

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



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All are gift scholarships, not loans.

Please contact Education@ALAforVeterans.org with questions. The sheer volume of scholarship applications received makes it impractical for national headquarters to respond to each application or to confirm receipt of materials.

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1. Candidates for this award shall be/shall have been Junior members of the American Legion



(2024) membership year. Applicant must continue their membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the scholarship period.

2. Applicants must be in their senior year of high school or be a senior equivalent.
3. This is a scholarship to attend an accredited institution of higher education. Applicants must be of good character and have grades that meet entrance requirements at the institution of their choice. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA using a 4.0 scale.
4. Completed applications are **DUE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2024, 11:59 PM Eastern.**
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 - Character/Leadership 30%
 - Essay/Application 30%
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THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.

Disbursement of funds

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- ***Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*). If a field does not have an asterisk (*) it is not required.***



Personal information

Applicant's Full Name*

First Name

Last Name

Phone*

Address*

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State

ZIP Code

Email*

Date of Birth*



Membership ID#*

Name of veteran through whom applicant is eligible for membership in American Legion Auxiliary:*

Relationship to Veteran*

Are you the dependent/child of a current member of the National Guard, Reserve or have a parent currently on active duty?*

Yes

No



Father/Guardian Information

Father/Guardian's Full Name*

First Name

Last Name

Phone*

Address*

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State

ZIP Code

Email*

Mother/Guardian Information

Mother/Guardian's Full Name*

First Name

Last Name

Phone*

Address*

Address Line 1

Address Line 2



Email*

Educational Information

High School*

Expected Graduation Date*



Current cumulative GPA / Scale*

For example: 3.725/4.0

Transcripts, or photocopy of the transcripts, of the applicant's high school grades.*

[Choose File](#) [Remove File](#) No File Chosen

Essay Questions

Describe your involvement in American Legion Auxiliary activities.*

1000/1000

Please explain why receiving this scholarship would be important to you.*

1000/1000

ALA National President Lisa Williamson has chosen to increase awareness about the veteran and military suicide epidemic, while embracing The American Legion's "Be The One" initiative. "Be The One" will destigmatize asking for mental health support, provide peer-to-peer support and resources, and educate everyone on how they can "Be The One". As an American Legion Auxiliary member, how can you "Be The One" for our veteran and military communities?*



5000/5000

Recommendations

One letter, from an educator or a clergyperson of the applicant's choice.*

[Choose File](#) [Remove File](#) No File Chosen

One letter from an adult – other than relatives – attesting to the applicant's character in regard to conduct, citizenship, and leadership.*

[Choose File](#) [Remove File](#) No File Chosen

Optional

Copy of SAT or ACT test scores

[Choose File](#) [Remove File](#) No File Chosen

A copy of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form, or a copy of the FAFSA Summary Report and Confirmation Page, or the FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR).

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I understand that by signing this application, I agree that my name and likeness, and/or essay, may be used for marketing purposes and in ALA media.

Applicant Signature*



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Use your mouse or finger to draw your signature above



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Submit Form

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a. Character/Leadership	30%	or	30 pts.	_____
b. Essay/Application	30%	or	30 pts.	_____
c. Academic Achievement	40%	or	40 pts.	_____
Total				_____

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