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To: **Graduating High School Senior 2018**

From: Matt Bland, Sons of The American Legion- Detachment Commander

Subject: **William F. Johnson Memorial Scholarship**

The Sons of The American Legion was established in 1933 by The American Legion to get the youth of this nation involved with The American Legion family and the great work that it does for our veterans, community and the youth of our nation. Our organization has grown to over 300,000 members across the country. Over the past 15 years, our national organization has donated over three million dollars to various organizations. Here in West Virginia, we have over 3,100 members and growing.

As a state organization, we raise money for various Americanism programs and I cannot think of a better project than helping the youth of our great state reach their goals in life by pursuing a college education.

This scholarship is dedicated to all the veterans that gave of themselves in the defense of our country, many giving the ultimate sacrifice and never returning to this great state of ours. We want to instill a feeling of Pride, Honor and Patriotism into each of the candidates who apply for this scholarship. The one thing that brings them all together is that they are eligible for this scholarship, because their father, mother, grandfather or grandmother served in the armed forces and defended their country when called upon to do so. Any student is eligible as long as they are a son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter of any member in good standing in The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or the Sons of the American Legion. The Legion member does not have to belong to the State of West Virginia. The member may belong to any Department of the National Organization. The student must attend a West Virginia College or University.

We hope that the words from the Sons of The American Legion National Preamble will inspire you to apply for this scholarship:

Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendents of veterans of the Great Wars, associate ourselves together as Sons of The American Legion. . . To adopt in letter and spirit all the great principles for which The American Legion stands, and to assist in carrying on for God and Country,

Eligibility and scholarship rules can be found on the application form. Please read them carefully and fill out all requested information. If you have any questions, please contact the American Legion Headquarters at 888-534-4667.