

**Education Program**  
**2020-2021 Plan of Action**  
**American Legion Auxiliary**  
**Department of Michigan**

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**What is this program, and why do we have it?**

The Education Program promotes the American Legion Auxiliary's role in providing quality education for children and adults through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship promotion and support of education beyond high school, with a special emphasis on children of veterans and service members

**Special 100th Anniversary History Program Facts:**

The American Legion and the Auxiliary have been advocates of Education through the years. Kicking off at its inception in 1919, The American Legion met with representatives of the National Education Association to discuss the state of education in our country and to create awareness of the problems of illiteracy. The first American Education week was introduced in December of 1921, with The American Legion and the NEA as cosponsors. The week before Thanksgiving has been designated as American Education Week and Auxiliary Members still support this important week.

**SECTION I – School & Community Programs**

**REPORTING**

1. Mid-Year Report. Due December 10, 2020- the form is included at the end of this section. Units please mail directly to Carol Burke, 1304 Collegewood, Ypsilanti MI 48197

2. Unit Year-End Report. Due March 31, 2021 your District Education Chairperson. District year-end report is due to Department Chairperson, Carol Burke, 1304 Collegewood Ypsilanti MI 48197. Include narratives and award submissions with this report. Each Unit and District should file and complete the form supplied by Department. This is your opportunity to submit a narrative and photos sharing what your Unit did to support education.

## **OVER-ALL EDUCATION AWARD**

### *Most Outstanding Unit Education Program:*

The entry must be typewritten in a narrative format, not to exceed 1,000 words, describing specific examples of how your Unit worked the Education Program. Be certain to include pictures, clippings, scrapbooks, folders, etc.

## **ACTIVITIES**

### **Veterans in Community Schools.**

Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among schoolchildren by scheduling Veterans in Community Schools programs at local schools.

- See enclosed reference sheet “How to organize Veterans in Community School”.

### *Awards- Most Outstanding Veterans in Community Schools Program*

Presented to a Unit Education Chairman for the most outstanding Veterans in Community Schools Program.

The entry must be typewritten in a narrative format, not to exceed 1,000 words  
Be certain to include pictures, clippings, scrapbooks, folders, etc.

### **Give Ten to Education**

- Participate in the Give 10 to Education Program by purchasing items to distribute to schools. List of suggested items and tracking form is enclosed.
- Place a poster with a collection box at local sites (i.e., grocery stores, banks, senior centers, post office), and invite local residents to donate.
- School supplies are needed all year long, not only in the Fall
- Save Box Tops for Education and send them to local schools. Most schools participate in this program.

### *AWARDS- Give 10 to Education*

Each Unit/ Member will receive a citation for their participation.

Year- end report.

**District Education Chairmen- please be certain to enclose a listing of the Units/Individual Members which participated, with your year-end report.**

## **Box Tops for Education**

### **No more cutting, just scan your receipt**

- If your package has a traditional Box Tops clip, cut it off and send it to school, making sure it has a valid expiration date.
- If your package has a new Scan label, there's no need to clip; just use the NEW Box Tops app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online.
- Additional details @ <https://www.boxtops4education.com/>

## **American Education Week, - November 16-20, 2020**

- Send a card to all local school staff thanking them for the work they do. Include all school personnel with whom children interact (i.e., bus drivers, custodians, etc.).
- A sample card may be found on the Education page of the Members Only section at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org).
- Additional information can be found @ <http://www.nea.org/grants/19823.htm>

## **Teacher Appreciation Week - May 3-7, 2021**

- Send cards to your local school's teachers
- Donate resources that teachers or that needy children may need.
- For additional ideas visit <https://www.nea.org/grants/teacherday.html>

## **Read Across America Day- March 2, 2021**

"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read with a child."

- To learn more about or plan a reading event - <https://www.readacrossamerica.org/about-read-across-america/>

## **Support military children with educational opportunities**

- Provide your local school with a copy of the Educator's Guide to the Military Child During Deployment: [www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/os/homefront/home](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/os/homefront/home)
- Inform schools of a free tutoring website for military children: <https://military.tutor.com/home>
- Provide information on the ALA Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship. See Section II of this guide, Scholarships for additional information.

### ***Awards- Honoring the Service of Our Military***

Presented to a unit Education Chairman for the most outstanding promotion of education for military children.

The entry must be typewritten in narrative format, not to exceed 1,000 words.

Be certain to include pictures, clippings, scrapbooks, folders, etc.

### **Support veterans seeking additional education**

- Sign up to receive The American Legion's Legislative Action Alerts, and support the alerts regarding the GI Bill.
- Collaborate with a campus student veterans group at colleges and universities in your community.
- Arrange for your post home to be available for off-campus events/chapter meetings.
- Provide information/handouts to members on organizing and delivering presentations on career and life skills topics to student veterans.

# Give Ten to Education Suggested Donation List

School supplies are needed year round. It makes sense to donate supplies at the beginning of the school year, but supplies also need to be replenished throughout the school year. Therefore, a school supply drive at any time of year, is a good idea

Suggested items by grade are listed below.

## **KIDERGARTEN**

Glue Sticks Facial  
Tissue Pencils, #2  
Markers Scissors  
Dry Erase Markers  
Erasers  
Glue Bottles Comp  
Notebook Binder  
Watercolor paints  
Disinfecting Wipes

## **FIRST & SECOND GRADES**

Pocket Folders Crayons  
Pencils #2  
Re-closable Storage  
Bags Glue Sticks  
Facial Tissues Scissors  
Erasers  
Dry Erase Markers  
Markers  
Comp Notebook  
Spiral Notebook, Wide  
Ruler  
Disinfecting Wipes  
Glue Bottle Colored  
Pencils Hand Sanitizer  
Binder  
Highlighters Filler  
Paper Cap Erasers  
Sticky Notes Ruler  
Construction Paper

## **THIRD & FOURTH GRADES**

Pocket Folders Pencils, #2 Facial Tissues Glue  
Sticks  
Spiral Notebooks Scissors  
Crayons  
Filler Paper  
Re-closable Storage Bags  
Dry Erase Markers  
Composition Notebook  
Colored Pencils  
Highlighters &Markers  
Eraser  
Binder  
Pens  
Disinfecting Wipes  
Ruler  
Hand Sanitizer  
Glue Bottle  
Sticky Notes  
Cap Erasers  
Index Cards  
Pencil Sharpener  
Printer Paper  
Permanent Markers  
Dividers

