothart Memorial Scholarship serves to (1) perpetuate the honor and sacrifices made by the Moothart family (a Central Linn Gold Star Family) and (2) to support local youth in fulfillment of pillar 4.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must be Central Linn High School seniors on track to graduate, live in the Central Linn School District 552 geographic area (generally defined as Brownsville, Crawfordsville, Halsey, Harrisburg, Peoria, Shedd, Tangent and nearby areas within central Linn County, Oregon). Applicants must have a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA. Applicants must submit an original typewritten essay of between 250 to 350 words that answers the following question, "*How will your extracurricular activities, community service, and accomplishments affect the future of America?*" Applicants must also submit unofficial copies of their most recent high school transcript with the understanding that if selected as finalists, sealed official transcripts and an interview with The American Legion (TAL) Travis Moothart Post 184 scholarship committee will be required prior to awarding of the Sergeant Travis A Moothart Memorial Scholarship.

The American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national or ethnic origin in the administration of the Sgt Travis A Moothart Memorial Scholarship.

### **Required:**

- Original 250- to 350-word typed essay answering, "*How will your extracurricular activities, community service, and accomplishments affect the future of America?*"
- Completed scholarship application (pages 2 and 3 of this application with attachments)
- Graduating Central Linn High School senior
- Central Linn School District 552 resident
- Minimum 2.00 or higher cumulative GPA
- Unofficial copy of transcript(s)

### **Note:**

- Incomplete scholarship applications will not be considered.
- Interviews with TAL Travis Moothart Post 184 scholarship committee are required for finalists.

**Mail completed application with supporting documents on or before THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL to:**

THE AMERICAN LEGION TRAVIS MOOTHART POST 184  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
PO BOX 184  
BROWNSVILLE OR 97327

or deliver to:



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THE AMERICAN LEGION | BROWNSVILLE SENIOR CENTER  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
339 N MAIN ST  
BROWNSVILLE OR 97327

**Application (part 1 of 2)**

**Personal Information** (Please print neatly in black or blue ink or type.)

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Years Living at above Address? \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Parents'/Legal Guardians' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Parents'/Legal Guardians'

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Information**

High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_ How Many Years? \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Minimum 2.00 Cumulative GPA is required. Your Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of post-secondary schools (i.e. community college, trade school, university, vocational program)

to which you have applied: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



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Have you been accepted to a post-secondary educational program?

Yes  Awaiting Notification  Other,

explain \_\_\_\_\_

What Course of Study Do You Plan to Pursue? \_\_\_\_\_

**Application (part 2 of 2)**

**Original Essay**

Attach an original typed essay of between 250 and 350 words that answers the question below:

**“How will your extracurricular activities, community service,  
and accomplishments affect the future of America?”**

**Signature(s)**

I understand that by applying for a scholarship, I give The American Legion permission to use my name, photo, and story if I am chosen to receive a Sgt Travis A Moothart Memorial Scholarship.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Oregon that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of any information will disqualify an applicant from consideration. I grant The American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184 permission to verify any info contained in this application.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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If applicant under age 18, also need  
Parent(s)/Guardian(s)' Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTE: It is recommended the applicant keep a copy of their completed application.

### **Policy (part 1 of 2)**

#### **Description**

Sergeant Travis A Moothart Memorial Scholarship is established by The American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184 and shall be administered by the same in close coordination and cooperation with a Moothart Gold Star Family survivor, representative, or designee of the Moothart family's choosing if possible, staff from Central Linn School District 552 responsible for scholarship administration/announcement/awards, and a committee from The American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184 or Its Successors And/Or Assigns (ISAOA).

#### **Award Amount**

It is the intent to establish a Sergeant Travis Aaron Moothart Memorial Scholarship in an amount of **\$500**. Awards may increase; subject to available funds. Decisions to make Sergeant Travis A Moothart Memorial Scholarships available on an annual basis or other periodic term or for more than one awardee are solely dependent upon available funds set aside in a restricted account specifically established to grow any carried-over principal and unused scholarship amounts. Account shall be called the Sgt Travis A Moothart Memorial Scholarship Fund.

#### **Conditions of Award**

Successful student applicant/scholarship awardees must immediately communicate information regarding their student account number associated with the post-secondary institution they will be attending so that their Sergeant Travis Aaron Moothart Memorial Scholarship may be disbursed directly to the institution For Benefit Of (FBO) the scholarship recipient.

