

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP
2009-2010**

There will be 15 scholarships awarded for the year 2009-2010. Three scholarships will be awarded in each Division of the American Legion Auxiliary; one in the amount of \$2,500; one in the amount of \$2,000; and one in the amount of \$1,500. All are gift scholarships and are not loans.

RULES

1. Candidates for this award shall be daughters, step-daughters, sons, or step-sons, grandsons, granddaughters, step grandsons or step granddaughters 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. Previous National President's Scholarship recipients are not eligible for further consideration.
4. Participation in this scholarship program shall be on a voluntary basis in all Units and Departments.
5. **No Unit may enter more than one candidate in the Department competition. Each Department is restricted to submitting one candidate to the Divisional competition.**
6. **The scholarship must be used within twenty-four months of the date the winner receives notification by National Headquarters or the scholarship will be forfeited.**
7. Applicant must complete 50 hours of volunteer service within the community, verified in writing by the recipient organization(s).
8. **Applicants must present the completed application to the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit President ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2010.**
9. **The winning entry for each Unit shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit President and mailed to the Department Secretary; to be received ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2010.**
10. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:
 - a. Character/Leadership - 20%
 - b. Essay/Application - 20%
 - d. Financial Need - 20%
 - e. Scholarship - 40%

THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL

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11. Half the award will be paid directly to the school for the first semester upon notification from the school that the student has registered. The balance of the award will be paid to the school upon notification from the school that the student has registered for the second semester. **However, no cash award will be payable directly to the student.** If the student discontinues their education before completing either of the semesters, the balance of the scholarship will be forfeited. ***The American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters must receive certification of enrollment within 12 months of a winner's notification or the scholarship will be forfeited.***

APPLICATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed application packet for National President's 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.
 - 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 article consisting of no more than 1,000 words (typed, double-spaced). The title of the article/essay will be **"Answering the Call to Serve My Community and Our Veterans."**
4. A letter from a recipient organization verifying 50 hours of voluntary service.
5. A certified transcript or photocopy of the applicant's high school grades.
6. A copy of ACT or SAT test scores.
7. A copy of the FASFA (financial aid) Form submitted for assistance in college.
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 grandparents' discharge papers.

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

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APPLICATION
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Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone No. _____

Name of father , stepfather or guardian _____

Address: _____

Veteran: Yes _____ No _____ Dates of Military Service _____

Occupation of father, stepfather or guardian: _____

Annual gross income _____

Name of mother, stepmother or guardian: _____

Address: _____

Veteran: Yes _____ No _____ Dates of Military Service _____

Occupation of mother, stepmother or guardian _____

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

NOTE: Please be sure to attach other required materials to this application and submit to the President of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit in the community in which you reside, NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2010.

- 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. Use attachment, if necessary. _____

- d. Why do you think the United States' patriotic organizations, such as the American Legion Auxiliary, are important to the world today? _____

**THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPONSORING UNIT
 (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)**

The winning entry of each Unit shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit President and Unit Secretary or Education Chairman and mailed to the Department Secretary; to be received **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2010**. 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
 Education Chairman

THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT/SECRETARY

The winning entry for each Department shall be certified by the Department President and/or Department Secretary/Education Chairman and forwarded, with the completed application, to the respective Division Education Chairman **ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2010**.

DEPARTMENT _____

DIVISION _____

 Signature of Department President

 Signature of Department Secretary or
 Education Chairman

The Division Education Chairman and two qualified judges shall make the final decision on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in her Division. She shall certify the names of the winners and send their complete application packets to the National Education Chairman **ON OR BEFORE APRIL 15, 2010**. The National Education Chairman shall certify the names of the winners to National Headquarters.