

Ten scholarships, in the amount of \$2,500 each, will be awarded for 2022. Two scholarships will be awarded in each of the five divisions of the American Legion Auxiliary. All are gift scholarships, not loans.

### **RULES**

- Candidates for this award shall have been Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary, held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three consecutive years (2019, 2020, and 2021) and be a paid member for the current (2022) membership year. Applicant must continue their membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the scholarship period.
- 2. This scholarship is intended for the traditional college student with no interruption in education, who is at least in the first semester of college or technical school but not yet attained a bachelor's degree. Any member who is a non-traditional student (a student returning to the classroom after some time away from college) is welcome to apply for the American Legion Auxiliary Non-Traditional Student Scholarship.
- 3. This is a scholarship to attend an accredited institution of higher education for the completion of a bachelor's degree. Applicants must have completed at least one semester with grades that meet continuation requirements at the institution of their choice. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA using a 4.0 scale.
- 4. Previous American Legion Auxiliary national scholarship recipients are welcome to apply.
- 5. Applicants must present the completed application, along with the other required materials specified on the following page, to the **president of their American Legion Auxiliary unit ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2022**.
- 6. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Leadership, Character, and ALA Participation

(as presented in applicant's essay)50%Academic Achievement25%Completed Application25%

#### THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.

7. The first half of the award (\$1,250) will be paid directly to the school for the first semester upon notification from the school that the student has re-enrolled. 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 semester until notification of re-enrollment has been received from the school. Notification from the school must include verification of at least a B (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) average. If the winner discontinues their education or membership in the American Legion Auxiliary before all scholarship funds have been dispersed, the balance of the scholarship will be forfeited. The winner will have four years from the date of notification of scholarship to use the scholarship funds.



#### APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

☐ An original essay consisting of no more than 1,000 words (typed, double-spaced). The title of the essay will be, "What can you do as a college student to promote the American Legion Auxiliary's mission of serving veterans, military, and their families?"
☐ 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).
Applicant's certified college transcripts, or photocopy of the certified college transcripts.
Completed application packet for the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship.

Please be sure to <u>attach all of the required materials to this application</u> and submit the application and materials to the American Legion Auxiliary unit in in which your membership is recorded <u>NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2022</u>.



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

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

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Unit Education Committee Chair

Leadership, Character, and ALA Participation

(as presented in applicant's essay)50%Academic Achievement25%Completed Application25%

- 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 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, 2022.**
- 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:	
Signature of Unit Secretary or	Signature of Unit President



### 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:

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- 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 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 <u>ON OR BEFORE</u> <u>APRIL 1, 2022.</u> 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.
- 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 American Legion Auxiliary division Education Committee chair and two qualified judges shall make the final decision on the winner. The division Education Committee chair shall certify the name of the winner and send the complete application packet to the national Education Committee chair on or before April 15, 2022. The national Education Committee chair shall certify the name of the winning scholarship recipient to ALA National Headquarters.