AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS
2020 APPLICATION

Five scholarships, in the amount of $5,000 each, will be awarded for 2020. One scholarship will be awarded in each division 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 (2017, 2018 and 2019), and must be a paid member for the current (2020) 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 which meet entrance requirements at the institution of their choice. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA using a 4.0 base.

4. Applicants must present the completed application to their **local American Legion Auxiliary unit presidents ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2020**

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 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.

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

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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:

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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: _____

Date of Birth _____ Membership # _____

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Print or Type Full Name *Signature of Applicant*

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Please answer the following questions on a separate paper and attach it to your application.

1. Why would receiving this scholarship be important to you? Please explain.

2. 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?

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

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

NOTE: Please attach to this application all required materials listed on the following page and submit everything as one document to the president of the American Legion Auxiliary unit in which your membership is recorded.
NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2020.

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APPLICATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS

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, that includes size of class; 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 **"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 second hundred years?"**

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 attach all required materials to this application and submit everything as one document, to the president of the American Legion Auxiliary unit in which your membership is recorded, **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2020**.

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THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SUBMITTING 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 unit Education chairman

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, 2020.**

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

Unit Name and Number _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

_____ _____

Signature of Unit President *Signature of Unit Secretary or Unit Education Chairman*

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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 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 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 Chairman.

4. The selected entry for each department shall be forwarded to the respective division Education Chairman for competition at the national level to be received **ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2020.** Contact information for the division Education Chairmen is located in the Education Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan, located on the education program page in the Members Only section at www.ALAforVeterans.org.

5. 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 the complete application packet to the National Education Chairman **on or before April 15, 2020.** The National Education Chairman shall certify the names of the winners from each division to National Headquarters.