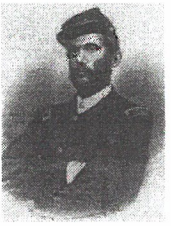


SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

COL. AUGUSTUS VAN HORNE ELLIS CAMP 124

GOSHEN, NEW YORK



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Re: Annual Colonel Ellis Memorial Scholarship and Essay Contest

Dear Guidance Counselor/student Advisor,

The Camp 124 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is proud to announce once again the availability of the Colonel Augustus van Horne Ellis Memorial 12th Annual Scholarship and Essay Contest. The contest is open to all High School Seniors in Rockland, Ulster, Orange, Dutchess, Westchester, Putnam and Sullivan County. One scholarship will be awarded to help pay for books or other expenses for post secondary education or military service. The scholarship is \$350.00 and will be awarded each Memorial Day to the high school senior who demonstrates high academic achievement, a record of performance in school and community activities, an interest in the heritage of the United States, a letter of recommendation from either a school counselor, teacher or a responsible person in the community and a 500 word essay on a topic selected annually by the Colonel Ellis Camp. All applications, essays and recommendations must be postmarked no later than May 2, 2026 and mailed to the address listed on the enclosed application. Winners will be announced on Memorial Day and notified by mail with a copy to the school. All submissions shall become the property of the Ellis Camp 124, SUVCW, Department of New York. Past years winners have come from Suffern, Saugerties, Fallsburg, Chester, Nanuet, Valley Central, Pine Bush, Sullivan West, Beacon and Pearl River High Schools.

Colonel Ellis was the commander of the 124th New York Volunteer Infantry and was killed leading his men in the vicinity of Devils Den at Gettysburg on July 2, 1863.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a 501 c 3 charitable organization and a fraternal, patriotic and educational organization chartered by Act of Congress (Title 36 U.S.C. sections 200301 et seq.) and is made up of males who are descendants of soldiers, sailor or members of the Revenue Cutter Service who honorably served the Union during the American Civil War.

I enclose a copy of the application which may be duplicated. but must be used to qualify for the scholarship. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact the undersigned.

very truly yours,

Jeffrey Albanese-Chairman Ellis Scholarship Committee



Established in 1881 and legal heir to the Grand Army of the Republic

APPLICATION FORM FOIR COLONEL ELLIS SCHOLARSHIP 2026

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Name of College or Branch of Service You Plan on Enrolling:

Name of High School: _____
Current Grade Point Average: _____ Class Size: _____

SAT/ACT Score _____ Class Rank: _____

Name of Reference: _____

(attach letter)

List School Related Activities (Sports, clubs, etc.):

List Academic Achievements (National Honor Society, Honor Roll etc.):

List Community Related Activities (Charity or Volunteer work, scouting etc.):

Attach a 500-word essay containing your name on the following topic: "What would have happened after the Civil War if President Lincoln had not been assassinated?" It is expected that some research will need to be done so please provide a list of your sources and citations.

Signature; _____ Date: _____

Send your completed application, essay, and a reference letter from a counselor, teacher, or community member, postmarked by May 2, 2026, to:
Col. Ellis Memorial Scholarship
C/O Jeffrey Albanese
19 Gregory Drive
Goshen, N.Y. 10924

**PLEASE NOTE THIS APPLICATION FORM MUST BE USED NO OTHER FORM
WILL BE ACCEPTED**