



Ohio Unit Plan of Action



EDUCATION

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REPORT DUE: April 15, 2025

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 in your narrative.

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.

- Did members/unit participate in Teacher Appreciation Week or National Education Week? _____
How? _____

- Did your Unit participate in Give 10 to Education Program? _____ Number of members participating: _____ Value of donations: _____
What type of donations were made? _____

- Did your Unit schedule a Veterans in Community Schools Program? If so, how were they presented?

- Did Unit actively support veterans' association on campus? How? Amount of money spent or value of donations: _____

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- Did your Unit offer scholarships? If so, how were the winners recognized? How were scholarships promoted? _____

- How many scholarship applications did your Unit receive? _____ Unit: _____
Department: _____ National: _____
- How much money has your Unit contributed to the Nurse's Scholarship? _____

5. Scholarships Presented/Awarded by Our Unit

	Scholarships	Obtain from	Total
Line 21	Number of unit scholarships presented/awarded	<i>Unit Records</i>	
Line 22	Total dollar amount of unit scholarships	<i>Unit Records</i>	\$
Line 23	Total dollar amount donated to department scholarships	<i>Unit Records</i>	\$

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Get Involved

Purpose: The purpose of the Education Committee is to promote quality education for children—especially for military children—and adults. *Standing Rule #6, Mission Outreach Programs.*

Promote quality education for children, especially for military children, and adults.

- Participate in ALA's Give 10 to Education.
 - Present a Give 10 to Education certificate to members who donate at least 10 items to schools.
- Participate in Teachers Appreciation Week.
 - Contact local Parent Teacher Organizations or schools to see what your unit could sponsor or donate (e.g., donating doughnuts to your local schools).
 - Show your appreciation to teachers by designing and presenting certificates of appreciation.
 - Provide Teacher Survival Kits with fun and helpful items such as candy and snacks, tea bags or coffee, restaurant gift cards, or items for the classroom.
- Participate in American Education Week, November 18-22, 2024
 - Recognize school administrators and all staff with special treats.
- Encourage schools to participate in Month of the Military Child and Purple Up! Day in April to honor their students who are military children.
 - Sponsor Purple Up! Day on April 15 in your school by providing purple items for students to wear.
 - Present the Military Child Table at your school, unit meeting, or at your post.
 - Sponsor a party for the military children in your school.
- **OHIO** – Encourage the Military Children Education Coalition (MCEC) – <https://www.militarychild.org>

Encourage schools to invite veterans to speak in their classrooms.

- Work with your American Legion post to participate in Veterans in Community Schools.
- Ask the teacher(s) to have their students make cards for the veteran.
- **OHIO** – Ask the teacher(s) to have their students make cards for the Veteran's Day Assembly.
- Work with the teacher(s) to prepare students to ask questions of the veteran.

Support and promote the Education Program and scholarship opportunities of The American Legion Family.

- Promote the American Legion Auxiliary's scholarships.
- Promote The American Legion's scholarships by visiting <https://www.legion.org/scholarships> to learn more about the Legion's scholarship opportunities.
- **OHIO** – Promote BGS within Department of Ohio – www.buckeyegirlsstate.org

Provide scholarships for students who desire a college education.

- Work with your unit to create a scholarship.
- **OHIO** – Assign a member to communicate with schools regarding scholarship applications.
- Ask schools to allow you to do a bulletin board about scholarship opportunities within The American Legion Family.
- Publish information in your local newspaper, libraries, and on your unit's social media.

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- **OHIO** – Prepare a news release with scholarship information for local media and your post/unit newsletter and/or websites.
- **OHIO** – Publicize the scholarship winners at a school presentation and in the media.
- **OHIO** – Promote scholarships within schools – most schools have huge scholarship packets.
- Host a “Scholarship Night” Zoom meeting to inform students and parents about Legion Family scholarship opportunities.
- Start a partnership with a local college to provide their students with scholarship information.
- Ask the local Board of Education to host a “Scholarship Workshop” in their schools.
 - Work with the schools to invite college administrators to speak.
 - Have volunteers assist students with scholarship applications.
- **OHIO** – Promote the Department’s Women Veteran’s Scholarship. Application and criteria are attached.

