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I would like to take this opportunity to wish all a Happy New Year. Did you know The American Legion publishes a financial aid handbook for high school students titled "[Need A Lift?](#)" The publication features information on scholarships, loan and grant opportunities and information about specific colleges and careers. The publication can be purchased for \$3.95, including shipping, prepaid from American Legion Emblem Sales, PO Box 1050, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206.

The American Legion has also established the [American Legion Legacy Scholarship](#) for children of service men and women killed while on active duty with the U.S. Armed Forces on or after September 11, 2001. The application is available on the Legion's web site www.legion.org or from The American Legion Legacy Scholarship, The American Legion, PO Box 1055, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206. Contributions to the fund may also be sent to the above address.

There are many Detachments that also give out scholarships. You need to check with your Detachment or your Detachment officers, to see what the requirements are and when applications need to be back to the Detachments. It is important that we promote to our member's and their families to take advantage of these scholarship opportunities, especially in these difficult economic times.

I would also like to remind everyone if they are able to help with The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program. I wrote about this program [last month](#). I will keep this article up so if you are interested you may go to it and review it. This program of the American Legion, if it has not all ready started, is starting this month and will continue through the finals in early April.

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