



Ohio Unit Plan of Action



EDUCATION

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REPORT DUE: April 15, 2021 (postmarked)

Department Report Form				
This Form should be attached to each narrative that is submitted for information, Citation of Merit requirements and possible Department award. Please fill out the information as completely and accurately as possible. A Unit must submit a this report form with boxes completed and answer the questions below in order to earn the Citation of Merit. Narrative- word count must follow directions given in award guidelines. Simple or elaborate stories will be accepted as a report. Please complete the following. Be sure to give the complete name of your Unit: _____				
District _____	Unit # _____	Unit Membership Goal _____	Unit Membership Total As of Report _____	
Name of Person Completing Report:			Unit Chair. _____	Unit Pres. _____
Phone # _____	Email _____	Membership ID (if available) _____		
Specific Award Name(if applicable) _____				

Answer the following Questions or include answers in your narrative

- Did member/units participate in Teacher Appreciation Week and/or National Education Week? How? _____
- Did your unit participate in Give 10 to Education? _____
- Describe how Veterans in Community Schools programs were presented? _____
- If units actively support veterans’ associations on campus, describe their activities? _____
- What types of help did units give a needy student? _____
- How did your unit recognize scholarship winners? _____
- How many scholarship applications does your unit receive? _____

Narrative must be typed written in narrative form.

Narrative must not exceed 1,000 words. (Can be fewer words if program dictates)

Narrative may include photographs and news articles.

Program Summation:

Total Number of Volunteers	Total Number of Jr. Volunteers	Total Number of Volunteer Hours	Total Dollars Spent or Raised	Total Number of Patriotic/Veteran Programs/Events
			\$	

The National Cover Sheet is included on the backside of this form. Please fill out the Unit or Member Portion and send with your Narrative.

Send your narrative, this report form and National Cover Sheet to your District or Department Chairman.

Report Deadline: April 15, 2021 Narrative Deadline: April 15, 2021

MAIL TO DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN

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American Legion Auxiliary National Report and Award Cover Sheet

See the Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan to determine where to send this form.
Please note, your report will also be viewed as an award entry if this cover sheet is attached.

Complete the following if you are applying for a member award.

Unit #: _____ Full official unit name: _____

Name of state where you are a member: _____

Member's Full Name: _____ ALA member ID#: _____

Nominating Member (if different from above): _____

Nominator's Phone number: (____) _____

Nominator's Email address: _____

National committee sponsoring award: _____

Name of the award you are applying for: _____

For a unit award or to submit a year-end unit narrative report, please complete this section. Be sure to give the complete name of your unit. The award certificate will be prepared using the information you include below.

Unit #: _____ Full official unit name: _____

Name of department: _____

Unit president/chairman (**circle one**) name: _____

Above listed person's ALA member ID#: _____ Phone number: (____) _____

Email address: _____

For a department award or to submit a year-end department narrative report, please complete this section:

Name of department: _____

Name of department chairman: _____

Chairman's phone number: (____) _____ ALA member ID#: _____

Chairman's email address: _____

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What is this program, and why do we have it?

The Education Program promotes the American Legion Auxiliary's role in providing quality education for children and adults through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship promotion and support of education beyond high school, with a special emphasis on children of veterans and service members. The Education Program and the 2014-2019 ALA Centennial Strategic Plan: Through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship promotion and support of education beyond high school, ALA members build brand loyalty and awareness of the ALA's mission (Goal 5) through their education-related community service projects.

What Can You Do?

1. Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among schoolchildren by scheduling Veterans in Community Schools programs at local schools. See enclosed how to sheet.

(Note: This program was previously called Veterans in the Classroom.)

Ideas:

Member

- Locate a veteran willing to share his/her experience with school children. Attend a post meeting or ask around the clubroom for a volunteer.
- Contact your local school teachers or principals to see if they would be interested in hosting a Veterans in Community Schools event.
- Volunteer to provide transportation to and from the school for the veteran speaking in community schools.
- Wear your American Legion Auxiliary apparel when you visit schools.

Unit

- Collaborate with your local American Legion post to present Veterans in Community Schools within your local schools.
- Promote your Veterans in Community Schools event through local media and on your own social media accounts.