Support legislation that establishes new scholarship opportunities.

- Support The American Legion’s efforts by signing up for legislative alerts at <https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home>.
- Contact your representatives and ask them to support scholarship opportunities, particularly those for veterans, military, and their families.

Important dates to remember:

- **November 18-22, 2024**: American Education Week
- **March 1**: National scholarship applications due
- **April 15**: Purple Up! Day for Military Children
- **May 5-9, 2025**: Teacher Appreciation Week
- **May 15**: Department chairmen report due to division chairmen; cc: national chairman

EDUCATION RESOURCES

- Education National Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAEducation>
- ALA National Website: <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/education>
- **America’s Veterans Teacher Guide**, *The American Legion*
<http://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/veterans.pdf>
- **Promoting Historic Preservation in Community Schools**, *The History Channel*
http://www.history.com/images/media/interactives/promote_historic_preservation.pdf
- **Our Veterans: Sharing Their Stories**, *The History Channel*
<https://images.history.com/images/media/pdf/OurVeteransOurStories.pdf>
- **Veterans History Project**, *U.S. Library of Congress* <http://www.loc.gov/vets/>
- **Buckeye Girls State** www.buckeyegirlsstate.org

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, 2025**, to the Department Education Chairman (address listed on front page).

NATIONAL AWARD INFORMATION & DEADLINE

Most Outstanding Unit Education Program – one per division. The Agnes Merritt Plaque winner will be sent on to National to compete for this National Award.

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Give 10 to Education – A citation will be presented to participants of Give 10 to Education.

National Scholarships

All ALA scholarships must be submitted by **March 1, 2025**, to a local American Legion Auxiliary Unit. Local American Legion Auxiliary Units must forward applications by **March 15, 2025**, to Department Education Chairman, Makenah Leibert, 1121 Nine Iron Dr., Apt. 1815, Akron, OH 44312-5826. **(As of this printing, National has not completed these National scholarship forms. Please check website after October 1, 2024, for details.)**

A. Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship

B. The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship

C. Spirit of Youth Scholarship

D. Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship

Please fill out the information as completely and accurately as possible. Award certificates will be completed using the information given on this sheet, so please be sure to complete the electronic form in its entirety.

DEPARTMENT AWARD INFORMATION & DEADLINE

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. Include specific examples of how your Unit worked the Education Program, including Veterans in Community Schools. 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, news releases, etc. Entry must be submitted by **April 15, 2025**, to Department Education Chairman Makenah Leibert, 1121 Nine Iron Dr., Apt. 1815, Akron, OH 44312-5826.

Betty Robaszkiewicz 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, 2025**.

Jo Hrabak Plaque

Unit contributing the largest monetary donation to the Nurses Scholarship Fund. Award will be determined by total dollars collected through **June 1, 2025**, and is to be calculated by Department HQs.

Nurses' Scholarship – see scholarship application at back of this POA. When application is completed, it must be sent to Unit for signature by **April 15, 2025**, and Unit is to forward the application on to the Vice Chairman, Cindy Masowick, 9320 Root Dr., Streetsboro, OH 44241-5540 by **May 1, 2025**.

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American Legion Auxiliary Give 10 to Education Suggested Donation Items and Tracking Sheet

Suggested Item	Quantity	Monetary Value
Books		
Backpack/Book bag		
Loose Paper		
Notebooks		
Folders		
3-Ring Binders		
Pencils		
Pens		
Erasers		
Highlighters		
Crayons		
Colored Pencils		
Markers		
Pencil Box/Pencil Case		
Scissors		
Glue/Glue Sticks		
Ruler		
Calculator		
Craft Supplies		
Kleenex/Paper Towels		
Hand Sanitizer		
Disinfecting Wipes/Baby Wipes		
Mentoring/Reading		
Donation to School		
Donation to Library		
Donation to Scholarship		
Clothing		
Patriotic Item		
Sports Equipment/Games		
Box Tops 4 Education		
Totals:		

For more information contact:

American Legion Auxiliary
Buckeye Girls State
PO Box 2760
Zanesville, Ohio 43702-2760

Or visit our Website at:
www.buckeyegirlsstate.org



The longevity of the program lies in the fact that it has given a unique opportunity for our nation's young women to experience government, to assume leadership roles, and to interact with their peers in a positive learning environment.



