



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS  
2023 APPLICATION**

Five scholarships, in the amount of \$5,000 each, will be awarded for 2023.  
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 (2020, 2021, and 2022), and must be a paid member for the current (2023) membership year. Applicant must continue their 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, 2023.**
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 their education or membership in the American Legion Auxiliary before completing the 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.



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**APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST**

- Completed application packet for the Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members.
- The following two letters of recommendation are required:
  - One letter, from either the principal or guidance counselor of the applicant's school or from a clergy person of the applicant's choice.
  - One letter from an adult — other than relatives — attesting to the applicant's character regarding conduct, citizenship, and leadership.
- Transcripts, or photocopy of the 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 question on a separate paper and attach it to your application:**

An original essay consisting of no more than 1,000 words (typed, double-spaced). The title of the essay will be, **“Describe what kind of service project you would choose to help a military family. Include how you would implement the service project and how you would include your American Legion Family.”**

Please be sure to attach all 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, 2023.**



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

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

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

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

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

Membership ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date applicant joined the ALA: \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_



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Please explain why receiving this scholarship would be important to you.

Describe your involvement in American Legion Auxiliary 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*

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*Print or Type Full Name*

*Signature of Parent/Guardian*



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**THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SUBMITTING ALA 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 | 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, 2023.**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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*Signature of Unit President*



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**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 | 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, 2023**. Contact information for the division Education Committee chair is located on the Education Committee page of the MyAuxiliary member portal 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, 2023**. The national Education Committee chair shall certify the names of the winners to ALA National Headquarters.