

The logo for the American Legion, featuring a stylized American flag with red and white stripes on the left and the word "AMERICAN" in blue capital letters on the right. Below "AMERICAN" is the word "LEGION" in a larger, bold, blue sans-serif font.

AMERICAN LEGION

AUXILIARY

Non-Traditional Student Scholarship

2024 Application

DUE MARCH 1, 2024.

Application closes at 11:59 PM Eastern.

Scholarship details:

Five scholarships, in the amount of \$2,000 each, will be awarded for 2024. 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

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.

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 (2022 and 2023), and be a paid member for the current (2024) 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. 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.