## **FIFTH & SIXTH GRADES**

In addition to the items listed for Third and Fourth grades:

Calculators  
Graph Paper  
Tab Indexed Divider

**2020-2021 Give 10 to Education Tracking Sheet** (for unit record keeping)

<u>Suggested Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Monetary Value</u>
<u>Books</u>		
<u>Backpack/Book bag</u>		
<u>Loose Paper</u>		
<u>Notebooks</u>		
<u>Folders</u>		
<u>3-Ring Binders</u>		
<u>Pencils</u>		
<u>Pens</u>		
<u>Erasers</u>		
<u>Highlighters</u>		
<u>Crayons</u>		
<u>Colored Pencils</u>		
<u>Markers</u>		
<u>Pencil Box/Pencil Case</u>		
<u>Scissors</u>		
<u>Glue/Glue Sticks</u>		
<u>Ruler</u>		
<u>Calculator</u>		
<u>Craft Supplies</u>		
<u>Kleenex/Paper Towels</u>		
<u>Hand Sanitizer</u>		
<u>Disinfecting Wipes/Baby Wipes</u>		
<u>Mentoring/Reading</u>		
<u>Donation to School</u>		
<u>Donation to Library</u>		
<u>Donation to Scholarship</u>		
<u>Clothing</u>		
<u>Patriotic Item</u>		
<u>Sports Equipment/Games</u>		
<u>Box Tops 4 Education</u>		
<b><u>Totals:</u></b>		



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## HOW TO ORGANIZE A VETERANS IN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EVENT

**Committee:**

Education

**Contact Information for Questions:** [education@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:education@ALAforVeterans.org)

**Background Information on *Veterans in Community Schools*:**

Veterans in Community Schools is an activity endorsed by The American Legion that brings history to life by connecting military veterans with students in classrooms or at school assemblies in conjunction with history lessons about World War II, The Korean War, The Vietnam War or Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom. The ever-decreasing numbers of healthy veterans from World War II points to the fleeting nature of the opportunity to pass on these important lessons.

Veterans are important pieces of American history. The American Legion Family believes accounts of their experiences while in uniform and as a result of their military service should be preserved and shared with others. Veterans have witnessed monumental events in history. They can help students learn from and appreciate the sacrifices individuals and their families have made.

In addition to sharing their experiences, veterans may also discuss a wide range of topics including how to help a family who has a deployed military service member, how to show support for the troops, proper respect for the flag, or why The American Legion Family was formed and what it stands for. Also, veterans' sharing of their military experience with an appreciative audience can help them heal psychological wounds from combat, deployment or family separation. Veterans who have spoken to students generally describe the experience as a rewarding and personally satisfying experience.

## **Steps for Organizing a Veterans in Community Schools Activity:**

Participation in The American Legion's Veterans in Community Schools program is a suggested activity in the American Legion Auxiliary's Education Programs Action Plan. It can be reported for either the Education or VA&R program. Please only report each program one time.

Follow these steps to organize a Veterans in Community Schools event at a school(s) in your community.

### **1) Identify and Contact School(s)**

Contact a school or schools in your local community and offer to organize a Veterans in Community Schools event for a classroom, grade level, or student- body assembly. Reach out to the school principal first, either by an in-person visit, telephone or email. You may choose to select an elementary, middle or high school; you can alter your activities to accommodate a wide range of age groups. The most effective way is to have someone connected to the school (a parent or friend of a teacher,) make the approach.

### **2) Propose an Activity Plan**

- a. The school official may refer you to a classroom teacher or to a department chair. If so, work with the teacher or chair to develop the activity into an educational program for students. Discuss with them how veterans can contribute to the students' understanding of military service and/or U.S. history. Provide additional resources (found below) for teachers, as they may want to introduce key concepts to students in their lesson plans in preparation for the activity.
- b. Work with the school to identify the most suitable time, venue, and format of the activity. You could host the event in a classroom, cafeteria, auditorium, or gymnasium. The size of the venue will depend on the number of veterans and the size of the audience.
- c. Propose to hold the Veterans in Community Schools activity on or around Veterans Day (November 11 each year) or Memorial Day, but do not limit yourself to those time periods if that time frame does not suit the school calendar.
- d. Depending on the average age of the audience, you may want to develop a set of guidelines for the event. In addition to hearing about veteran experiences, different age groups may be interested in other information as well. Elementary/middle school students may be interested in flag education and citizenship; high school students may be interested in the role of the military in today's society, a more in-depth exploration of the veteran's experience, the Veterans History Project of the Library of Congress, and volunteer service opportunities that are offered by the Legion Family.



- e. Offer to create handouts or supplemental materials about veterans for students to take home for themselves and their family members. Note that the school official will likely need to review and approve the materials being proposed for distribution to students or family members. Materials can contain information about the Legion Family (such as a web address), but should not overtly promote membership since that is not the purpose of this activity.
- f. Identify and assign roles to participants, such as greeter, ALA or Legion representative and moderator. While servicemembers don't necessarily expect civilians to address them by their military title, it is a nice courtesy to know the proper address.

### **3) Identify Veterans for Speaking Roles**

- a. Once the possible dates have been selected with the school, identify one veteran or group of veterans from the appropriate war era who would be willing to speak about their experiences, or other topics suggested by the school. Note that some veterans may prefer to speak to older or younger audiences depending on how the activity is structured.
- b. There are many ways to find veterans who may be willing to participate. First, ask the family member(s) of those who belong to the American Legion Auxiliary. Second, contact the commander or a commission chairman of the Legion post. Third, ask the school if a staff member is a veteran and wishes to speak, or if they are aware of a parent or family member with military experience.
- c. Try to connect specific historical incidents with those veterans who may have served in that theater or at that time in history.
- d. Try to invite veterans from more than one branch of the armed forces and different periods of conflict. A wide array of speakers will give students an opportunity to hear many kinds of experiences

### **4) Prepare the Veteran(s) and Audience**

- a. Ask each veteran if there are topics they wish to discuss or not discuss. Work with the teachers to develop guidelines for students to respect the veterans' wishes.
- b. It is common for young people to want to ask a military service member if they have killed anyone. Teachers should discuss this in advance, requesting that students refrain from asking this question out of respect for the service member.
- c. Below is a list of potential questions and talking points to review with your veteran(s) in advance. It may even be helpful to assign questions to students at the event.