American Legion Auxiliary
Buckeye

Girls State

Information Brochure

Program Sponsored

By

American Legion Auxiliary

**Buckeye Girls State
PO Box 2760**

Zanesville, Ohio 43702-2760

E-mail : vicky@alaohio.org

Website: www.buckeyegirlsstate.org

“To instill a sense of individual responsibility to the Community, State and Nation”

What is Buckeye Girls State?

Ever wanted to see what it's like to be a governor, a mayor, or a coroner? Well, for the approximately 25,000 girls participating in the Girls State programs nationwide these are only a few of the opportunities they'll be offered. As a vital part of the American Legion Auxiliary's Americanism program, Girls State touches the lives of thousands of high school girls each summer and has earned us many accolades for molding young women into America's leaders of tomorrow.

Buckeye Girls State is designed to educate Ohio's young women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of good citizenship.

Benefits of Attending

Through hands-on experience Delegates have the opportunity to not only learn the mechanics of local and state government; they learn citizenship, patriotism and the love of God and Country; they gain self-confidence, poise and character.

Girls State is a nationally recognized program. Past participants have included Former Texas Governor Ann Richards, newscaster

By getting involved in the process, Delegates learn more about City, County and State Government in one week than they will learn in an entire semester of high school.

The girls selected for this honor are called Delegates and are assigned to one of two political parties – Federalist or Nationalist. As an active member of their party, they learn political party structure and have a definite function in the government system. The Ohio American Legion Auxiliary has been a proud sponsor of Buckeye Girls State for the past seventy years. The program has been honored by such organizations as Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Jane Pauley, U.S. Congress woman Jennifer Dunn, Former Miss USA Terri Utley, Country music performer Janie Fricke, and Brigadier General Sharla Cook. Past speakers include Ohio's Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and State Treasurer, Judges and representatives from their offices and those of city and county government.

Attendance provides many Delegates with the opportunity to apply and be recommended for awards, honors and scholarships.

When and Where

Buckeye Girls State is currently held on the campus of Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. The 2025 session begins at 10:30 AM on June 8, 2025 and ends after 12:15 PM on June 14, 2025.

Who Should Attend

Auxiliary Units/Posts are required to interview all candidates. They are looking for young women who are interested in government. Since this is an intense week of accelerated learning only young women who are interested in government truly appreciate the opportunity Girls State provides for them to actively participate in mock government activities. They can run for city, county and state office, work with officials from each area of government and gain first-hand knowledge of the political process.

Cost

The sponsoring or co-contributing organization helps to provide the cost of the session. The fee is \$350 per delegate, plus a non-refundable \$50 fee from the delegate.

“Promoting service to God and Country”

Sponsorship

Girls State Delegates are sponsored through local American Legion Auxiliary Units. Other interested organizations in the community may also contribute to send a Delegate selected by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit. If interested, please contact the American Legion Auxiliary.

Mandatory Orientation

Orientation is an important part of Buckeye Girls State because it explains what attendees can expect, outlines the rules and regulations and provides a forum to answer questions. That's why it is mandatory that all Delegates and Alternates (replacing the original Delegate) attend the In-Person Orientation located through the State of Ohio.

