

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS 2017

Five scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each will be awarded for 2017. One scholarship will be awarded in each division of the American Legion Auxiliary. All are gift scholarships and not loans.

#### **RULES**

- Candidates for this award shall be/shall have been Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary; said member to have held Junior membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three consecutive years (2014, 2015 and 2016) and must hold a membership card for the current (2017) year. Applicant must continue her membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the four-year-scholarship period.
- 2. Applicants must be in their senior year of high school.
- 3. This is a 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. Applicant must have at least a 3.0 GPA using a 4.0 base.
- 4. Applicants must present the completed application to their **local American Legion Auxiliary Unit President ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2017**.
- 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. The first half of the award (\$2,500) 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.* 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.
- 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 your daily life?"
- 4. A certified transcript or photocopy of the certified transcript of the applicant's high school grades.
- 5. A copy of ACT or SAT test scores.
- 6. 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).
- 7. Please be sure to <u>attach other required materials to this application</u> and submit to the President of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit in the community in which you reside <u>NO</u> LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2017.



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS 2017 APPLICATION

Name of Applicant			
Address			
City	State	ZIP	
Telephone No	(Home)		(Cell)
Date of Birth	Membership #	·	
Date of Enrollment in America	an Legion Auxiliary		
Name of veteran through who	om applicant is eligible for membe	ership in Americar	ո Legion Auxiliary։
Relationship to Veteran			
Proposed date of graduation	from high school		
Name of college or university	you hope to attend:		
Print or Type Full Name	S	ignature of Applicant	

NOTE: Please be sure to <u>attach other required materials to this application</u> and submit to the President of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit in which your membership is recorded **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2017**.



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## 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.	course of study do you plan to pursue and why?	What
	course of study do you plan to pursue and why?	
c.		Descri
	be your involvement in school, church and community activities.	
d.		Why
	do you think the United States' patriotic organizations such as the American Legion Aux	kiliary
	are important to the world today?	

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### 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.

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- 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, 2017.**
- 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.

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- 2. Each Department is restricted to submitting one candidate to the Division competition.
- The winning entry for each Department 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 <u>ON OR BEFORE</u> <u>APRIL 1, 2017.</u>
- 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 their complete application packet to the National Education Chairman on or before April 15, 2017. The National Education Chairman shall certify the names of the winner to National Headquarters.