



## 87<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Tim Higgins Scholarship



Administered by: The [87<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Legacy Association](#)

The Legacy Association's mission is to preserve the World War II contributions of the 87<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and educate the public about the significant sacrifices and contributions of the Division's soldiers during this pivotal global war. The 87<sup>th</sup> was an instrumental unit in General George S. Patton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Army success in the Battle of the Bulge during World War II. The Legacy Association is a group of sons, daughters, other relatives and friends intent on honoring the 87<sup>th</sup>'s contribution to World War II by performing educational activities to ensure the Division's actions are not forgotten. Timothy D. Higgins was the son of John (Jack) W. Higgins. Jack was with Company A of the 346<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the 87<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Tim was the 4<sup>th</sup> President of the Legacy Association and worked tirelessly to help plan, conduct and document annual reunions/educational forums. These take place to continue to share the history and impact of the Division in World War II. Tim faithfully attended the forums with his Dad and brought along his brother and children in hopes that they would continue the mission. Tim passed in 2021, and this Scholarship was set up in his name to honor all those who strive to ensure that the Division's contribution to a free world is not forgotten.

### Eligibility Requirements

- Age/Grade Level: Applicant must be going into, or in their senior year of high school, or a student in college or a trade school
- Minimum GPA: 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale
- Financial Need: Not Required – but will be considered if shared
- Other Academic Requirements: Currently attending as a full-time student (as determined by your school's financial aid office)
- Post High School Graduation Plan: Attend an accredited, two or four-year, not-for-profit institution or trade school within the US
- Extracurricular: Be active in extra-curricular activities and especially community service. Special attention will be noted for volunteer work connected with the activities of the military or first responders including but not limited to programs regarding those who have given service to society.
- Military: Identify a relative, friend or other admired person involved with the 87<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division or the Battle of the Bulge in some way.
- Miscellaneous: Demonstrate a willingness to promote the legacy of the 87th Infantry Division's contribution to World War II.

### Application Details

- Transcript: A seven semester transcript must be provided – an unofficial copy is acceptable.
- Resume/Activity List: Required – any format is acceptable – there is space on the application form.
- Recommendation Letters: Two letters of Recommendation: from: principal or counselor of school, clergyman, professor, or other un-related person knowing of applicant's character.
- Other Materials: A completed application form and an essay (a minimum of 500 words) on the contribution of the 87th Infantry Division in World War II in your own words.
- Deadline: July 30, 2026 for an award during the upcoming school year.
- Award: The award will be announced during the upcoming annual reunion of the 87th Infantry Division Legacy Association (normally taking place during the fall) and will be posted on the website.

### Questions/Contact Information

- Craig Stiegemeier - Phone: (314) 239-8923
- Email: [Scholarship@87thinfantry.org](mailto:Scholarship@87thinfantry.org)



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Application for 2026-2027 School Year

Up to \$1000 scholarship awarded to a student in their senior year of high school or currently enrolled in college or a trade school

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Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT/SAT Composite Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

College, University or Trade School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Extra-Curricular Activities in the past 4 years: \_\_\_\_\_

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Community involvement in the past 4 years (i.e. church, 4H, volunteer work, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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Essay Topic: Describe the contribution of the 87th Infantry Division in World War II (approx. 500 words or more) in your own words.

To complete your application, please attach your essay to this completed application, along with other required documentation (transcript and recommendation letters) and additional pages (if necessary) containing the Extra Curricular and/or Community Involvement content requested on this form.

E-mail all the above to [Scholarship@87thinfantry.org](mailto:Scholarship@87thinfantry.org) or Mail application to: Craig L Stiegemeier, Attn: 87<sup>th</sup> IDLA Scholarship, 158 Huntington Downs, Saint Charles, MO 63301-8700 postmarked by Midnight, July 30, 2026. For more information see Tim Higgins Memorial Scholarship at <https://87thinfantry.org>