When and where did you serve? What branch?

Why did you join the service? Why did you pick the branch that you were in?

What did it feel like to be in service? Would you demonstrate a proper salute?

What were your job assignments? What was boot camp like?

What are some of your memorable experiences? What did you do for entertainment?

Where did you travel during service?

Any humorous or unusual events

What did you do in the days and weeks after you returned?

Did you form any close friendships, and do you still stay in touch?

Are you a part of any veterans' organizations?

Did your military experience influence your views on today's military and war?

How did the service affect your life?

What values did you learn from your experience?

## **5) Implement the Activity Plan**

- a. Follow the agenda you have laid out through careful planning and consultation with the school official and staff.
- b. If time, space and resources allow, consider hosting a small reception for the veterans, school officials, key faculty, and a representative or a few of the student body to continue their conversations and exchange information.

## **Sample Agenda**

1. Assemble the students and veterans.
2. Welcome students and veterans to the activity. Give a brief overview of the project's purpose and introduce the veterans.
3. Say the Pledge of Allegiance and/or have a local ROTC display the U.S. flag.
4. Allow for a few remarks from any distinguished or notable guests you may have invited (e.g. Mayor, member of Congress, etc.)
5. Allow the veterans to introduce themselves. After they have given brief introductory remarks, begin the Q&A session.
6. Thank each veteran for participating and allow for individual remarks if they have any. If you wish to present each veteran with a gift, now would be the best time to do so.
7. Consider saying the Pledge of Allegiance again to see if you hear the words differently in light of the presentation.
8. Close out the project or event with a culminating 'Thank You' to all participants.

## **6) Follow-up with Veteran(s) and School(s)**

- a. Send thank-you notes to the school leader and faculty. Ask if they would like to continue with the program in the future.
- b. Provide the school leader with information about the Legion Family and Legion Family programs and resources for veterans, veteran and military families, and the general community, so that he/she may make referrals of students and their families to Legion Family programs and services.
- c. Send thank-you notes to veteran speakers. Ask the veterans if they would be willing to be added to a list of willing speakers for future Veterans in

## Community Schools activities

### **Promote ALA and Report Your Impact:**

The ALA encourages members to identify themselves as such. When interacting with teachers, parents and veterans, however, it is important that members not push ALA membership aggressively, as that is not the primary purpose of this activity. Please, do feel free to wear ALA apparel and mention why you value association with The American Legion Family. Please also be sure to report your volunteer activities and hours to your unit's Education or VA&R committee chairman.

#### **Additional Ideas:**

Assign a unit member to take pictures or video during the activity, provided the school and the veterans consent to this documentation.

- Assign a unit member to prepare an article or blog post of the event for the unit and post publications.
- Gather publicity generated by students and schools themselves, such as news articles in the school newspaper or online postings, student essays written for class assignments, or thank you notes from students. Re-publicize this material, with the authors' permissions, in your unit or department communications.
- Be sure to report your Veterans in Community Schools activities in your individual or unit impact report to the unit's Education or VA&R Committee chairman.

#### **Resources:**

- **America's Veterans Teacher Guide**, *The American Legion*  
<http://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/veterans.pdf>
- **Promoting Historic Preservation in Community Schools**, *The History Channel*  
[http://www.history.com/images/media/interactives/promote\\_historic\\_preservation.pdf](http://www.history.com/images/media/interactives/promote_historic_preservation.pdf)
- **Our Veterans: Sharing Their Stories**, *The History Channel*  
<http://www.history.com/images/media/pdf/OurVeteransOurStories.pdf>
- **Veterans History Project**, *U.S. Library of Congress*  
<http://www.loc.gov/vets/>

## Unit/District Education Program Mid-year Report

Please complete the following information and submit it by December 10, 2020.

Completed

by: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph/email: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/Dist# \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Did your Unit participate /planning to participate in Give 10 to Education?  
If so approximate # of items donated
  
- 2) Did your Unit participate /planning to participate Veterans in Community Schools programs?  
If so please share briefly a few details of how it was received by the students and the veteran presenter
  
- 3) How is your Unit assisting with educational needs of veterans and military families?  
Please describe your activities.
  
- 4) How did you support American Education Week?
  
- 5) Are you planning any events/activities for either Teacher Appreciation Week, or Read Across America Day?
  
- 6) Does your Unit sponsor a scholarship?  
If yes, is this the first year?

Thank You for taking a few minutes to complete this.

Please submit this form by mail or email to:

Carol Burke  
1304 Collegewood St  
Ypsilanti MI 48197

## SECTION II SCHOLARSHIPS

GETTING THE WORD OUT: Unless we inform guidance counselors, students, parents and members of the availability of our scholarships, few know to apply.

- Contact your local school district high school guidance counselor's office announcing the availability of these scholarships. Attach copies of the applications or share the link. <http://michalaux.org/scholarships/>.
- Insure that all your Post American Legion Family Members are aware of the Department and National Scholarships as well as any Unit scholarship.
- Double and triple check deadlines, where to send and that the application is complete. **Incomplete application and missed deadlines will result in disqualification.**

### ALA National Scholarships

- Scholarship applications are available for download on the national website, [www.ALAforVeterans.org/scholarships](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org/scholarships). or <http://michalaux.org/scholarships/> Reference copies are also included at the end of this section. A reference copy of the Unit Sponsor form is also included.
- Application deadline is **March 1, 2021** to a local American Legion Auxiliary unit
- The Unit must choose which applicant which they wish to sponsor and complete/mail the Sponsor form and the application to receive on or by **March 15, 2021** to

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Michigan  
Executive Director  
212 N Verlinden Suite B  
Lansing MI 48915