2. Promote American Legion Auxiliary scholarships, and award local scholarships at the department and unit levels.

Ideas:

Member

- Contact the person at your local high school who handles scholarship opportunities. It will typically be a guidance or career counselor. Ask if you can send them information about national, department and unit American Legion Auxiliary scholarship opportunities.
- Make copies of any scholarship applications (found at www.ALAforVeterans.org/Scholarships) and provide them to schools that request them.
- Volunteer to be on the scholarship selection committee.
- Make a donation to the American Legion Auxiliary education scholarship funds:
 - Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship Fund
 - Spirit of Youth Scholarship Fund
 - ALA Foundation at www.ALAFoundation.org

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- Department, district or unit scholarship.
- Promote Department Female Veterans Scholarship

Unit

- Assign a member to communicate with schools regarding scholarship applications.
- Create a Unit Scholarship Fund to award scholarships to local students.
 - Refer to “How to Create a Unit Scholarship Fund” following this program Plan.
- Prepare a news release with scholarship information for local media and your post/unit newsletter.
- Form a committee to select scholarship winners.
- Publicize the winners of ALA scholarships at a school presentation and in the media.
- Please keep track of the total number of applications received for any national scholarship and pass that information on to your department Education chairman.

3. Support Give 10 to Education, American Education Week and Teacher Appreciation Week.

Ideas:

Member

- Participate in the Give 10 to Education program by purchasing items to distribute to schools.
 - Place a poster with a collection box at local sites (i.e., grocery stores, banks, senior centers, post office), and invite local residents to donate.
 - Save Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education® and send them to local schools. Most schools participate in these programs.
 - Recognition certificates are available to download and print at www.ALAforVeterans.org on the Education Committee page.
- Promote Teacher Appreciation Week (May 3-7, 2021)
 - Send cards to your local school’s teachers.
 - Donate resources that teachers or needy children may need.
- Promote American Education Week (November 16-20, 2020)
 - Send a card to all local school staff thanking them for the work they do. Include all school personnel with whom children interact (i.e., bus drivers, custodians, etc.).
 - A sample card may be found on the Education page of the Members Only section at www.ALAforVeterans.org.

Unit

- Participate in the Give 10 to Education program by soliciting items from members to distribute to the schools in your district. Contribute supplies to local classrooms.
 - Recognition certificates are available to download and print at www.ALAforVeterans.org on the Education Committee page.
- Participate in American Education Week (November 16-20, 2020). Remember to recognize all school personnel, not just teachers.
- Promote Teacher Appreciation Week (May 3-7, 2021) by reaching out to teachers and ask how your unit can enhance their school curriculum.
 - Find out if there are any needy children and figure out what resources your unit can provide to the student.
- Educate school administrators on how the American Legion Auxiliary can have a positive impact on students.

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4. Assist and support veterans pursuing higher education and vocational education.

Ideas:

Member

- Contact a campus student veterans group at colleges and universities in your community to volunteer. The VA counselor at the college can assist you in locating the veteran's groups.
- Sign up to receive The American Legion's Legislative Action Alerts and support the alerts regarding the GI Bill.

Unit

- Collaborate with a campus student veterans group at colleges and universities in your community.
 - Arrange for your post home to be available for off-campus events/chapter meetings.
- Provide information/handouts to members on organizing and delivering presentations on career and life skills topics to student veterans.
- Promote events through local media and your own social media accounts.
- Encourage members to sign up to receive The American Legion's Legislative Action Alerts and support the alerts regarding the GI Bill.

5. Assist and support military children with educational opportunities.

Ideas:

Member/Unit

- Provide your local school with a copy of the Educator's Guide to the Military Child during Deployment: www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/os/homefront/homefront.pdf
- Encourage junior members to contact their school guidance counselor and volunteer to be a mentor to new military children at their school.
- Use some of your Give 10 to Education supplies to make backpacks welcoming military children at school.
- Inform schools of a free tutoring website for military children: www.tutor.com/military
- Provide information on the ALA Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship

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Scholarships

National Scholarships

All ALA scholarships should be submitted by March 1, 2021 to a local American Legion Auxiliary Unit. Local American Legion Auxiliary Units should forward applications to Department Education Chairman, Barbara Benz, 6102 Charles Ave., Parma, OH 44129-3705. Scholarship application and rules sheet are in this Program Plan of Action and also available for download on the national website, www.ALAforVeterans.org/scholarships.

A. Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship

- Awarded to children of veterans who served in the armed forces during the eligibility dates for The American Legion.
- Three \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded in each division.
- Fifteen outstanding students will be awarded a total of \$75,000 to further their higher education.
- The applicant must complete 50 hours of community service during his/her high school years to be eligible for one of these scholarships.

B. The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship

- One scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 will be awarded in each American Legion Auxiliary division.
- Applicant must be a member of The American Legion, American Legion, Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion and shall have paid dues for the two preceding years and for the calendar year in which the application is made.

C. Spirit of Youth Scholarship

- One Junior member in each division will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.
- Applicant must have held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the immediate past three years, hold a current membership card and continue her membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the four-year scholarship period.

D. Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship

- Two Junior members in each division will receive a \$2,500 scholarship.
- Applicants must have been Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three consecutive years (2018, 2019 and 2020), and must be a paid member for the current (2021) membership year. Applicant must continue her membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the scholarship period.

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Scholarships Opportunities

(Department Scholarships found at the End of this Plan of Action.)

DEPARTMENT

Continuing Education Grant
Department President's Scholarship
Women Veteran's Scholarship

NATIONAL AWARDS

Education Awards Deadlines and Submission Requirements:

Taking the time to share a favorite story about the positive impact you or someone you know has had on our mission is worth doing! It helps us tell the world who we are, what we do, and why we matter. Just three simple steps to add your part to our national success story:

- 1) Please follow instructions as you fill out the National Report and Awards Cover Sheet found in this Programs Action Plan.
- 2) Provide details/examples about the activity as outlined in the award's materials and guidelines section.
- 3) **Make sure to include your data from 2019-2021 in your report.**

National Report and Awards Cover Sheet, deadlines, and Education committee contact information may be found on the Education committee page on the national website, www.ALAforVeterans.org Each award entry must include a cover sheet, which can be found in this program Plan.

Member Award: Give 10 to Education

- Award: Printable citation
- Presented to: Participants of Give 10 to Education
- Materials and Guidelines:
 - Recognition certificates are available to download and print at www.ALAforVeterans.org on the Education Committee page.

Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit Education Program

- Award: Citation plaque
- Presented to: One unit in each division (5)
- Materials and guidelines:
 - Awarded to the unit in each division with the most outstanding Education program.
 - Narrative not to exceed 1,000 words. Include specific examples of how your unit worked the Education program, including Veterans in Community Schools.
 - May include pictures, news articles, news releases, etc.

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DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Agnes Merritt Plaque – This plaque will be presented to the Unit Education Chairman with the Most Outstanding Overall Education Program. Award entry shall be in narrative form and must not exceed 1,000 words. The cover page must have the name of the award entry, Department name, Unit name and number, and name and address of the Unit Chairman. Please include pictures, clippings, etc. Entry must be submitted by **April 15, 2021** to Department Education Chairman **Barbara Benz, 6102 Charles Ave, Parma, Ohio 44129.**

Betty Robaszkievicz Plaque – This plaque will be presented to the Unit contributing the largest monetary donation to the Department of Ohio Education Fund. Donations must be submitted to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department Headquarters, P.O. Box 2760, Zanesville, Ohio 43702-2760, earmarked Education Fund by June 1, 2021.

Education Reporting

Mid-Year Reports

Mid-Year reports reflect the program work of units in the department and are intended as an opportunity for mid-year corrections. Each Unit Education chairman is required to submit a narrative report by **December 15, 2020**, to the Department Education Chairman.

Year-End Reports

Annual reports reflect the program work of the units in the department and may result in a national award for participants if award requirements are met. Each Unit Education chairman is required to submit a narrative report by **April 15, 2021**, to the Department Education Chairman.

As part of your Narrative Report, please include answers to the following questions:

- How did your unit recognize member's participation for Give 10?
- Describe how your unit presented Veterans in Community Schools programs.
- If your unit actively supported veteran's associations on campus, describe your activities
- If your unit submitted any scholarship application, describe your activities.

