



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS
2017-2018**

Five scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 will be awarded for **2018**. One scholarship will be awarded in each division of the American Legion Auxiliary. All are gift scholarships and not loans.

RULES

1. Candidates for this award shall be/shall have been Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three consecutive years and must hold a membership card for the current (2018) year. Applicant must continue her membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the four-year-scholarship period.
2. Applicants must be in their senior years of high school.
3. This is a four-year scholarship to attend an accredited institution of higher education. Applicants must be of good character and have grades which meet entrance requirements at the institution of their choice. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
4. Applicants must present the completed application to their **local American Legion Auxiliary unit president ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2018**.
5. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Character/Leadership	30%
Essay/Application	30%
Scholarship	40%

THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.

6. Use of the scholarship must begin **within 24 months of the date the winner receives notification by National Headquarters**. Additionally, National Headquarters must receive certification from the college of the winner's enrollment within 12 months of notification.
7. The first half of the award (\$2,500) will be paid directly to the school at the beginning of the first semester when the student enrolls. There shall be no money paid to the school for the ensuing semesters until notification of re-enrollment has been received from the school. Notification from the school must include verification of a B (3.0) average. If the winner discontinues his/her education or membership in the American Legion Auxiliary before completing four years of study (eight semesters), the balance of the scholarship will be forfeited. The winner will have six years from the date of high school graduation to utilize the scholarship funds.



APPLICATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed application packet for the Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior members.
2. The following four letters of recommendation are required:
 - a. One letter from either the principal or guidance counselor of the school from which the applicant will graduate, to include size of class and student's position in the class and the cumulative grade point average.
 - b. One letter from a clergyman/clergywoman of the applicant's choice.
 - c. Two letters from adult citizens, other than relatives, attesting to the applicant's character in regard to conduct, citizenship and leadership.
3. An original essay consisting of no more than 1,000 words (typed, double-spaced). The title of the essay will be "**How pride in country, community, school and family directs my daily life.**"
4. A certified high school transcript or photocopy of the certified transcript.
5. A copy of ACT or SAT test scores.
6. A copy of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), or a copy of the FAFSA Summary Report and Confirmation Page, or the FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR).
7. Please be sure to attach other required materials to this application and submit to the president of the American Legion Auxiliary unit in the community in which you reside **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2018.**



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2017-2018 APPLICATION**

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone No. _____ (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Date of Birth _____ Membership # _____

Date of Enrollment in American Legion Auxiliary _____

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

Relationship to Veteran _____

Proposed date of graduation from high school _____

Name of college or university you hope to attend:



NOTE: Please be sure to attach other required materials to this application and submit to the president of the American Legion Auxiliary unit in which your membership is recorded **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2018.**

Please answer the following questions in a separate document and attach to application.

- a. Why would receiving this scholarship be important to you? Please explain.
- b. What course of study do you plan to pursue and why?
- c. Describe your involvement in school, church and community activities.
- d. Why do you think the United States' patriotic organizations such as the American Legion Auxiliary are important to the world today?



THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPONSORING UNIT

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

EACH UNIT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION IN THE APPLICANT'S PACKET.

1. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Character/Leadership	30%
Essay/Application	30%
Scholarship	40%
2. No unit may enter more than one candidate in the department competition.
3. The winning entry for each unit shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary unit president and unit secretary or unit Education chairman and forwarded to the department secretary to be received **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2018.**
4. Participation in this scholarship program shall be on a voluntary basis in all units.
5. Should an entry be received and no unit affiliation is available, then the application should be judged in the department headquarters unit.

Unit Name and Number _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Signature of Unit President

*Signature of Unit Secretary or
Unit Education Chairman*



THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DEPARTMENT (STATE)

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

EACH DEPARTMENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION IN THE APPLICANT'S PACKET.

1. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Character/Leadership	30%
Essay/Application	30%
Scholarship	40%

2. Each department is restricted to submitting one candidate to the division competition.
3. The winning entry for each unit shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary department president and the department secretary or department Education chairman and forwarded to the respective division Education chairman to be received **ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2018.**
4. Participation in this scholarship program shall be on a voluntary basis in all departments.

DEPARTMENT _____

DIVISION _____

Signature of Department President

*Signature of Department Secretary or
Department Education Chairman*

The division Education chairman and two qualified judges shall make the final decision on the winner. She shall certify the name of the winner and send the complete application packet to the national Education chairman **on or before April 15, 2018.** The national Education chairman shall certify the names of the winner to National Headquarters.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP FOR NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS 2017-2018

One scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 will be awarded in each division of the American Legion Auxiliary. All are gift scholarships and not loans.

RULES

1. Applicant must be a current member of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion and shall have paid dues for the two preceding years and for the calendar year in which application is made.
2. Applicants must be:
 - a. a non-traditional student returning to the classroom after some period of time in which his/her formal education was interrupted
 - b. a non-traditional student who is just beginning his/her education at a later point in life
3. American Legion Auxiliary Spirit of Youth Scholarship recipients are not eligible.
4. Applicants must present the completed application to their **local American Legion Auxiliary unit president ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2018.**
5. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Character/Leadership	25%
Initiative/Goals	25%
Financial Need	25%
Scholarship	25%

THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.

6. The award will be paid directly to the school for the first semester upon notification from the school that the student has registered. ***American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters must receive certification of enrollment within 12 months of a winner's notification or the scholarship will be forfeited.*** The scholarship must be used within 24 months of the date the winner receives notification by National Headquarters, or the scholarship will be forfeited. Thus, if winning student does not wish to use monies for FIRST YEAR expenses, it must then be used for SECOND YEAR expenses or forfeited.