## **1) Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship**

- Awarded to children of veterans who served in the armed forces during the eligibility dates for The American Legion.
- Three \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded in each division.
- Fifteen outstanding students will be awarded a total of \$75,000 to further their higher education.
- The applicant must complete 50 hours of community service during his/her high school years to be eligible for one of these scholarships. **See the application rules sheet in this Acton Plan details**

## **2 National-The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship**

- One scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 will be awarded in each American Legion Auxiliary division.
- Applicant must be a 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 the application is made. **See the application rules sheet in this Action Plan for details**

## **3 National-Spirit of Youth Scholarship**

- One Junior member in each division will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.
- Applicant must have held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the immediate past three years, hold a current membership card and continue her membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the four-year scholarship period. **See the application rules sheet in this Action Plan for details**

## **4 Junior Loyalty Scholarship**

- Two Junior will be awarded in each division will receive \$2500 scholarship
- Candidates for this award shall have been Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary, held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three consecutive years and must be a paid member for the current membership year. Applicant must continue her membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the scholarship period.\*
- This scholarship is intended for the traditional student with no interruption in her education, who is at least in her first semester of college but not yet attained a bachelor's degree. **See the application rules sheet in this Action Plan for details**

## **5 Samsung American Legion Scholarship**

Awarded to Girl State delegates. See Girl State Action Plan for rules and deadlines.

## Department of Michigan Scholarships

Scholarship applications are available for download on Department website:

<http://michalaux.org/scholarships/> Reference copies are also included at the end of this section

### Memorial Fund Scholarship

- Female descendants of veterans whose service date meet Legion eligibility dates.
- Must be a Michigan resident and attend a Michigan school.
- Applicants are judged according to financial need and scholastic standing.
- Multiple \$500 grants are given each year.
- The Scholarship grant is for one year, but winners may reapply for one additional year,
- **See the application rules sheet in this program Plan for information.**
- Application must be received on or before February 15, 2021 . Applicants mail directly to Department.

### Michigan Non-Traditional Student

This scholarship was given by Allen Park Auxiliary Unit 409 as a memorial to Aletha (Lee) Harvey (deceased) Unit Education Chairman from 1977 to 1998 and other deceased members of Unit 409.

- Applicant must be a descendant of a veteran
- Must be over the age of 22 and attending school for the first time .or a student who returning to school after a period in which his/her education was interrupted
- Must be a Michigan school/vocational school.
- **See the application rules sheet in this program Plan for information.**
- Two year scholarship in the amount of \$500/year
- Only one candidate per Unit
- Unit must complete the sponsoring Unit section of the application which must be received on or by **Department by February 15, 2021** The Unit mails to Department

### Medical Career Scholarship

See the Past President Parley Plan of Action

## UNIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Many Units offer scholarships. If this is something your Unit has been considering, please see the enclosed tip sheet “How to Create a Unit Scholarship Fund.”

### ***HOW TO CREATE A UNIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND***

#### **Committee: Education**

**Submitted by:** Norma Tramm, National Education Chairman

**Contact Information for Questions:** [education@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:education@ALAforVeterans.org)

**Promote American Legion Auxiliary scholarships, and award local scholarships at the department and unit levels.**

*Though examples of criteria are provided, the units must formulate criteria that work for them.*

Provide a designated fund for scholarship monies.

#### **Set dollar amount for scholarship**

Determine a funding source for the scholarship

#### **Set criteria for applicants:**

- o Relationship to a veteran and/or Auxiliary member (child, spouse, widow/widower, grandchild, great-grandchild, etc.)  
Membership in American Legion Auxiliary, The American Legion, Sons of The American Legion
- o Residency (applicant must reside in state and/or be a state resident; applicant must be a member of the department American Legion Family)
- o Is financial need a criterion (applicant must show financial need to continue higher education), or not?
- o Is there a GPA requirement?  
Does the applicant need to be a senior in high school, or can they be a returning student?  
What institution of higher learning does the applicant intend to attend (the school selected needs to be/does not need to be in state; it is an accredited school)?  
Due date for application

#### **Determine the information needed/wanted on the scholarship application:**

- o Completed application (name, address, city, state, zip, telephone number, date of birth, membership number, name of veteran through which eligibility is gained, relationship to veteran)  
Essay and criteria/topic/word length, typed and double-spaced



Signature of the sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary unit president

Is community service a requirement (receive verification of service)?

If so, determine the number of hours needed and when they can be performed (during high school career, during last 12 months)

- o Verification of the relative's or applicant's military service

**Information from a high school applicant:**

- o Letters of recommendation (from school faculty, administrators, guidance counselor, pastor, community members, not from relatives)
- o Education information (cumulative GPA, rank in class, transcript, scores from SAT/PSAT/ACT)

**Information from a college applicant:**

- Letters of recommendation (from school faculty, administrators, guidance counselor, pastor, community members, not from relatives)
- Education information (cumulative GPA, transcript of all classes taken to date)

**Judging:**

- o The judges' decision is final
- o The judges determine the scholarship to be awarded
- o Determine judging criteria and rubric prior to judging applications

**How many scholarships may the applicant receive in a year and over a lifetime?**

- o Scholarships are made on a one-time-only basis (one scholarship in the applicant's lifetime)
- o Scholarships are nonrenewable

**Awarded scholarship:**

- o How/when will applicant be notified of scholarship decisions?  
Will scholarship be awarded to student or to the school's financial aid office?
- o Will the scholarship be awarded prior to the first college semester, after the first semester, or split between the two semesters



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS  
2021 APPLICATION**

Five scholarships, in the amount of \$5,000 each, will be awarded for 2021.  
One scholarship will be awarded in each of the five divisions of the  
American Legion Auxiliary. All are gift scholarships, not loans.

**RULES**

1. Candidates for this award shall be/shall have been Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary, have held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three consecutive years (2018, 2019, and 2020), and must be a paid member for the current (2021) membership year. Applicant must continue her membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the 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 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. Applicants must present the completed application to their **local American Legion Auxiliary unit president ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2021.**
5. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Character/Leadership	30%
Essay/Application	30%
Academic Achievement	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 the winning recipient'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 her education or membership in the American Legion Auxiliary before completing scholarship period, 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.



