

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
May 9-10, 2007**

Resolution No. 7: Revise Rules Of The American Legion Baseball Leadership Scholarship

Submitted by: Finance Commission

WHEREAS, The American Legion's National Executive Committee passed Resolution 15 at its meeting on May 5-6, 1999, which established the "Buick-American Legion Leadership Scholarship" for eligible participants of American Legion Baseball; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion and Buick business relationship ended in 2000 and The American Legion expressed a desire to have the latitude to expand its involvement with other corporate partners while continuing to provide scholarships to eligible American Legion Baseball participants; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion's National Executive Committee passed Resolution 13, "The American Legion Baseball Leadership Scholarship" at its meeting May 10-11, 2000 which renamed the Buick-American Legion Leadership Scholarship "The American Legion Baseball Leadership Scholarship" and authorized The American Legion to disburse scholarship funds in the amount of \$1,000 to one deserving player each year from each Department of The American Legion that registered with the National Americanism Commission the requisite number of teams for eligibility in national tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Monies used to fund the scholarship were to be taken from income and principle from existing account(s) established for that purpose and from funds provided from corporate donations, individual contributions and by other means authorized by existing policies and procedures of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Disbursements from the fund have exceeded income and have reduced the principle, which if left unchanged could put the future of the scholarship program in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS, The National Americanism Commission, with concurrence by the National Finance Commission, has recommended that the scholarships be reduced to an amount that better represents the individual contributions, corporate donations and annual earnings of the fund principle; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 9-10, 2007, That The American Legion reiterates its desire to continue providing scholarships to eligible participants of American Legion Baseball; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That effective in 2008, the amount of American Legion Baseball Leadership Scholarships shall be determined each year by the National Finance Commission based on the amount of available income to the principle of the American Legion Baseball Leadership Scholarship Fund; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That five (5) percent of annual earned interest from the fund shall be reinvested as principle for continued growth of the American Legion Baseball Leadership Scholarship Fund; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the National Americanism Commission shall establish further rules, regulations and guidelines for selection and award of said scholarship by Departments of The American Legion, and shall set such parameters with emphasis on financial need, leadership, citizenship and character; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That in order to exercise a latitude to expand named corporate sponsors in addition to, or in lieu of, Buick Division of General Motors, the National Commander of The American Legion be, and hereby is, authorized to annually title the scholarship in the name of a bona fide American Legion corporate partner in a manner that is in the best interests of The American Legion and The American Legion Baseball program.