

At the 94th American Legion National Convention in 2012 the delegates unanimously voted to bestow upon Richard M. Pedro the title of Past National Commander; he joined legendary New Yorkers Theodore Roosevelt Jr. and longtime US Representative Hamilton Fish in receiving this rare honor. Richard served during World War II in the United States Navy, May 24, 1944 until October 30, 1947, which included 22 months of sea duty aboard the USS Weiss. Upon his discharge from the Navy Richard joined the American Legion and Post # 401 in Owego and was an active member for 65 continuous years and was honored with an honorary life membership in 1964. Dick served as commander of the New York American Legion during the Legion year 1969 to 1970. Dick also served as Department Adjutant (Executive Director) for 29 years. Throughout his years of participation in The American Legion Dick exemplified the four pillars of the American Legion, which are Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth.

The scholarship is meant to ensure that the ideals of The American Legion will continue for many years. The recipient of this scholarship must pass on to future generations the duties and obligations of American citizenship.

The Richard M. Pedro Memorial Scholarship is available to every High School Senior residing within the state of New York and meeting the following criteria:

- A child, grandchild, or great grandchild of a New York State Legionnaire in good standing.
- A child, grandchild, or great grandchild of a deceased New York State Legionnaire.
- A child of a New York service member that was killed as a result of the war on terrorism including The World Trade Center, The Pentagon, Iraq and Afghanistan.

To be eligible a student must compose an essay of less than 500 words or submit a video on the topic, the importance of The American Legion in my community, and provide all information requested on the first page of this application.

Deadline for submission of the essay or video and completed application is June 16. One winner will be selected and will receive a \$ 1,000 Scholarship which will be presented at The American Legion Department of New York Annual Convention.



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The American Legion Department of New York
Richard M. Pedro Memorial Scholarship

Application must be typed

Full name of applicant: _____

Complete mailing address: _____

Phone number home: () _____ - _____ Cell: () _____ - _____

Date of birth: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Full name of (veteran) i.e.; Parent, Grandparent, Great Grand Parent

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

American Legion Member # _____ American Legion Post # _____

Name and complete address of High School: _____

Attach an essay of 500 words or less or an electronic version (e.g. video disc) on the topic: In your opinion what impact does The American Legion have in your community?

Applicant's signature certifies that he/she understands scholarship eligibility requirements and will adhere to its conditions.

Applicant's signature grants The American Legion Department of New York the right to use the applicant's name and/or likeness to publicize its programs.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

This application for scholarship is being submitted with my knowledge and approval

Signature of Parent / Guardian

Date

The recipient will receive notification from Department Headquarters after July 1.

All inquiries should be directed to James W. Casey, Executive Director/Adjutant.

Completed applications must be received no later than June 16 at:

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Attn: Education & Scholarship Committee
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