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS  
2021 APPLICATION**

**APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST**

- Completed application packet for the Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members.
- The following four letters of recommendation are required:
  - One letter, from either the principal or guidance counselor of the school from which the applicant will graduate, to include size of class; student's position in the class; and the cumulative grade point average or homeschool equivalent.
  - One letter from a clergyman/clergywoman of the applicant's choice.
  - Two letters from adult citizens — other than relatives — attesting to the applicant's character in regard to conduct, citizenship, and leadership.
- Certified transcripts, or photocopy of the certified transcripts, of the applicant's high school grades.
- Copy of ACT or SAT test scores.
- 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).
- Please answer the following questions on a separate paper and attach it to your application:**
  1. Please explain why receiving this scholarship would be important to you.
  2. Why do you think the United States' patriotic organizations, such as the American Legion Auxiliary, are important to the world today?
  3. An original essay consisting of no more than 1,000 words (typed, double-spaced). The title of the essay will be, **"The American Legion Auxiliary has been in existence for 100 years; what can and/or needs to be done to bring the organization successfully into the next hundred years?"**

Please be sure to attach all of the required materials to this application  
and submit the application and materials to the  
American Legion Auxiliary unit in which your membership is recorded  
**NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2021.**



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS  
2021 APPLICATION**

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Date applicant joined the American Legion Auxiliary: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to veteran: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of father, or guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of mother, or guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your proposed date of graduation from high school? \_\_\_\_\_

What college or university do you hope to attend? \_\_\_\_\_



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS  
2021 APPLICATION**

What course of study do you plan to pursue and why?

Describe your involvement in school, church, and community activities.

*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.*

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*Print or Type Full Name*

*Signature of Applicant*



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS  
2021 APPLICATION

**THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SUBMITTING ALA UNIT**

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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%
Academic Achievement	40%
2. No unit may enter more than one candidate in the department competition.
3. The selected entry for each unit shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary unit president and unit secretary or the unit Education Committee chair.
4. The selected entry for each unit should be forwarded to the department secretary, for competition at the state level, to be received **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2021.**
5. Participation in this scholarship program shall be on a voluntary basis in all units.

Date Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Unit Secretary or  
Unit Education Committee Chair*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Unit President*



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS  
2021 APPLICATION**

**THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DEPARTMENT (STATE) LEVEL**

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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%
Academic Achievement	40%
  
2. Each department is restricted to submitting one candidate to the division level competition.
  
3. The selected entry for each department shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary department president, and the department secretary or department Education Committee chair.
  
4. The selected entry for each department shall be forwarded to the respective division Education Committee chair for competition at the national level, so it's received **ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2021.** Contact information for the division Education Committee chair is located in the Education Committee Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan, located at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org).
  
5. Participation in this scholarship program shall be on a voluntary basis in all departments.

Date Application Received \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Department Secretary or  
Department Education Committee Chair*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Department President*

The division Education Committee chair and two qualified judges shall make the final decision on the three division winners. The division Education Committee chair shall certify the names of the winners and send their complete application packets to the national Education Committee chair **on or before April 15, 2021.** The national Education Committee chair shall certify the names of the winners to ALA National Headquarters.



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP  
2021 APPLICATION**

Five scholarships, in the amount of \$2,000 each, will be awarded for 2021.  
One scholarship will be awarded in each of the five divisions of the  
American Legion Auxiliary. All are gift scholarships, not loans.

**RULES**

1. Applicants must be a current member of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion, must have held membership for the two preceding years (2019 and 2020), and be a paid member for the current (2021) membership year.
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; OR
  - b. a non-traditional student 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, 2021.**
5. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Character/Leadership	25%
Initiative/Goals	25%
Financial Need	25%
Academic Achievement	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 the winning recipient'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 the winning recipient does not wish to use monies for FIRST-YEAR expenses, they then must then be used for SECOND-YEAR expenses or forfeited.





**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP  
2021 APPLICATION**

**APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST**

- Completed application packet for the Non-Traditional Student Scholarship.
- Applicant's certified high school or college transcript(s), or photocopy of the certified high school or college transcript(s).
- Applicant's work history, if applicable.
- 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).

Please be sure to attach all of the required materials to this application and submit the application and materials to the American Legion Auxiliary unit in in which your membership is recorded  
**NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2021.**



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP  
2021 APPLICATION**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member in good standing of:

- AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
- THE AMERICAN LEGION
- SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Join date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of veteran through whom applicant is eligible for membership:

\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to veteran: \_\_\_\_\_

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Post Adjutant/Unit Secretary)*

## **SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION**

Date applicant graduated from high school: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach copy of high school transcripts (if graduated in the last 10 years).

Has applicant attended college? Last attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach copy of college transcripts. (mo/yr)

If it has been more than five years since applicant has attended school, submit work history.



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP  
2021 APPLICATION**

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Applicant's Adjusted Gross Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(AGI: Tax Forms 1010 on Line 31; 1040A on Line 6e; 1040EZ on Line 4.)

List support or income from any other sources:

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Number of dependents: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any circumstances that may affect your or your family's ability to provide for your college education (attach additional sheets if necessary).

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**CHARACTER/LEADERSHIP**

**Attach additional sheets if necessary.**

Describe your American Legion Family participation and any community service activities in which you have participated.

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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP  
2021 APPLICATION**

**INITIATIVE/GOALS**

What major do you plan to pursue and why?

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What college or university do you plan to attend? Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Who or what inspired you to seek a college degree?

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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.*

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*Print or Type Full Name*

*Signature of Applicant*



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP  
2021 APPLICATION

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

Character/Leadership	25%
Initiative/Goals	25%
Financial Need	25%
Academic Achievement	25%

2. No unit may enter more than one candidate in the department competition.

3. The selected entry for each unit shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary unit president and unit secretary or unit Education Committee chair.

4. The selected entry for each unit should be forwarded to the department secretary for competition at the state level to be received **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2021.**

5. Participation in this scholarship program shall be on a voluntary basis in all units.

Date Application Received \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Unit Secretary or  
Unit Education Committee Chair*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Unit President*



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP  
2021 APPLICATION

**THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DEPARTMENT (STATE) LEVEL**  
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1. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Character/Leadership	25%
Initiative/Goals	25%
Financial Need	25%
Academic Achievement	25%
2. Each department is restricted to submitting one candidate to the division competition.
3. The winning entry for each department shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary department president and the department secretary or department Education Committee chair, and forwarded to the respective division Education Committee chair so it's received **ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2021.**
4. Participation in this scholarship program shall be on a voluntary basis in all departments.

