

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

COL. AUGUSTUS VAN HORNE ELLIS CAMP 124

GOSHEN, NEW YORK

SERVING ROCKLAND, ORANGE, SULLIVAN, ULSTER, DUTCHESS, WESCHESTER and PUTNAM COUNTY

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Re: Annual Colonel Ellis Memorial Scholarship and Essay Contest

Dear Guidance Counselor/Student Advisor,

The Colonel Ellis 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 Annual Scholarship and Essay Contest. The contest is open to all High School Seniors in the lower Hudson Valley. One scholarship will be awarded to help pay for books or other expenses for post secondary education or military service. The scholarship is \$250.00 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 14, 2021 and mailed to the address listed on the enclosed application. The winner 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, Clarkstown and Pearl River High Schools. Last year's winner was Ms. Nicole Ruggerio of Monroe, New York.

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 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, sailors 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. 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 COLONEL ELLIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2020

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 Activitites(Charity or Volunteer work, scouting etc.): _____

Attach a 500 word essay containing your name on the following topic: "On March 4, 1861 Abraham Lincoln delivered his First Inaugural Address to a deeply divided nation. How would you assess his message to the nation at that time and what valuab lessons/ideas does it offer us in 2021 to address our current political situation.?" It is expected that some research will need to be done so please provide a list of your sources and citations.

Signature; _____ **Date:** _____

Completed applications, essay and one reference letter from a school counselor, teacher or responsible member of your community should be mailed and postmarked no later than May 14, 2021 to:

**Col. Ellis Memorial Scholarship
C/O Jeffrey Albanese
19 Gregory Drive
Goshen, N.Y. 10924**