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AUXILIARY**

**EDUCATION PLAN OF
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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. Committee Contact Information

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What Can You Do?

1. Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among schoolchildren by scheduling Veterans In Community Schools programs at local schools. See enclosed how to sheet.

Ideas: Member

Locate a veteran willing to share his/her experience with school children. Attend a post meeting or ask around the clubroom for a volunteer.

- Contact your local schoolteachers or principals to see if they would be interested in hosting a Veterans In Community Schools event.**
- Volunteer to provide transportation to and from the school for the veteran speaking in community schools.**
- Wear your American Legion Auxiliary apparel when you visit schools.**
- Unit Collaborate with your local American Legion post to present Veterans In Community Schools within your local schools. • Promote your Veterans In Community Schools event through local media and on your own social media accounts.**

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

- Ideas: Member • Contact the person at your local high school who handles scholarship opportunities. It will typically be a guidance or career counselor. Ask if you can send them information about national, department and unit American Legion Auxiliary scholarship opportunities.**

- **Make copies of any scholarship applications (found at [www.ALForVeterans.org/ Scholarships](http://www.ALForVeterans.org/Scholarships)), and provide them to schools that request them.**
- **Volunteer to be on the scholarship selection committee.**
- **Make a donation to American Legion Auxilliary education national scholarship funds: o Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship Fund o Spirit of Youth Scholarship Fund o ALA Foundation at www.ALAFoundation.org o Department, district or unit scholarships Unit .**
- **Assign a member to communicate with schools regarding scholarship applications.**
- **Create a Unit Scholarship Fund to award scholarships to local students.**
- **Refer to "How to Create a Unit Scholarship Fund" following this [program Plan](#).**
- **Prepare a news release with scholarship information for local media and your post/unit newsletter.**
- **Form a committee to select scholarship winners.**
- **Publicize the winners of ALA scholarships at a school presentation and in the media.**
- **Please keep track of the total number of applications received for any national scholarship, and pass that information on to your department Education chairman.**

3. Support Give 10 to Education, American Education Week and Teacher Appreciation Week

Participate In the Give 10 to Education program by purchasing items to distribute to schools.

- **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.**
- **Save Box Tops for Education and send them to local schools. Most schools participate in this program. A downloadable certificate may be found on the Education page of the Members Only section at www.ALForVeterans.org.**

- **Promote Teacher Appreciation Week, the first full week in May. Send cards to your local school's teachers.**
- **Donate resources that teachers or needy children may need.**
- **Promote American Education Week, celebrated the week prior to Thanksgiving. 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.**

Unit

- **Participate in the Give 10 to Education program by soliciting items from members to distribute to the schools in your district. Contribute supplies to local classrooms.**
- **Recognition certificates are available to download and print at www.ALAForVeterans.org on the Education Committee page.**
- **Promote Teacher Appreciation Week (first full week of May) by reaching out to teachers, and ask how your unit can enhance their school curriculum.**
- **Find out if there are any needy children, and figure out what resources your unit can provide to the student.**
- **Participate in American Education Week (week prior to Thanksgiving). Remember to recognize all school personnel, not just teachers.**
- **Educate school administrators on how the American Legion Auxiliary can have a positive impact on students.**

3. Assist and support veterans pursuing higher education and vocational education.

Ideas: Member

- **Contact a campus student veterans group at colleges and universities in your community to see what kind of help they might need. The VA counselor at the college can assist you in locating the veterans groups**
- **Sign up to receive The American Legion's Legislative Action Alerts, and support the alerts regarding the GI Bill.**

Unit

- **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.
- Promote events through local media and your own social media accounts.
- Encourage members to sign up to receive The American Legion's Legislative Action Alerts, and support the alerts regarding the GI Bill

5. Assist and support military children with educational opportunities.

Ideas: Member/Unit

- Provide your local school with a copy of the Educator's Guide to the Military Child During Deployment:
www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oshomefront/homefront.pdf

- Encourage junior members to contact their school guidance counselor and volunteer to be a mentor to new military children at their school.
- Use some of your Give 10 to Education supplies to make backpacks welcoming military children at school.
- Inform schools of a free tutoring website for military children:
www.tutor.com/military

- Provide information on the ALA Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship

Education Reporting*

Mid-Year Reports: Mid-Year reports reflect the program work of units in the department, and are intended as an opportunity for mid-year correction. Each department Education chairman is required to submit a narrative report to the division Education chairman, plus copy the national Education chairman.

Year-End Reports: Annual reports reflect the program work of units in the department, and may result in a national award for participants. If award requirements are met. Each department Education chairman is required to submit a narrative report to the division Education chairman, plus copy the

national Education chairman. Members and units should follow their department's protocol and deadlines.

Scholarships

- **Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship**
- **The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship**
- **Spirit of Youth Scholarship**

Education Awards

Member Award: Give 10 to Education

- **Award: Printable citation**
- **Presented to: Participants of Give 10 to Education**
- **Materials and Guidelines:** o Recognition certificates are available to download and print at www.ALAveterans.org on the Education Committee page.

E. Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit Education Program

- **Award: Citation plaque**
- **Presented to: One unit in each division (5)**
- **Materials and guidelines:**
 - **Awarded to the unit in each division with the most outstanding Education program.**
 - **Narrative not to exceed 1,000 words. Include specific examples of how your unit worked the Education program, including Veterans in Community Schools.**
 - **May include pictures, news articles, news releases, etc.**

REMINDERS:

1. ALL UNITS NEED TO ENSURE THAT THEIR LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS KNOW THAT THEIR LOCAL AUXILIARY UNIT **MUST** FILL OUT THE FORM FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AS A SPONSOR OR THEY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED-
 - STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BE GETTING APPLICATIONS OFF LINE- THEY SHOULD GO THROUGH THE COUSOLORS AT THE SCHOOL.
2. ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN **NOT** ONTO HEADQUARTERS



HOW TO ORGANIZE A VETERANS IN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS EVENT

Committee:
Education

Contact Information for Questions: 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)

- a. 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,

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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.