Date Application Received \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Department Secretary or  
Department Education Committee Chair*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Department President*

The division Education Commmitte chair and two qualified judges shall make the final decision on the winner. The division Education Committee chair shall certify the name of the winner and send the complete application packet to the national Education Committee chair **on or before April 15, 2021.** The national Education Committee chair shall certify the names of the winner to ALA National Headquarters.



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
JUNIOR MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP  
2021 APPLICATION**

Ten scholarships, in the amount of \$2,500 each, will be awarded for 2021.  
Two scholarships will be awarded in each of the five divisions of the  
American Legion Auxiliary. All are gift scholarships, not loans.

**RULES**

1. Candidates for this award shall have been Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary, held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three consecutive years (2018, 2019, and 2020) and be a paid member for the current (2021) membership year. Applicant must continue her membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the scholarship period.
2. This scholarship is intended for the traditional college student with no interruption in education, who is at least in the first semester of college or technical school but not yet attained a bachelor's degree. Any member who is a non-traditional student (a student returning to the classroom after some time away from college) is welcome to apply for the American Legion Auxiliary Non-Traditional Student Scholarship.
3. This is a scholarship to attend an accredited institution of higher education for the completion of a bachelor's degree. Applicants must have completed at least one semester with grades that meet continuation requirements at the institution of their choice. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA using a 4.0 scale.
4. Previous American Legion Auxiliary national scholarship recipients are welcome to apply.
5. Applicants must present the completed application, along with the other required materials specified on the following page, to the **president of their American Legion Auxiliary unit** **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2021.**
6. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Leadership, Character, and ALA Participation (as presented in applicant's essay)	50%
Academic Achievement	25%
Completed Application	25%

**THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.**

7. The first half of the award (\$1,250) will be paid directly to the school for the first semester upon notification from the school that the student has re-enrolled. ***American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters must receive certification of enrollment within 12 months of the winning recipient's notification, or the scholarship will be forfeited.*** There shall be no money paid to the school for the ensuing semester until notification of re-enrollment has been received from the school. Notification from the school must include verification of at least a B (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) average. If the winner discontinues her education or membership in the American Legion Auxiliary before all scholarship funds have been dispersed, the balance of the scholarship will be forfeited. The winner will have four years from the date of notification of scholarship to use the scholarship funds.



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
JUNIOR MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP  
2021 APPLICATION**

**APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST**

- Completed application packet for the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship.
- Applicant's certified college transcripts, or photocopy of the certified college transcripts.
- 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).
- An original essay consisting of no more than 1,000 words (typed, double-spaced). The title of the essay will be, "**What can you do as a college student to promote the American Legion Auxiliary's mission of serving veterans, military, and their families?**"

Please be sure to attach all of the required materials to this application and submit the application and materials to the American Legion Auxiliary unit in in which your membership is recorded  
**NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2021.**





**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
JUNIOR MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP  
2021 APPLICATION**

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date applicant joined the American Legion Auxiliary: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to veteran: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of father, or guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of mother, or guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Print or Type Full Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Applicant*



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
JUNIOR MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP  
2021 APPLICATION**

**THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPONSORING ALA UNIT**

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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:

Leadership, Character, and ALA Participation (as presented in applicant's essay)	50%
Academic Achievement	25%
Completed Application	25%
2. No unit may enter more than one candidate in the department competition.
3. The selected entry for each unit shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary unit president and unit secretary or unit Education Committee chair.
4. The selected entry for each unit should be forwarded to the department secretary for competition at the state level to be received **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2021.**
5. Participation in this scholarship program shall be on a voluntary basis in all units.

Date application received: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit name and number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Unit Secretary or  
Unit Education Committee Chair*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Unit President*



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
JUNIOR MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP  
2021 APPLICATION**

**THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DEPARTMENT (STATE) LEVEL**

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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:
 

Leadership, Character, and ALA Participation (as presented in applicant's essay)	50%
Academic Achievement	25%
Completed Application	25%
  
2. Each department is restricted to submitting one candidate to the division competition.
  
3. The winning entry for each department shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary department president and the department secretary or department Education Committee chair, and forwarded to the respective division Education Committee chair so it's received **ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2021.**
  
4. Participation in this scholarship program shall be on a voluntary basis in all departments.

Date application received: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Department Secretary or  
Department Education Committee Chair*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Department President*

The American Legion Auxiliary division Education Committee chair and two qualified judges shall make the final decision on the winner. The division Education Committee chair shall certify the name of the winner and send the complete application packet to the national Education Committee chair **on or before April 15, 2021.** The national Education Committee chair shall certify the name of the winning scholarship recipient to ALA National Headquarters.



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP  
2021 APPLICATION**

Fifteen scholarships, in the amount of \$5,000 each, will be awarded for 2021.  
Three scholarships will be awarded in each of the five divisions of the  
American Legion Auxiliary. All are gift scholarships, not loans.

**RULES**

1. Candidates for this award shall be daughters, sons, grandsons, granddaughters, great-granddaughters, or great-grandsons of veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces during eligibility dates for membership in The American Legion: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; and any time after December 7, 1941.
2. Applicants must be in their senior year of high school.
3. This is a scholarship to attend an accredited institution of higher education.
4. Applicant must complete 50 hours of volunteer service within the community during his/her high school years. Hours must be verified in writing by the recipient organization(s).
5. Applicants must present the completed application to their **local American Legion Auxiliary unit president ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2021.**
6. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Character/Leadership	25%
Essay/Application	25%
Financial Need	25%
Academic Achievement	25%

**THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.**

7. 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 the winning recipient'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 the winning student does not wish to use monies for FIRST-YEAR expenses, they then must be used for SECOND-YEAR expenses or forfeited.