Successful student applicant/scholarship awardees have two (2) years following graduation from Central Linn High School in which to enroll in a post-secondary institution prior to requesting their scholarship be disbursed. In the event successful student applicants/scholarship awardees interrupt their post-secondary educational or career plans due to enlistment in the United States Armed Forces, then they will have up to two (2) years following the end of their first enlistment to request their scholarship be disbursed.



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Sergeant Travis A Moothart Memorial Scholarship funds shall be directly disbursed to the apprenticeship, college, school, or vocational program of awardee's choosing and enrollment FBO the successful student applicant/scholarship awardee. The scholarship may not be transferred nor reassigned.

### **Accreditation/Disposition of Award**

Each applicant must have applied to an accredited apprenticeship, college, community college, junior college, specialized program of learning, technical school, university, or vocational program in the United States of America and be enrolled at least half time when the scholarship is dispersed. Once dispersed, the student may use the funds for tuition, books, and fees. If for any reason the recipient of this award is not able to attend the educational institution or does not make use of the Sgt Travis A Moothart Memorial Scholarship, any unused monies must be returned to The American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184.

## **Policy (part 2 of 2)**

### **Advertising/Solicitation of Funds**

Members, supporters and well-wishers of the The American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184, its affiliated American Legion Auxiliary Unit 184 and Sons of The American Legion Squadron 184 are encouraged to advertise and solicit tax-deductible charitable contributions for direct remittance to a restricted educational purpose line-item, separate from all other accounts (i.e. not to be commingled with general funds), and to forever be known as the "**Sgt Travis A Moothart Memorial Scholarship Fund.**" Benefactors/Donors shall be issued a written receipt with substantially the following wording; especially *italicized language*:

**Charitable Cash Contribution: *Sgt Travis A Moothart Memorial Scholarship Fund***  
**% The American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184, a 501(c)19 Domestic Non Profit**  
**(DNP) organization filed with Oregon Secretary of State, Registry Number 679394-97**  
***Non-Profit IRS EIN# 38-3810689***

Examples of advertising/soliciting for funds may include, but are not limited to:

- Postcards sharing Sergeant Travis Aaron Moothart story
- Presentation before the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce
- Reaching out among Legionnaires and their supporters' various networks
- Beverage sales by The American Legion Post 184 during Pioneer Picnic weekend
- Sgt Travis A Moothart donation jars placed strategically among participating businesses
- Presentation before the City of Brownsville Council for newsletter consideration
- Every Door Direct Mailing (EDDM) bulk mailings through the US Post Office
- Social media posts, Local Houses of Worship, and Word of Mouth
- Brownsville Women's Study Club and similar philanthropic organizations
- Article(s) in papers: THE TIMES, ALBANY DEMOCRAT-HERALD, THE NEW ERA
- Invite a Moothart Gold Star Family member to host a Post 184 breakfast, lunch, or dinner fundraiser

### **Timelines**

- Solicit charitable donations year round. Emphasize giving; especially in October, November, December.
- January: Determine Scholarship amount(s). Communicate with Central Linn High School (CLHS).
- early February: Visit CLHS to talk up scholarship availability. **Encourage CLHS seniors to apply.**



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- late Feb/early March: **Encourage CLHS seniors to apply. Advertise last Friday in March deadline!**
- April: Convene Sergeant Travis A Moothart Memorial Scholarship committee. Select finalist(s).
- May: Coordinate with CLHS regarding Post 184 joining in its scholarship awards ceremony.

### **Fund Oversight/Scholarship Committee**

The Sergeant Travis A Moothart Memorial Scholarship shall be governed by a committee of no fewer than three members of The American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184, a representative of the Moothart family during recipient selection and award presentation, plus Post 184 Commander and Finance Officer. Any decision to award the scholarship or not rests solely with such committee and its decision shall be final.

### **Award Ceremony**

Successful student applicant/scholarship recipient will be announced at a location and time TBD.

### **Contingency**

In case The American Legion Travis Moothart Post 184 of Brownsville, Oregon should dissolve, go bankrupt, or otherwise cease to exist, then Sergeant Travis Aaron Moothart Memorial Scholarship funds shall be transferred to Central Linn School District 552 as trustee or another competent vetted fiduciary.