



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
2025-2026 BETTY CLINE SCHOLARSHIP**

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY:

Phone: (517) 267-8809
Email: info@michalaux.org

Applications available on the Website at: www.michalaux.org

Deadline: Must be received by March 15, 2026

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant must be a descendant of a veteran whose service falls within the American Legion eligibility guidelines

REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicant must reside in the State of Michigan at the time of application and for one year preceding the date of the award.
- Applicant must be going into, or in their senior year of high school, or freshman/sophomore year of college, but not over 25 years of age.
- Applicant must pursue a course of study at any school, college, or other educational institution in the state of Michigan.
- Applicant must mail their own entry. Please fill out all questions on the application. If not applicable, please mark it with N/A.

DESCRIPTION OF GRANT: The \$1,500.00 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.

Only the winning recipients will be notified following judging. If you have not received notification by JULY 30, 2026, feel free to call the Department of Michigan Auxiliary 517-267-8809.

☐ **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.

☐ Checks for \$1,500.00 each will be sent from the American Legion Auxiliary IN AUGUST directly to the Financial Aid Office at the College of enrollment.

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



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A Complete Application consists of the following five 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 the following 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.
 - 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 and requesting the military service records. If the DD-214 is unavailable a Form SF-180, Request Pertaining to Military Records is available on 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 the parents' and applicant's 2024 or 2025 Federal Income Tax Return will be accepted. It is permissible to redact Social Security numbers.
5. Completed and signed Betty Cline Scholarship application.

DEADLINE: MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2026

MAIL/EMAIL COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET TO:

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Michigan
ATTN: Betty Cline Scholarship Committee
212 N Verlinden Ave, Suite B
Lansing, MI 48915
info@michalaux.org

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



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Application

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME NUMBER (include area code) _____ BIRTHDATE _____

EMAIL _____

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:

Please provide significant facts about yourself, such as extra-curricular activities, work experience, and future goals, on a separate piece of paper.



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INCOME INFORMATION:

Mother's Name _____ Father's 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? _____

On a separate sheet of paper, please explain what plans you and your family have made for financing your education.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date