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP  
2021 APPLICATION**

**APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST**

- Completed application packet for the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship.
- The following four letters of recommendation are required:
  - One letter, from either the principal or guidance counselor of the school from which the applicant will graduate, to include size of class; student's position in the class; and the cumulative grade point average or homeschool equivalent.
  - One letter from a clergyman/clergywoman of the applicant's choice.
  - Two letters from adult citizens — other than relatives — attesting to the applicant's character in regard to conduct, citizenship, and leadership.
- Letter from recipient organization(s) verifying 50 hours of voluntary service during high school years.
- Certified transcripts, or photocopy of the certified transcripts, of the applicant's high school grades.
- Copy of ACT or SAT test scores.
- 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).
- A brief statement of the military service of parent or grandparent, including the branch of service and dates of service, or a photocopy of parent's or grandparent's discharge papers.
- Please answer the following questions on a separate paper and attach it to your application.**
  1. Please explain why receiving this scholarship would be important to you.
  2. Why do you think United States' patriotic organizations, such as the American Legion Auxiliary, are important to the world today?
  3. An original essay consisting of no more than 1,000 words (typed, double-spaced). The title of the essay will be, **“Why is it important that the American Legion Auxiliary helps to care for the health and well-being of our veterans, military, and their families?”**

Please be sure to attach all of the required materials to this application  
and submit the application and materials to the  
American Legion Auxiliary unit in the community where you live  
**NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2021. To locate a local Unit contact  
Department of Michigan (517)267-8809 or: [info@michalaux.org](mailto:info@michalaux.org)**



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP  
2021 APPLICATION**

**Name of applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of father, or guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual gross income: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of mother, or guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual gross income: \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of dependent children:**

Under 18 years: \_\_\_\_\_

Over 18 years: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade levels: \_\_\_\_\_

Total monthly compensation, pension, or trust received by parent and/or children: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Are you eligible for, or are you drawing, Social Security payments? Yes:  No:

If so, monthly amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Time limit of benefits: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you eligible for benefits under Survivors and Dependents Education? Yes:  No:

**Name of veteran:** \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of military service: \_\_\_\_\_



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP  
2021 APPLICATION**

What is your proposed date of graduation from high school? \_\_\_\_\_

What college or university do you hope to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

What course of study do you plan to pursue and why?

Describe your involvement in school, church, and community activities.

*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.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Applicant*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Print or Type Full Name*



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP  
2021 APPLICATION

**THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SUBMITTING UNIT**

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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	25%
Essay/Application	25%
Financial Need	25%
Academic Achievement	25%

2. No unit may enter more than one candidate in the department competition.

3. The selected entry for each unit shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary unit president and unit secretary or unit Education Committee chair.

4. The selected entry for each unit should be forwarded to the department secretary, for competition at the state level, to be received **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2021.**

5. Participation in this scholarship program shall be on a voluntary basis in all units.

6. Should an entry be received and no unit affiliation is available, then the application should be judged in the Department Headquarters unit.

Date Application Received:

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Unit Name and Number:

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Address:

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City, State, ZIP:

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*Signature of Unit Secretary or  
Unit Education Committee Chair*

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*Signature of Unit President*





**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP  
2021 APPLICATION**

**THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DEPARTMENT (STATE) LEVEL**

**(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	25%
Essay/Application	25%
Financial Need	25%
Academic Achievement	25%
  
2. Each department is restricted to submitting one candidate to the division level competition.
  
3. The selected entry for each department shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary department president, and the department secretary or department Education Committee chair.
  
4. The selected entry for each department shall be forwarded to the respective division Education Committee chair for competition at the national level, so it's received **ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2021.** Contact information for the division Education Committee chair is located in the Education Committee Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan, located at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org).
  
5. Participation in this scholarship program shall be on a voluntary basis in all departments.

Date Application Received:

\_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT:

\_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Department Secretary or  
Department Education Committee Chair*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Department President*

The division Education Committee chair and two qualified judges shall make the final decision on the three division winners. The division Education Committee chair shall certify the names of the winners and send their complete application packets to the national Education Committee chair **on or before April 15, 2021.** The national Education Committee chair shall certify the names of the winners to ALA National Headquarters.

# American Legion Auxiliary Department of Michigan 2020-2021 Memorial Scholarship

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY:

Phone: (517) 267-8809; ext 2 FAX (517) 371-3698; email: [info@michalaux.org](mailto:info@michalaux.org)

Applications are available at: [www.michalaux.org](http://www.michalaux.org)

Deadline: Received by February 15, 2021

**ELIGIBILITY** Daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters of any honorably discharged or deceased men/women veterans, who served during one or both of the following two periods.

1. April 6, 1917-November 1918 (World War I)
2. December 7, 1941-date to be determined by Congress that hostiles have ended (World War II to present)

**REQUIREMENTS:** Applicant must be:

- A resident of the State of Michigan at the time of application and for one year preceding the date of this award.
- Applicant must be going into, or in her senior year of high school, or in freshman/sophomore year of college but not over 21 years of age. The scholarship will only be awarded for 2 years.
- Pursuing a course of study at any school, college, or other educational institution in the State of Michigan.
- Applicant must mail her own entry. Please fill out all questions on the application. If not applicable, indicate so by N/A

**DESCRIPTION OF GRANT:** The \$500.00 grant is to apply toward the expenses of tuition, room and board, fees, books and supplies. Applicants are judged according to financial need and scholastic standing.

WINNERS ONLY, WILL BE NOTIFIED FOLLOWING JUDGING OF SCHOLARSHIP. If you have not received notification by JULY 30, 2021, feel free to call the Department of Michigan Auxiliary 517-267-8809, ext. 2.

Checks for \$250.00 each will be sent from the American Legion Auxiliary Department, IN AUGUST & OCTOBER directly to the Financial Aid Office of the college the winner will attend.

The Scholarship grant is for one year, but winners may reapply for one additional year. The scholarship award shall be forfeited immediately upon advice from the Dean or other authorized officials of said institution, for failure to continue with classes because of misconduct, scholastic deficiency or other disqualifying cause.