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- 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 servicemember.
- 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?
 - Why did you join the service? What branch?
 - Why did you pick the branch that you were in?
 - What did it feel like to be in the service?
 - Would you demonstrate a proper salute?
 - What was boot camp like?
 - What were your job assignments?
 - 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
- **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/>



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP
2018**

Fifteen scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each will be awarded for 2018. Three scholarships will be awarded in each of the five divisions of the American Legion Auxiliary. All are gift scholarships and not loans.

RULES

1. Candidates for this award shall be daughters, sons, grandsons, granddaughters, great-granddaughters, great-grandsons of veterans who served in the Armed Forces during eligibility dates for membership in The American Legion.
 - a. April 6, 1917 through November 11, 1918 (WWI)
 - b. December 7, 1941 through December 31, 1946 (WWII)
 - c. June 25, 1950 through January 31, 1955 (Korea)
 - d. February 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975 (Vietnam)
 - e. August 24, 1982 through July 31, 1984 (Grenada and Lebanon)
 - f. December 20, 1989 through January 31, 1990 (Panama)
 - g. August 2, 1990 to the date of cessation of hostilities (Persian Gulf to present)
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, 2018.**
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 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.



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP
2018 APPLICATION**

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Name of father, or guardian: _____

Address: _____

Veteran: Yes _____ No _____ Dates of Military Service: _____

Occupation: _____ Annual gross income: _____

Name of mother, or guardian: _____

Address: _____

Veteran: Yes _____ No _____ Dates of Military Service: _____

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 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 _____

Proposed date of graduation from high school: _____

Name of college or university you hope to attend: _____

Print or Type Full Name

Signature of Applicant



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2018 APPLICATION**

**In a separate document attached to this application,
please answer the following questions:**

- 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?

NOTE: Please be sure to attach to this application all required materials listed on the following page, and submit to the President of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit in the community in which you reside NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2018.



APPLICATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed application packet for the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship.
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 or your homeschool equivalent.
 - 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 **"What I will do to make my college or university a better place for students and staff."**
4. A letter from recipient organization(s) verifying 50 hours of voluntary service during high school years.
5. A certified transcript or photocopy of the certified transcript of the applicant's high school grades.
6. A copy of ACT or SAT test scores.
7. 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).
8. A brief statement of the military service of parent or grandparents, including the branch of service and dates of service, or a photocopy of parent's or grandparent's discharge papers.
9. Please be sure to attach all these 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.**



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	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 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 APPLICANTS 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 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 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 first, second and third place Division winners. The Division Education Chairman shall certify the names of the winners and send their complete application packets to the National Education Chairman **on or before April 15, 2018.** The National Education Chairman shall certify the names of the winners to National Headquarters.

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

Five scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 each 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. Applicant must be a current member of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion, held membership for the two preceding years (2016 and 2017), and must be a paid member for the current (2018) 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
 - 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%
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 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.



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP
2018 APPLICATION**

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone No. _____ (Home) _____ (Cell)

Date of Birth _____

Email address _____

I am a member in good standing of:

_____ AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

_____ THE AMERICAN LEGION

_____ SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Member # _____ Join Date: _____

Name of veteran through whom applicant is eligible for membership:

Relationship to Veteran _____

Attested: _____
(PostAdjutant/Unit Secretary)

SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION

Date Applicant graduated from high school: _____

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

Has Applicant attended college? Last attended: _____
Attach copy of college transcript. _____ (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
2018 APPLICATION (con't)**

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Adjusted Gross Income \$ _____
(AGI: Form 1010 – Line 31; 1040A – Line 6e; 1040EZ – Line 4.)

List support or income from any other sources:

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)

CHARACTER/LEADERSHIP

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Describe any community service activities in which you have participated during high school, college or career.

List offices held and/or awards received:



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP
2018 APPLICATION (con't)**

INITIATIVE/GOALS

What major do you plan to pursue when you enter college? _____

Why have you selected this major? _____

What college or university do you plan to attend? Name _____

City _____ State _____

Why did you select this school? _____

Who or what inspired you to seek a college degree? _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: Please be sure to attach to this application all required materials listed on the following page, and submit to the President of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit in the community in which you reside NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2018.



APPLICATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed application packet for the Non-Traditional Student Scholarship.
2. Copy of applicant's high school or college transcript, if applicable.
3. Applicant's work history, if applicable.
4. A copy of the applicant's 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).
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THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPONSORING UNIT

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

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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 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*



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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. The Division Education Chairman shall certify the name of the winner and send their complete application packet to the National Education Chairman **on or before April 15, 2018.** The National Education Chairman shall certify the names of the winners to National Headquarters.

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

Five scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each 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, held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three consecutive years (2015, 2016 and 2017) and must be a paid member for the current (2018) membership year. Applicant must continue her membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the scholarship period. *
2. Applicant must be in her senior year of high school.
3. This is a scholarship to attend an accredited institution of higher education. Applicant 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. Applicant must present the completed application to her 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%
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 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.

**Scholarship period is defined as the time from which scholarship is awarded until funds are fully dispersed or the scholarship expires, whichever comes first.*



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

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone No. _____ (Home) _____ (Cell)

Email: _____

Date of Birth _____ Membership # _____

Date Applicant Joined the 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:

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

**In a separate document attached to this application,
please answer the following questions:**

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

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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 **"What I will do to make my college or university a better place for students and staff."**
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 attach all 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.**



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