



## How can you Support the Children of our Disabled and Fallen?

Seek out your local Post and join the American Legion Family in our mission in support of the four pillars.

Provide an individual, organization or corporate donation in any amount to the 2023 Colorado Legacy Scholarship Campaign. Suggested levels are:

- ☐ Family Level: \$100
- ☐ Campaign Level: \$250
- ☐ Americanism Level: \$500
- ☐ Patriot Level: \$1000
- ☐ Honor Level: \$2500
- ☐ Endowment Level: \$5000

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

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Legion organization or individual contacting you: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check out to American Legion Riders Post 209 annotated for Legacy Fund.

Provide check to the Legion Organization contacting you or mail to:

American Legion Riders Post 209 Attn:  
2023 Legacy Scholarship Campaign, 3613  
Jeannine Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80917

## About Us

Since its founding in 1919, The mission of the American Legion has focused on four main pillars:

- Advocating for Strong National Security
- Taking Care of Veterans
- Caring for Children and Youth
- Promoting Americanism, Patriotism and Honor

The American Legion is a 501(c)(19) non-profit Veteran Service Organization. A donor acknowledgment letter and Form W9 will be provided to all donors. Some or all of your Legacy Fun donation may be tax deductible. See your tax advisor for deduction information specific to your tax situation..

American Legion Riders are well known across the nation for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars per year for local children's hospitals, schools, veteran's homes, severely wounded servicemembers and scholarships. Since 2006, Riders nationwide have participated in The American Legion Legacy Run to annually raise money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund,

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# 2023 Legacy Scholarship Campaign

*Colorado American Legion  
Riders*

*Department of Colorado  
American Legion*



## Make a Difference in the Lives of the Children of our Fallen and Disabled Service Members

### American Legion Legacy Scholarship

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship is a nation-wide needs-based \$20,000 scholarship designed to fulfill a financial gap remaining after all federal and state educational grants/scholarships available to an eligible applicant have been utilized. The Scholarship can be used for undergraduate or graduate studies. Recipients may reapply for additional annual awards up to six times

Eligible recipients include the children of U.S. military members who died while on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001 and children of post-9/11 veterans having been assigned a combined disability rating of 50 percent or greater by the Department of Veterans Affairs also qualify.

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship helps ensure higher education is a possibility for children who lost a parent to death on active duty, or suffered a service-connected disability rated 50 percent or greater by VA, since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

### 2022 Nation-wide American Legion Legacy Scholarship Information

- Total number of scholarships awarded in 2022: 71
- Total amount of scholarship funds awarded in 2022: \$705,937
- Total number of scholarships awarded since inception: 504

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*"...the financial support provided by this scholarship will enable me to continue pursuing my academic and personal growth as I embark on a new adventure at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine. For that I am immensely grateful..."*  
*- Dennis A. Jallah III, 2020 Recipient*

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### Growing the National Legacy Scholarship Fund to Meet the Need

In 2022 there were 71 scholarships awarded totaling \$705,937. The more important number, however, is the 126 fully eligible applicants that were NOT selected due to the annual award amount reaching the endowment funding cap. That cap is necessary to ensure scholarship availability throughout the duration of the eligible applicant pool. In Colorado, there were three eligible applicants, of which two were selected to receive scholarship award for 2022.

Through year-to-year fundraising, the American Legion can continue to grow the fund and raise the cap, with the objective of being able to award scholarships to all who meet both eligibility and need in a given year.



### 2023 Colorado Legacy Scholarship Campaign and Pony Express Run

Colorado American Legion Post families across the state engage in fundraising efforts or contribute to the 2023 fundraising effort in conjunction with their program during the year. The donations received are consolidated at various relay stations across the state.

On July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Colorado American Legion Riders will conduct the state-wide Pony Express run, riding one of the designated routes to collect donations from each of the relay stations. All routes will reach a central collection point in the afternoon for a campaign celebration and some good old-fashioned fun.