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2024-2025 Nurses Scholarship Fund Donations

For Office Use Only

_____ Emailed to Education Vice
Chair on _____ (date)

The "Josephine Harbak Plaque" will be presented to the Unit contributing the largest monetary donation to the Nurses Scholarship Fund. Please send donation by June 1, 2025 (earmarked Nurses Scholarship) with this completed form to:

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF OHIO
P O BOX 2760
ZANESVILLE, OHIO 43702
(740) 452-8245**

Donation of \$_____ for the Nurses Scholarship fund.

UNIT # _____ DISTRICT _____

UNIT NAME _____

UNIT PRESIDENT OR EDUCATION CHAIRMAN _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER (_____) ____ - ____ EMAIL _____

A donation of \$300.00 or more will entitle donor to have a scholarship presented in the Individual/Unit/County/District name.

Donations may also be made as a memorial. Please designate the individual to be memorialized.

In MEMORY of _____

An acknowledgement of memorial will be sent to the individual's family if desired. Please provide the following information.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Department of Ohio

CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT **INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Applications for the 2024-2025 school year must be submitted by
December 1, 2024, to the Department Education Chairman.
All available grants for the 2024-2025 school year will be awarded by January 1, 2025.**

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 of \$250.00 each will be given until all allocated funds are disbursed for the 2024-2025 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 or a member of an Ohio American Legion Auxiliary Unit.
4. The applicant must be sponsored by an Ohio American Legion Auxiliary Unit.
5. The applicant must show proof of program enrollment (a current schedule of enrolled classes, a receipt from current tuition payment, or a current copy of transcript).
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.
9. Forward the application by the **December 1, 2024**, deadline with all supporting documents to the Department Education Chairman:

Makenah Leibert
1121 Nine Iron Dr., Apt. 1815, Akron, OH 44312-5826
makenah25@yahoo.com
(Over for Application)

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CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2024-2025 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: Makenah Leibert, 1121 Nine Iron Dr., Apt. 1815, Akron, OH 44312-5826

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Department of Ohio

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP **INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2025-26 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 or a member of an Ohio American Legion Auxiliary Unit.
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, 2025.
7. The winner shall be selected based on the following criteria: 1—Americanism, 2—Character, 3—Financial Need, 4—Leadership, and 5—Academics.
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.
 - D) An acceptance letter from the college or university and/or financial letter. Be sure to include student id number and address for the receipt of scholarship funds that may be given.
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, 2025**, deadline with all supporting documents to the Department Education Chairman:

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(Over for Application)

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE 2025-26 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

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: Makenah Leibert, 1121 Nine Iron Dr., Apt. 1815, Akron, OH 44312-5826

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NURSES' SCHOLARSHIP

2024-25 INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio has a program to assist students pursuing a degree in the nursing field. The scholarships are available from Department Headquarters: American Legion Auxiliary, Scholarship Coordinator PO Box 2760, Zanesville, Ohio 43702-2760 or can be downloaded from the www.alaohio.org web site found under the Scholarship tab. Local Auxiliary Units should contact their local high schools on the availability of this scholarship.

9. The applicant must be an honorably discharged veteran or a spouse, 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.
10. Attach to this application a **photocopy** of the veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (Form DD-214) or other government document showing time served on active military duty during the eligibility period(s) indicated above.
11. The applicant must be a resident of Ohio.
12. The applicant must be sponsored by an Ohio American Legion Auxiliary Unit.
13. The scholarship may be used at the nursing school of the student's choice. Proof of acceptance must be attached to application along with a current class schedule or current financial aid letter.
14. Accompanying the application must be three letters of recommendation from:
 - 1) A member of the clergy or a representative to attest to devotional beliefs.
 - 2) A representative of the community.
 - 3) The applicant stating his/her financial need and why he/she feels they are deserving of this scholarship.
15. The applicant must sign and date the application.
8. The completed application must be returned to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit by **April 15, 2025**.
9. The Unit President must sign the application and forward it by **May 1, 2025**, with all supporting documents, to the Department Education Vice Chairman:

Cindy Masowick
Education Vice Chairman
9320 Root Dr., Streetsboro, OH 44241-5540
cjidgy@gmail.com
(Over for Application)