Additional Resources You Can Use

1. www.ALAforVeterans.org/Programs/Education for more how to sheets and other support tools.
2. American Legion Auxiliary scholarship applications: www.ALAforVeterans.org/Scholarships
3. Dept. of Ohio Scholarship Website: www.alaohio.org
4. Educational resources through the Americanism and Children & Youth Commission of The American Legion: www.legion.org/education
5. Free online tutoring for military children: www.tutor.com/military
6. Student Veterans of America: www.studentveterans.org
7. Your national committee members (see front page of this program Plan).

How To Sheets

- How to Organize a Veterans in Community Schools Event
- How to Create a Unit Scholarship Fund

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP 2021 APPLICATION

Fifteen scholarships, in the amount of \$5,000 each, will be awarded for 2021. Three scholarships 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 daughters, sons, grandsons, granddaughters, great-granddaughters, or great-grandsons of veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces during eligibility dates for membership in The American Legion: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; and any time after December 7, 1941.
2. Applicants must be in their senior year of high school.
3. This is a scholarship to attend an accredited institution of higher education.
4. Applicant must complete 50 hours of volunteer service within the community during his/her high school years. Hours must be verified in writing by the recipient organization(s).
5. Applicants must present the completed application to their **local American Legion Auxiliary unit president ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2021.**
6. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Character/Leadership	25%
Essay/Application	25%
Financial Need	25%
Academic Achievement	25%

THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.

7. The award 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.*** The scholarship must be used within 24 months of the date the winner receives notification by National Headquarters, or the scholarship will be forfeited. Thus, if the winning student does not wish to use monies for FIRST-YEAR expenses, they then must be used for SECOND-YEAR expenses or forfeited.

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APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

- Completed application packet for the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship.
- The following four letters of recommendation are required:
 - One letter, from either the principal or guidance counselor of the school from which the applicant will graduate, to include size of class; student's position in the class; and the cumulative grade point average or homeschool equivalent.
 - One letter from a clergyman/clergywoman of the applicant's choice.
 - Two letters from adult citizens — other than relatives — attesting to the applicant's character in regard to conduct, citizenship, and leadership.
- Letter from recipient organization(s) verifying 50 hours of voluntary service during high school years.
- Certified transcripts, or photocopy of the certified 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).
- A brief statement of the military service of parent or grandparent, including the branch of service and dates of service, or a photocopy of parent's or grandparent's discharge papers.
- Please answer the following questions on a separate paper and attach it to your application.**
 1. Please explain why receiving this scholarship would be important to you.
 2. Why do you think United States' patriotic organizations, such as the American Legion Auxiliary, are important to the world today?
 3. An original essay consisting of no more than 1,000 words (typed, double-spaced). The title of the essay will be, **“Why is it important that the American Legion Auxiliary helps to care for the health and well-being of our veterans, military, and their families?”**

Please be sure to attach all of the required materials to this application and submit the application and materials to the American Legion Auxiliary unit in the community where you live

NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2021.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP 2021 APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Name of father, or guardian: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Occupation: _____ Annual gross income: _____

Name of mother, or guardian: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Occupation: _____ Annual gross income: _____

Number of dependent children under 18 years _____ over 18 years _____ Grade levels _____

Total monthly compensation, pension or trust received by parent and/or children \$ _____

Are you eligible for, or are you drawing, Social Security payments? Yes _____ No _____

If so, monthly amount \$ _____ Time limit of benefits _____

Are you eligible for benefits under Survivors and Dependents Education? Yes _____ No _____

Name of Veteran: _____

Dates of Military Service: _____

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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?

Describe your involvement in school, church, and community 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.

Signature of Applicant

Print or Type Full Name

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP 2021 APPLICATION

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.

- Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Character/Leadership	25%
Essay/Application	25%
Financial Need	25%
Academic Achievement	25%
- No unit may enter more than one candidate in the department competition.
- The selected entry for each unit shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary unit president and unit secretary or unit Education Committee chair.
- 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, 2021.**
- Participation in this scholarship program shall be on a voluntary basis in all units.
- Should an entry be received, and no unit affiliation is available, then the application should be judged in the Department Headquarters unit.