- **ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION:** The scholarship winner shall notify the American Legion Auxiliary Headquarters of acceptance or non-acceptance of the scholarship or the award shall be **FORFEITED AND ALL BENEFITS TERMINATED**

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**DEADLINE: RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15, 2021**

MAIL COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET TO:

American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Michigan  
ATTN: Memorial Scholarship Committee  
212 N Verlinden Ave, Suite B  
Lansing, MI 48915

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE **AUTOMATICALLY** ELIMINATED  
The selections of the judging committee shall be final.

**A Complete Application consist of the following 5 items.**

1. A copy of the veteran's discharge papers showing date of induction or enlistment and date of separation. (May be obtained from the County Clerk's Office where veteran resides.) If you do not have a copy of the veteran's discharge papers you have other alternatives:
  - a) If the veteran lived in Michigan and received a Michigan bonus, you may apply to the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund, P.O. Box 30026, Lansing MI 48909, to obtain a copy
  - b) If she/he has not filed the DD-214 with the local clerk, a copy may be obtained by going to [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov) and requesting the military service records. If the DD-214 is unavailable a Form SF-180, Request Pertaining to Military Records is available at the same website.

Please note: unless he/she is deceased, only the veteran may request a copy of the document.

**It will take 6-8 weeks to obtain copies of these documents. SO ACT PROMPTLY.**

2. Two Letters of Recommendation - (from principal or counselor of school, clergyman, professor, or person knowing of applicant's character).
3. Transcript of grades (high school transcript if in high school, college transcript if in college).
4. Copy of the FAFSA Summary Report and Confirmation Page, or the FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR). If FAFSA is unavailable a copy of Parent's and applicant's 2020 or 2019 Federal Income Tax Return will be accepted. It is permissible to redact social security numbers for privacy reasons.
5. Completed and signed Memorial Scholarship Application

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**Application**

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME NUMBER (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S RELATIONSHIP TO VETERAN: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT GRADE POINT AVERAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

What University or College do you plan to attend? (must be a Michigan College)

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you:    \_\_\_\_\_ ENROLLED    \_\_\_\_\_ ACCEPTED    \_\_\_\_\_ PENDING

Intended course of study \_\_\_\_\_

How many other scholarships or grants have you applied for? \_\_\_\_\_

With whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been granted any scholarships or grants? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, describe source, amount, and duration of award

Give some significant facts about yourself such as extra- curricular activities, work experience and future goals. Attach a separate page if needed

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INCOME INFORMATION:

Mother Name \_\_\_\_\_

Father Name \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

W2/1099 Income \_\_\_\_\_

W2/1099 Income \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER INCOME:

Alimony \_\_\_\_\_

Alimony \_\_\_\_\_

Child Support \_\_\_\_\_

Child Support \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Benefits \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Benefits \_\_\_\_\_

Pension/Retirement \_\_\_\_\_

Pension/Retirement \_\_\_\_\_

Other Income \_\_\_\_\_

Other Income \_\_\_\_\_

Total Household Gross Income \_\_\_\_\_

Number of DEPENDENT CHILDREN AT HOME (including yourself)? \_\_\_\_\_

How many are in high school? \_\_\_\_\_ How many are in college? \_\_\_\_\_

What plans have you and your family made for financing your education

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
2020-2021 NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT  
SCHOLARSHIP**

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Deadline: Received by your local Unit -February 15, 2021

This scholarship was given by Allen Park Auxiliary Unit 409 as a memorial to Aletha (Lee) Harvey (deceased) Unit Education Chairman from 1977 to 1998 and other deceased members of Unit 409. One two year scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$500.00 per year.

### **Eligibility**

1. Applicant must be a descendent of a veteran.
2. Applicant must be one of the following;
  - a. A non-traditional student returning to the classroom after some period of time in which his/her education was interrupted. A student will only be considered a returning student one time, for eligibility of this scholarship.
  - b. A student over the age of twenty-two attending college for the first time pursuing a degree, or
  - c. A student over the age of twenty-two attending a vocational or trade school

### **RULES**

3. Scholarship must be used within six months of the winner being notified.
4. The money is to be applied toward expense of tuition and books necessary to pursue study at any school, college or other education institution in the State of Michigan.
5. No Unit shall enter more than one candidate in the Department competition.
6. Judging will be based on the following:

Need	25%	Scholastic Standing	25%
Initiative/ Goal	25%	Character/Leadership	25%

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**A Complete Application Packet consist of the four following items:**

1. Attach a photocopy of the veteran's certificate of discharge from active duty (Form DD-214)  
If she/he has not filed the DD-214 with the local clerk, a copy may be obtained by going to [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov) and requesting the military service records. If the DD-214 is unavailable a Form SF-180, Request Pertaining to Military Records is available at the same website.
2. Copy of High School Transcripts or College Transcript, if applicant has attended college.
3. Copy of the FAFSA Summary Report and Confirmation Page, or the FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR). If FAFSA is unavailable a copy of Student's/Parents 2020/2019 Federal Income Tax Return will be accepted. Social Security Numbers may be redacted.
4. A signed and completed Application.

Mail or deliver this complete application packet to local American Legion Auxiliary Unit prior to February 15, 2021. If you need assistance in locating a local Unit please phone or email Department of Michigan at (517)267-8809; email: [info@michalaux.org](mailto:info@michalaux.org)



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SCHOLARSHIP**

**APPLICATION**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the veteran to which you are a descendant \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the American Legion Family? \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION

Date applicant graduated from High School \_\_\_\_\_

Has applicant attended college? Date and name \_\_\_\_\_

Submit work history if it has been more than five years since applicant attended school.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Applicant's adjusted gross income \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Household adjusted gross income \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of household members (self, spouse, dependents) \_\_\_\_\_





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SCHOLARSHIP**

*INITIATIVE/GOALS and Community Service*

On a separate sheet of paper, please tell us:

- Why you are attending college at this time
- If you have previously attended, why was your education interrupted.
- Why you feel you should be selected for this scholarship
- Describe community service in which you have participated in.

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\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature

Date

***This Portion To BE Completed By the Sponsoring Unit***

The winning entry at each Unit shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary President or Education Chairman and mail to the Department Executive Director to be received on or before **March 15, 2021** send to:

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Michigan  
Atten: Executive Director  
212 N Verlinden Ave Suite B  
Lansing MI 48915

Unit Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Unit President

Signature of Education Chairperson