DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT’S SCHOLARSHIP
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

The American Legion Auxiliary of Ohio awards one scholarship of $1,500 annually. This is a gift scholarship—not a loan. The amount is sent in payments directly to the college of the winner’s choice. One scholarship of $1,000 is awarded to the second place scholarship applicant. The amount to be paid as requested by the school. Order additional applications from: American Legion Auxiliary, Scholarship Coordinator, PO Box 2760, Zanesville, Ohio 43702-2760, or by downloading from the alaohio.org website under the Scholarships tab.

1. The applicant must be an honorably discharged veteran or a son or daughter (adopted, step, grand, or great-grand) of a living, deceased, or disabled honorably discharged veteran who served during these active war dates:
   • Due to the July 30, 2019, signing of the Let Everyone Get Involved with Opportunities for National Service – The LEGION ACT – eligibility for membership in The American Legion has been changed from the former seven war eras to two:
     1. April 6, 1917 – Nov. 11, 1918

2. Attach to this application a photocopy of the veteran’s Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (i.e.: Form DD-214) or other government document showing time served on active military duty during the eligibility period(s) indicated above.

3. The applicant must be a resident of Ohio.

4. The applicant must be sponsored by an Ohio American Legion Auxiliary Unit.

5. The applicant must be preparing to enter his/her freshman year of college.

6. The completed application must be returned to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit by March 1, 2021.

7. The winner shall be selected based on the following criteria: 1—Americanism, 2—Character, 3—Financial Need, 4—Leadership, and 5—Scholarship.

8. The following items must accompany this application:
   A) Three letters of recommendation from:
      1) A member of the clergy or a representative to attest to devotional beliefs.
      2) A faculty member from the High School attended by the applicant.
      3) A representative of the community.
   B) An original essay of not more than 500 words entitled “Education and the American Dream”.
      All words and symbols count.
   C) A transcript of High School grades.

9. The applicant must sign and date the application.

10. An officer of the sponsoring Unit must sign this application. A Unit may sponsor only one candidate per scholarship.

Forward the application by the March 15, 2021 deadline with all supporting documents to the Department Education Chairman:

Barbara Benz
6102 Charles Ave
Parma, Ohio 44129
babzbenz6102@gmail.com
(Over for Application)
Ohio Unit Plan of Action

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT’S SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Name of Applicant

Address

City, Ohio

Zip Code

Birth Date

Name of Veteran

Veteran Affiliation:

Wife [____] Husband [____]

Daughter [____] Son [____]

Adopted Daughter [____] Adopted Son [____]

Step-Daughter [____] Step-Son [____]

Granddaughter [____] Grandson [____]

Great Granddaughter [____] Great Grandson [____]

Brief statement and date of Military Service

Financial Information

Family Income $___________________ $___________________

Social Security Income $___________________ $___________________

VA Benefits $___________________ $___________________

Other $___________________ $___________________

Number in Household _______ Number currently attending College _______

College Name and Address

Full-time student _____ Part-time student _____ What year in school? _________________________________

Major(s) / Minor(s) of Study

Brief statement of individual need ________________________________

Have you previously received a Continuing Education Grant from the American Legion Auxiliary?____ yes ____ no

Signature of Applicant ________________________________ Date ___________ (____) _______

Signature of American Legion Auxiliary Unit Officer ________/_____/_____(____) _______

District/Unit Number ___/_____/_____(____) _______

Submit to: Barbara Benz, 6102 Charles Ave, Parma, Ohio 44129