Date Application Received:

Unit Name and Number:

Address:

City, State, ZIP:

*Signature of Unit Secretary or
Unit Education Committee Chair*

Signature of Unit President

FORWARD COMPLETED APPLICATION TO DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN,
Barbara Benz, 6102 Charles Ave, Parma, Ohio 44129

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP 2021 APPLICATION

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.

- Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Character/Leadership	25%
Essay/Application	25%
Financial Need	25%
Academic Achievement	25%
- Each department is restricted to submitting one candidate to the division level competition.
- 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.
- 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, 2021**. Contact information for the division Education Committee chair is located in the Education Committee Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan, located at www.ALAforVeterans.org.
- 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, 2021**. The national Education Committee chair shall certify the names of the winners to ALA National Headquarters.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP 2021 APPLICATION

Five scholarships, in the amount of \$2,000 each, will be awarded for 2021. One scholarship will be awarded in each of the five divisions of the American Legion Auxiliary. All are gift scholarships, not loans.

RULES

1. Applicants must be a current member of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion, must have held membership for the two preceding years (2019 and 2020), and be a paid member for the current (2021) membership year.
2. Applicants must be:
 - a. a non-traditional student returning to the classroom after some period of time in which his/her formal education was interrupted; OR
 - b. a non-traditional student beginning his/her education at a later point in life.
3. American Legion Auxiliary Spirit of Youth Scholarship recipients are not eligible.
4. Applicants must present the completed application to their **local American Legion Auxiliary unit president ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2021.**
5. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Character/Leadership	25%
Initiative/Goals	25%
Financial Need	25%
Academic Achievement	25%

THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.

6. The award 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.*** The scholarship must be used within 24 months of the date the winner receives notification by National Headquarters, or the scholarship will be forfeited. Thus, if the winning recipient does not wish to use monies for FIRST-YEAR expenses, they then must then be used for SECOND-YEAR expenses or forfeited.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP 2021 APPLICATION

APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

- Completed application packet for the Non-Traditional Student Scholarship.
- Applicant's certified high school or college transcript(s), or photocopy of the certified high school or college transcript(s).
- Applicant's work history, if applicable.
- 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 be sure to attach all of the required materials to this application
and submit the application and materials to the
American Legion Auxiliary unit in in which your membership is recorded
NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2021.

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Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____

Home phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Date of birth: _____

I am a member in good standing of:

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

THE AMERICAN LEGION

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Member ID # _____ Join date: _____

Name of veteran through whom applicant is eligible for membership: _____

Relationship to veteran: _____

Attested: _____

(Post Adjutant/Unit Secretary)

SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION

Date applicant graduated from high school: _____

Attach copy of high school transcripts (if graduated in the last 10 years).

Has applicant attended college? Last attended: _____ Attach copy
of college transcripts. (mo/yr)

If it has been more than five years since applicant has attended school, submit work history.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Adjusted Gross Income: \$ _____
(AGI: Tax Forms 1010 on Line 31; 1040A on Line 6e; 1040EZ on Line 4.)

List support or income from any other sources:

Number of dependents: _____

Describe any circumstances that may affect your or your family's ability to provide for your college education (attach additional sheets if necessary).

CHARACTER/LEADERSHIP

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Describe your American Legion Family participation and any community service activities in which you have participated.

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INITIATIVE/GOALS

What major do you plan to pursue and why?

What college or university do you plan to attend? Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Who or what inspired you to seek a college degree?

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.

Print or Type Full Name

Signature of Applicant

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP 2021 APPLICATION

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.

- Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Character/Leadership	25%
Initiative/Goals	25%
Financial Need	25%
Academic Achievement	25%
- No unit may enter more than one candidate in the department competition.
- The selected entry for each unit shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary unit president and unit secretary or unit Education Committee chair.
- 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, 2021.**
- 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
Unit Education Committee Chair*

FORWARD COMPLETED APPLICATION TO DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN,
Barbara Benz, 6102 Charles Ave, Parma, Ohio 44129

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP 2021 APPLICATION

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	25%
Initiative/Goals	25%
Financial Need	25%
Academic Achievement	25%

2. Each department is restricted to submitting one candidate to the division competition.
3. The winning entry for each department shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary department president and the department secretary or department Education Committee chair and forwarded to the respective division Education Committee chair so it's received **ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2021.**
4. Participation in this scholarship program shall be on a voluntary basis in all departments.

Date Application Received _____

DEPARTMENT _____

DIVISION _____

Signature of Department Secretary or

*Signature of Department President
Department Education Committee Chair*

The 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, 2021.** The national Education Committee chair shall certify the names of the winner to ALA National Headquarters.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS 2021 APPLICATION

Five scholarships, in the amount of \$5,000 each, will be awarded for 2021. 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 (2018, 2019, and 2020), and must be a paid member for the current (2021) 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 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, 2021.**
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 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.

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APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

- Completed application packet for the Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members.
- The following four letters of recommendation are required:
 - One letter, from either the principal or guidance counselor of the school from which the applicant will graduate, to include size of class; student's position in the class; and the cumulative grade point average or homeschool equivalent.
 - One letter from a clergyman/clergywoman of the applicant's choice.
 - Two letters from adult citizens — other than relatives — attesting to the applicant's character in regard to conduct, citizenship, and leadership.
- Certified transcripts, or photocopy of the certified 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 questions on a separate paper and attach it to your application:**
 1. Please explain why receiving this scholarship would be important to you.
 2. Why do you think the United States' patriotic organizations, such as the American Legion Auxiliary, are important to the world today?
 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 next hundred years?"**

Please be sure to attach all of 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, 2021.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS 2021 APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Date of birth: _____ Email: _____

Home phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Date applicant joined the American Legion Auxiliary: _____

Membership # _____

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: _____

Print or Type Full Name

Signature of Applicant

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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?

Describe your involvement in school, church, and community 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.

Print or Type Full Name

Signature of Applicant

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS 2021 APPLICATION

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.

- Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Character/Leadership	30%
Essay/Application	30%
Academic Achievement	40%
- No unit may enter more than one candidate in the department competition.
- 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.
- 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, 2021.**
- 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
Unit Education Committee Chair*

Signature of Unit President

FORWARD COMPLETED APPLICATION TO DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN,
Barbara Benz, 6102 Charles Ave, Parma, Ohio 44129

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS 2021 APPLICATION

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.

- Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Character/Leadership	30%
Essay/Application	30%
Academic Achievement	40%
- Each department is restricted to submitting one candidate to the division level competition.
- 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.
- 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, 2021**. Contact information for the division Education Committee chair is located in the Education Committee Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan, located at www.ALAforVeterans.org.
- 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, 2021**. The national Education Committee chair shall certify the names of the winners to ALA National Headquarters.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY JUNIOR MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP 2021 APPLICATION

Ten scholarships, in the amount of \$2,500 each, will be awarded for 2021. Two scholarships 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 have been Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary, held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three consecutive years (2018, 2019, and 2020) and be a paid member for the current (2021) membership year. Applicant must continue her 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, 2021.**
6. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Leadership, Character, and ALA Participation (as presented in applicant's essay)	50%
Academic Achievement	25%
Completed Application	25%

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 her 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.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY JUNIOR MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP 2021 APPLICATION

APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

- Completed application packet for the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship.
- Applicant's certified college transcripts, or photocopy of the certified college transcripts.
- 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).
- 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?”**

Please be sure to attach all of the required materials to this application and submit the application and materials to the American Legion Auxiliary unit in in which your membership is recorded
NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2021.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY JUNIOR MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP 2021 APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____

Home phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Date of birth: _____ Membership ID #: _____

Date applicant joined the American Legion Auxiliary: _____

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: _____

I understand that by signing this application, I agree that my name and likeness, and/or essay may be used for marketing purposes in ALA media.

Print or Type Full Name

Signature of Applicant

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY JUNIOR MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP 2021 APPLICATION

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.

- Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Leadership, Character, and ALA Participation (as presented in applicant's essay)	50%
Academic Achievement	25%
Completed Application	25%
- No unit may enter more than one candidate in the department competition.
- The selected entry for each unit shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary unit president and unit secretary or unit Education Committee chair.
- 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, 2021.**
- 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
Unit Education Committee Chair*

Signature of Unit President

FORWARD COMPLETED APPLICATION TO DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN,
Barbara Benz, 6102 Charles Ave, Parma, Ohio 44129

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY JUNIOR MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP 2021 APPLICATION

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.

- Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Leadership, Character, and ALA Participation (as presented in applicant's essay)	50%
Academic Achievement	25%
Completed Application	25%
- Each department is restricted to submitting one candidate to the division competition.
- The winning entry for each department shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary department president and the department secretary or department Education Committee chair and forwarded to the respective division Education Committee chair so it's received **ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2021.**
- 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, 2021.** The national Education Committee chair shall certify the name of the winning scholarship recipient to ALA National Headquarters.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

**Applications for the 2020-2021 school year must be submitted by
December 1, 2020 to the Department Education Chairman.**

All available grants for the 2020-2021 school year will be awarded by January 1, 2021.

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Ohio, has established the Ohio American Legion Auxiliary Continuing Education Fund to help meet the needs of upperclassmen. Frequently, students in colleges, universities, or other institutions wishing to further their education are in urgent need of additional financial aid to complete a quarter, semester, or year. Grant amount to be made payable to student and school attending.

Grants for \$250.00 each will be given until all allocated funds are disbursed for the 2020-2021 school year. These grants will be distributed to qualified applicants based on the completed application. 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 Scholarships.

1. The applicant must be active duty **or** an honorably discharged veteran **or** a spouse, daughter or son (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. Dec. 7, 1941 – current.
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 show proof of program enrollment (a current transcript, a receipt from tuition payment, or a copy of currently enrolled classes).
6. The applicant must sign and date the application.
7. A Unit Officer must sign this application.
8. Grant amount to be made payable to student and school they are attending.
9. Forward the application by the December 1, 2020 deadline with all supporting documents to the Department Education Chairman:

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

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CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT 2020 APPLICATION FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Name of Applicant

_____/_____/_____
Address Birth Date

_____, Ohio (_____)_____-_____
City Zip Code Phone Number

Name of Veteran

Veteran Affiliation:	Wife	[]	Husband	[]
(Indicate with (√))	Daughter	[]	Son	[]
	Adopted Daughter	[]	Adopted Son	[]
Self []	Step-Daughter	[]	Step-Son	[]
	Granddaughter	[]	Grandson	[]
	Great Granddaughter	[]	Great Grandson	[]

Brief statement and date of Military Service _____

Financial Information	Family	Applicant
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

College Expenses (Please list and explain) _____

Brief statement of individual need _____

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

_____/_____/_____
Signature of Applicant Date Phone Number

_____/_____/_____
SIGNATURE OF AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT OFFICER DISTRICT/UNIT NUMBER UNIT REPRESENTATIVE'S PHONE #

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

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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. Dec. 7, 1941 – current.
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)

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____ / ____ / ____ Birth Date _____

City _____, Ohio Zip Code (____) _____ Phone Number _____

	Name of Veteran			
Veteran Affiliation:	Wife	[____]	Husband	[____]
(Indicate with (√))	Daughter	[____]	Son	[____]
	Adopted Daughter	[____]	Adopted Son	[____]
Self [____]	Step-Daughter	[____]	Step-Son	[____]
	Granddaughter	[____]	Grandson	[____]
	Great Granddaughter	[____]	Great Grandson	[____]

Brief statement and date of Military Service _____

Financial Information	Family	Applicant	
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 _____

High School Attended _____ Graduation Date _____ College You Plan to Attend _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____ (____) _____ - _____ Phone Number _____

SIGNATURE OF AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT OFFICER _____ DISTRICT/UNIT NUMBER _____ (____) _____ - _____ UNIT REPRESENTATIVE'S PHONE # _____

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

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Department of Ohio

WOMEN VETERAN'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

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 two (2) scholarship winners awarded \$500.00 for 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 1, 2021.

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list of Required materials:

- Application – This form is required. You may apply for only one scholarship.
- 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 by May 1, 2021, directly to:
Department of Ohio Education Chairman
Barbara Benz
6102 Charles Ave
Parma, Ohio 44129

Email: babzbenz6102@gmail.com

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WOMEN VETERAN'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION APPLICATION FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

Full Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

Birth Date _____/_____/_____

City _____

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

Applicant

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 _____

Under Graduate College/University _____

Graduation Date _____/_____/_____

Degree Level You are Seeking _____

Post Graduate University You Plan to Attend _____

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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babzbenz6102@gmail.com