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NURSES' SCHOLARSHIP

2024 – 2025 APPLICATION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Name of Applicant

Address

City

Birth Date

Zip Code

Phone Number

Veteran Affiliation: _____
(Indicate with (√))

Self _____

Wife _____
Daughter _____
Adopted Daughter _____
Step-Daughter _____
Granddaughter _____
Great Granddaughter _____

Name of Veteran

Husband _____
Son _____
Adopted Son _____
Step-Son _____
Grandson _____
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 Nurses' Scholarship 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:
Cindy Masowick, Education Vice Chairman
9320 Root Dr.
Streetsboro, OH 44241-5540
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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Department of Ohio

WOMEN VETERAN'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 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. **Undergraduate 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 to be 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, 2025.

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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 along with their acceptance letter from the college/university.
- 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 the applicant's name and postmarked by the deadline for consideration and selection.
- All materials should be sent by **May 1, 2025**, directly to:

Department of Ohio Education Chairman

Makenah Leibert

1121 Nine Iron Dr., Apt. 1815

Akron, OH 44312-5826

makenah25@yahoo.com

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WOMEN VETERAN'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION APPLICATION FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

Full Name of Applicant

Address

Birth Date

_____, Ohio _____
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

_____/_____/_____
Undergraduate 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:

Makenah Leibert

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CHILDREN *of* WARRIORS



NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP

**Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship
2025 Application**

DUE MARCH 1, 2025

Application closes at 11:59 PM Eastern

**Fifteen scholarships, in the amount of \$5,000 each, will be awarded for 2025.
Three scholarships will be awarded in each of the five divisions of the
American Legion Auxiliary.**

- CENTRAL - Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, West Virginia, Wisconsin
- EASTERN - Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont
- NORTHWESTERN - Colorado, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming
- SOUTHERN - Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia
- WESTERN - Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington

All are gift scholarships, not loans.

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Please contact Education@ALAforVeterans.org with questions. Due to the high number of scholarship applications received, the ALA National Headquarters staff and National Education Committee is unable to respond to application inquiries to confirm receipt of materials.

RULES

1. Candidates for this award shall be direct descendants 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. Membership in The American Legion Family is not required for this scholarship.
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. Applicants must complete 50 hours of volunteer service within the community during their high school years. Hours must be verified in writing by the recipient organization(s).
5. Completed applications are DUE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2025, 11:59 PM Eastern.
6. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:
 - 30% - Character/Leadership
 - 30% - Essay/Application
 - 40% - Academic Achievement

THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.

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 from 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 be forfeited.

Application can be access through:

https://legion-aux.formstack.com/forms/2025childrenofwarriors_nationalpresidentsscholarship

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Non-Traditional Student Scholarship

2025 Application

DUE MARCH 1, 2025.

Application closes at 11:59 PM Eastern.

Scholarship details:

Five scholarships, in the amount of \$2,000 each, will be awarded for 2025. One scholarship will be awarded in each of the five divisions of the American Legion Auxiliary based on a scoring rubric.

- CENTRAL - Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, West Virginia, Wisconsin
- EASTERN - Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont
- NORTHWESTERN - Colorado, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming
- SOUTHERN - Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia
- WESTERN - Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington

Application can be access through:

<https://legion-aux.formstack.com/forms/2025nontraditionalstudentscholarship>

All are gift scholarships, not loans.

Please contact Education@ALAforVeterans.org with questions. The sheer volume of scholarship applications received makes it impractical for national headquarters to respond to each application or to confirm receipt of materials.

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RULES

1. Applicants must be:
 - a. A current member in good standing of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion, must have held membership for the two preceding years (2023 and 2024), and be a paid member for the current (2025) membership year, OR
 - b. A veteran who served in the United States Armed Forces and was honorably discharged, OR
 - c. The spouse of an active duty servicemember or a veteran who was honorably discharged.
2. Applicants must be:
 - a. a non-traditional student returning to the classroom after some period in which their formal education was interrupted, OR
 - b. a non-traditional student beginning their education at a later point in life.
3. Completed applications are **DUE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 11:59 PM Eastern.**
4. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:
 - o Academic Achievement 25%
 - o Financial Need 25%
 - o Character/Leadership 25%
 - o Initiative/Goals 25%

THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.

