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Dear County Presidents:

The American Legion Auxiliary has always supported our ambitious younger generations. We would like to let you know about 4 amazing scholarships and grants available to the graduating class of 2024. They are the **American Legion Auxiliary Department of New Jersey 2024 Grant**, **Claire Oliphant Memorial Grant**, **Elsie Bailey Memorial Grant** and **Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship**. Please pass this information on to your Unit Presidents, so they can pass it to the Unit scholarship chairperson, so they can pass this information on to **ALL** schools in your county. All grants and scholarships are fillable forms (they need to be filled out on the computer) and are on the alanj.org website.

American Legion Auxiliary Department of New Jersey Grant: This application consists of 3 Department Grants (1 for each: North Jersey, Central Jersey and South Jersey). Amount of Grant depends on the amount of monies donated and will be split 3 ways equally.

Claire Oliphant Memorial Grant: This application – a \$2,500.00 grant payable in one check – is awarded in memory of Claire Oliphant, New Jersey's First Department President (1920-1922) and National President (1924-1925).

Elsie Bailey Memorial Grant: This application – a \$2,500.00 grant payable in one check – is awarded in memory of Elsie Bailey- New Jersey's Department President (1988-1989) and National President (2002-2003). Elsie served as Unit President of the Stevenson-D'Alessio American Legion Unit #12 of Somerville. She went on to become State President of NJ and later served as National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, the largest patriotic women's organization in the world.

Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship: It is important to acknowledge the sacrifices of our service members who preserve our freedom, but that is not enough. The sacrifices of the children of those who served should also be honored. Providing funds to assist these children so they can pursue higher education is a concrete way of showing how much we, as a nation, care. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship to support the children of our warriors. These scholarships are awarded to 15 students annually who excel in academics and volunteer in their communities. Link: www.legion-aux.org (under scholarships, then under ALA Scholarships)

We appreciate your assistance in this matter, and we would like the excitement to be contagious so that these Grants and Scholarships are available to ALL our graduating class of 2024. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any of us below.

For God and Country,
Sincerely,

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-- Education Chairperson
-- Claire Oliphant Memorial Grant
-- Elsie Bailey Memorial Grant
-- Department Scholarship
-- Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship

(a copy of each application attached)