



The American Legion
Groves-Walker Post 346

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Dear American Legion Members and Farmington/Farmington Hills High School Students,

We are pleased to announce the establishment of the Groves-Walker American Legion Post 346 Scholarship Program, funded by the Suzanne Sloat and Ray Okonski Foundation.

Two \$5,000.00 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) career oriented scholarships will be awarded, one to a boy and one to a girl.

Mr. Ray Okonski is a strong proponent of 3-D printing technology as an important element of an engineering degree that he feels strongly enhances the probability of a successful and profitable career. In recent years, 100% of senior University of Detroit Mercy engineers, with a 3-D printing background were offered full employment before graduation. While your choice of college is unlimited, if a winning student is accepted and enrolls with the University of Detroit Mercy and majors in 3-D printing, an additional \$1,000.00 will be forwarded to University of Detroit Mercy, on behalf of the student, upon proof of acceptance, to be used for typical qualifying expenses such as tuition, fees, books, program costs, meal plans, housing and/or transportation.

As the American Legion is a Veterans Organization, we are asking that students are endorsed by a veteran. If you do not have a veteran family member or friend, you may be eligible for an interview with the Legion Commander for potential endorsement.

Scholarship application forms may be found at <http://www.americanlegionpost346.org> and must be submitted by May 15, 2017. The 2017 Scholarships will be awarded on or before June 15, 2017.

Thank you,

The Groves-Walker American Legion Post 346 Scholarship Program Committee
The Susanne Sloat & Ray Okonski Foundation



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The purpose of the Groves-Walker American Legion Post 346 Scholarship Program is to provide two deserving students (one boy and one girl) an opportunity to attend the college of their choice.

The base requirements for this scholarship are:

- 1) Be endorsed by an honorably discharged veteran of the US military.
- 2) Have at least a 3.0 grade point average and maintain it through graduation.
- 3) Plan to be a full-time student with a declared College major in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math.
- 4) Demonstrate leadership and a commitment to the community.

An essay must accompany your application, it should be 300-500 words. Your essay must answer the following questions:

- 1) What is your program of study and why did you choose it as your major?
- 2) Do you have any 3-D printer experience or expectations?
- 3) Do you have any work related experience?
- 4) Do you perform any community service?
- 5) Have you received any honors or awards?
- 6) What are your career goals?
- 7) How would this scholarship assist you in meeting your goals?

This application must be received no later than April 14th 2017

Email submission package to GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

OR - Place all completed information in a 9x12 envelope and

Mail to: Groves-Walker American Legion Post 346 Attn: Scholarship Committee
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Application Check List

- 1) Completed application of Personal Information.
- 2) Copy of your endorsing Veteran's Honorable Discharge papers (DD-214), with redacted Social Security number.
- 3) Essay (signed and dated).
- 4) A 5x7 photo of yourself.
- 5) Copy of official transcript of grades to date.
- 6) Counselor's report, in a sealed envelope or emailed by counselor separately (See Attachment).
- 7) Up to an additional 10 pages of supporting documentation/information and exhibits may be included.

Any additional inquiries may be directed to the Scholarship Committee:

Andy Machcinski, Jr Vice Commander	248-794-2359
Dale Baxter, Commander	540-710-4511
Marya Davis, Adjutant	248-417-2222



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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name: First Name: Middle Initial:
Mailing Address: City: ST:
Zip Code: Contact Phone:
E-Mail Address:
Gender: Date of Birth:
High School: Date of Graduation:

SIGNATURES

BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION, YOU AGREE, IF ASKED, TO PROVIDE INFORMATION THAT WILL VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF YOUR COMPLETED FORM.

IF YOU PURPOSELY GIVE FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION, YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THIS CONTEST.

YOU ALSO AGREE TO THE USE OF YOUR NAME, PICTURE AND INFORMATION CONTAINED WITHIN THE APPLICATION FOR ADVERTISING, PROMOTIONAL AND PUBLICITY PURPOSES WITHOUT CONSENT OR COMPENSATION.

THE GROVES-WALKER POST 346, AMERICAN LEGION AND THE SUZANNE SLOAT & RAY OKONSKI FOUNDATION HAS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SELECTING RECIPIENTS BASED ON CRITERIA AS SET FORTH IN THE PROGRAMS DESCRIPTION.

THIS APPLICATION, AND ALL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BECOMES PROPERTY OF THE GROVES-WALKER POST 346, AMERICAN LEGION AND THE SUZANNE SLOAT & RAY OKONSKI FOUNDATION. (IT IS STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT YOU MAKE A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS).

STUDENT:

Name: Signature: Date:

PARENT/GUARDIAN:

Name: Signature: Date:

VETERAN REQUIREMENT

You must submit a copy of Veterans Honorable discharge (DD-214), (WWII Vets are called Separation Papers) with your application. (Please **DO-NOT** send the original, and **BLANK OUT** the Social Security number.)

VETERAN ENDORSEMENT STATEMENT:

Name: Signature: Date:



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Applicant: Fill out your your name and give this page to your counselor or appropriate school official. This section may be completed by your counselor before you are finished with the application, BUT MUST BE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE OR EMAILED BY THE COUNSELOR DIRECT TO GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com

APPLICANT NAME:

Last Name: First: Middle Initial :

COUNSELOR: This form will be used to verify the applicant's academinc status, please be sure to provide accurate information. When completed, **please secure this report in a sealed envelope and give to the student to include in the application. Groves-Walker Post 346 American Legion will not return this form to the applicant.** You are also welcome to independently submit this form by email to GrovesWalkerPost346@gmail.com. Be sure to title the document with the Applicant's LastNameFirstName

Applicant's Grade Point Average (A=4.0)

Applicant's highest test scores: **ACT** Date Taken:

SAT Evidence-based **Math:** Date Taken:
Reading and Writing

How would you rate this applicant's academic course load compared with that of other students?

Below Average: Above Rigorous: Most Rigorous:
Average: Average:

Is there a Community Service requirement to graduate? If yes, how many ?

Couselor Information:

Name: Position:

Phone/Ext: Email:

Length of time acquainted with the applicant:

Comments:

Signature

Date: