The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio recognizes the importance of education and the role it plays in personal, professional and economic fulfillment. The Women Veterans Scholarship Program provides grants to women who serve, past and present, to help them attain their educational goals. The Women Veterans Scholarship Program offers financial support in Undergraduate Degrees, and Graduate Degrees. Scholarships are awarded only for coursework from accredited institutions. Scholarships are based on merit, academic potential, community service, letters of recommendation, and need.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant must be a woman who has served or is serving honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces; Active, Reserve, or National who served honorably and is a resident of Ohio.

2. Under Graduate Program: Applicant must be currently enrolled at an accredited college or university and have completed 30 credit hours of course work with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.

3. Graduate Program: Applicant must have achieved an undergraduate degree with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and must be enrolled in or accepted into a Graduate level program — Masters or Doctoral.

AWARDS
Selection of the Scholarship recipient(s) are made by the Education Committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Ohio. The Committee will determine the number of scholarships awarded and the amounts of each scholarship. The scholarship funds may be used to assist with tuition, fees, books, and school documented room and board. Scholarships are awarded only to students attending accredited institutions. The funds will be sent directly to the recipient. If selected, Scholarship recipients are to provide: a) a photograph and a statement for use in American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio publications, newsletter, website, social media, and marketing materials, etc. and b) follow-up information and feedback as to how the scholarship assisted in their education for research and marketing.

CRITERIA
All application materials, including application form, essay, official transcript(s), two recommendations, proof of enrollment at designated accredited academic institution, as well as commander’s verification of active duty or qualified documentation of service (e.g. Dept. of Defense Form DD-214, Discharge Documents, Active Service Documents, etc.) must be submitted and postmarked by May 1st, 2020.
List of Required materials:

- Application – This form is required. You may apply for only one scholarship.
- Commander’s verification of active duty or qualified documentation of service (e.g. Dept. of Defense Form DD-214, Discharge Documents, Active Service Documents, etc.)
- An official transcript from their college or university is required. For new applicants to a community college, high school transcripts or GED documentation must accompany the application.
- Two letters of recommendation (on letterhead for reference letters) with titles and contact information are also required. One letter of recommendation MUST be from a school advisor, counselor, dean of students, professor, etc. Letters of recommendation should demonstrate why a Scholarship should be awarded to the specific student.
- The application requires a short essay (2 pages or less, typed, double-spaced) highlighting why the recipient should be considered for this scholarship. The essay must address future plans as related to the applicant’s selected program of study and must include pertinent information in assessing an applicant’s other areas to include community service, activities, and work experience. The applicant must also address specifically how the Military has impacted their life and/or goals.
- All materials must be labeled with applicant’s name and postmarked by the deadline for consideration and selection.
- All materials should be sent directly to:
  Department of Ohio Education Chairman
  Barbara Benz
  6102 Charles Ave
  Parma, Ohio 44129
  
  Email: babzbenz6102@gmail.com
WOMEN VETERAN’S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
2019-20 APPLICATION FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

Full Name of Applicant _______________________________ __________/_____/_______

Address _________________________________________________________________________

City, Ohio __________ Zip Code (______) ______ Phone Number ________________________

Email Address _______________________________________________________________________

Service Information:

/ / Entrance Date of Military Service / / Date Left Military Service

Check if you are currently serving. __________

Branch of Military __________________________

Check all that apply:  Active Duty _____ Reserve _____ National Guard _____

Current Rank or Rank when you Separated from the Military __________________________

Do you qualify for the GI Bill, if yes, please explain why you need additional assistance? __________________________

Financial Information

Family Income $___________________ $___________________

Social Security Income $___________________ $___________________

VA Benefits $___________________ $___________________

Other $___________________ $___________________

Number in Household ________ Number currently attending College ________

Brief statement of individual need ______________________________________________________

High School Attended ______________________ Graduation Date __________

College You Plan to Attend ______________________ Graduation Date __________

Under Graduate College/University ______________________ Graduation Date __________

Degree Level You are Seeking __________________________

Post Graduate University You Plan to Attend ______________________ Graduation Date __________

Signature of Applicant ______________________ Date __________ Phone Number __________

UNIT PORTION

_________________________________________ / / (_____) ______
SIGNATURE OF AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT OFFICER

DISTRICT/UNIT NUMBER / (_____) ______ UNIT REPRESENTATIVE’S PHONE #

Unit to complete and submit with all documentation to Department Education Chairman:
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