

**SUSAN D. COTE HONORARY SCHOLARSHIP
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY; CHISM-LANDERS UNIT 361**

Established to honor the service and devotion of Susan D. Cote; ALA 361 member, VA hospital deputy representative, and animal rescuer/enthusiast. The first award will be in spring, 2023 and will have four additional awards in subsequent years; thanks to the benefactor, her late husband; William R. (Bill) Cote. Following the fifth annual award, ALA 361 must act to either continue the award using the same rules as set forth, amend the rules; including but not limited to the award amount, or discontinue the annual award. Non-action by the Unit would constitute a discontinuation of the scholarship after the fifth award.

Rules.

1. Candidates for the award shall be a U.S. citizen.
 2. Candidates must be one of the following:
 - a. a high school senior enrolled in the Ennis ISD.
 - b. a high school senior with an Ennis Tx residence address.
 - c. a graduate of an Ennis public, private, home or parochial school.
 3. Candidates may be currently enrolled in a school of higher education.
 4. Candidates must have been accepted or planning to pursue a degree at a school of higher education.
 5. Candidates **do not need** to have any association with the American Legion Auxiliary or the American Legion.
 6. Applications may be obtained from the Unit Education Committee Chair or any member of Auxiliary Unit or pickup up during the business hours at the American Legion Post 361 located at 706 Rumbo Road; Ennis, TX 75119 beginning on January 1st and must be turned in directed to the attention of the Unit President no later than March 15th of each year.
 7. Following the application deadline, applications will be judged by the Unit Education Committee comprised of a total of four members; chaired by the Unit President. Applications will be judged on the following basis:
 - Character/Leader
 - Initiative/Goals
 - Intended studies**
 - Academic achievements
- ** Applicants who intend to pursue a career in the veterinary field (including any type “technician” in this field) will be given a higher score. Community service and/or volunteer service relating to animals also given extra scoring.
8. Following the Education Committee’s scoring, they will make a recommendation to the Unit’s members who will make the final determination of the recipient at their April membership meeting.
 9. An award of \$1,000 will be made to a sole recipient at the scholarship award presentation held by Ennis ISD and/or the Memorial Day celebration held on a date to be determined annually by the American Legion Post 361.
 10. Payment of the award will be made directly to the education establishment and must be used within twelve (12) months of issuance. Payments not processed within this time period will be considered null and void and will not be replaced.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed application form.
2. Two (2) current letters of recommendation.
 - A. From the principal, counselor or teacher of the school from which he or she is graduating from or currently attending should they already be pursuing their education.
 - B. From a representative citizen which attests to the applicant’s character, community service and past academic achievements.
3. A letter not more than 500 words from the applicant stating their qualifications and intentions.
4. A **certified copy** of the applicant’s high school grades for at least the last two (2) years of work or their current college transcript.

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P.O. BOX 1271
ENNIS, TEXAS 75120
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Full name of applicant: _____

Physical address: _____

Mailing address (if different): _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: () _____ [] cell [] landline (ck one)

Your email address: _____ @ _____

Parents' names: _____

Their email addresses: _____ @ _____

_____ @ _____

Date of birth: ____/____/____ Planned course of study: _____

Anticipated date of graduation ____/____/____ GPA (last four years) _____

Currently enrolled at: School name _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip _____

Name of college you plan to attend _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip _____

Have you been accepted? [] yes [] no (check one and attach a copy if "yes".

Applicant's signature _____

Date: ____/____/____

Return completed application and required documents by March 15th to:

American Legion Auxiliary
Chism-Landers Unit 361
P.O. Box 1271
Ennis, TX 75120
Attention: Unit President

Or hand deliver to American Legion Auxiliary; Chism-Landers Unit 361
706 Rumbo Road
Ennis, TX 75119
Attention: Unit President

We will email you confirmation once your application is received.