Disbursement of funds:

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 from 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 be forfeited.

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AUXILIARY

Spirit of Youth Scholarship

2025 Application

DUE MARCH 1, 2025

Application closes at 11:59 PM Eastern

Scholarship details:

State/Department: National Headquarters will award each state/department winner a \$1,000 scholarship. This is relatively new and started in 2023-2024.

National: From the potential 52 state/department scholarship winners, the National Education Committee will select 5 winners (1 per division) based on a scoring rubric. These 5 winners will receive a \$5,000 scholarship in lieu of the \$1000 state/department scholarship.

- CENTRAL DIVISION - Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, West Virginia, Wisconsin
- EASTERN DIVISION - Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont
- NORTHWESTERN DIVISION - Colorado, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming
- SOUTHERN DIVISION - Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia
- WESTERN DIVISION - Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington

Application can be access through:

<https://legion-aux.formstack.com/forms/2025spiritofyouthscholarship>

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Please contact Education@ALAforVeterans.org with questions. Due to the high number of scholarship applications received, the ALA National Headquarters staff and National Education Committee is unable to respond to application inquires to confirm receipt of materials.

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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 (2022, 2023, and 2024), and must be a paid member for the current (2025) membership year. Applicant must continue their membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the scholarship period. Participation in an ALA Girls State program does not make you a member of the ALA or eligible for SOY.
2. Applicants must be in their senior year of high school or be a senior equivalent.
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. Completed applications are **DUE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2025, 11:59 PM Eastern.**
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.

Disbursement of funds

- a. Department (state) winners - the award (\$1,000) 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.*** If the winner discontinues their education or membership in the American Legion Auxiliary before requesting the funds, the scholarship will be forfeited. The winner will have 24 months from the date of high school graduation to utilize the scholarship funds.
- b. National Winners - 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 enrollment certification 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 re-enrollment notification has been received at National Headquarters from the school. Notification from the school must include verification of a B (3.0) average. If the winner discontinues their education or membership in the American Legion Auxiliary before completing the 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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AUXILIARY

Member Loyalty Scholarship

2025 Application

DUE MARCH 1, 2025

Application closes at 11:59 PM Eastern

Scholarship details:

The National Education Committee will select 10 winners (2 per division) for a \$2,500 scholarship based on a scoring rubric.

- CENTRAL DIVISION - Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, West Virginia, Wisconsin
- EASTERN DIVISION - Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont
- NORTHWESTERN DIVISION - Colorado, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming
- SOUTHERN DIVISION - Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia
- WESTERN DIVISION - Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington

Application can be access through:

<https://legion-aux.formstack.com/forms/2025memberloyaltyscholarship>

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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 (2022, 2023, and 2024), and must be a paid member for the current (2025) 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, who has attained their high school diploma, has had no interruption in education, and who is at least in the first semester of college or technical school but not yet attained a bachelor's degree. Applicants must be completing one, two, or three years of college courses. Current high school seniors who are members of the American Legion Auxiliary may be eligible to apply for the Spirit of Youth scholarship.
3. This is a scholarship to attend an accredited institution of higher education. Applicants must have completed at least one semester of college 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. Completed applications are **DUE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2025, 11:59 PM Eastern.**
6. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:
 - (50%) Character/Leadership and ALA Participation
 - (25%) Essay
 - (25%) Academic Achievement

THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.

Disbursement of Funds

The first half of the scholarship (\$1,250) 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 enrollment certification 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 re-enrollment notification has been received at National Headquarters from the school. Notification from the school must include verification of a B (3.0) average. If the winner discontinues their education or membership in the American Legion Auxiliary before completing the 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.