



Ohio Unit Plan of Action



EDUCATION

CHAIRMAN

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REPORT DUE: April 15, 2024

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: _____

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 13-17, 2023
 - 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 a 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.

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.
- 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.

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.
- 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.

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- 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.

EDUCATION RESOURCES

- Education National Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAEducation>
- ALA National Website: <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/education>

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, 2024**, 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.

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, 2024**, to a local American Legion Auxiliary Unit. Local American Legion Auxiliary Units must forward applications by **March 15, 2024**, to Department Education Chairman, MaryBeth Parker, PO Box 350203, Toledo, OH 43635. **(As of this printing, National has not completed these National scholarship forms. Please check website after October 1, 2023, 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

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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, 2024**, to Department Education Chairman MaryBeth Parker, PO Box 350203, Toledo, OH 43635.

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, 2024**.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

**Applications for the 2023-2024 school year must be submitted by
December 1, 2023, to the Department Education Chairman.
All available grants for the 2023-2024 school year will be awarded by January 1, 2024.**

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 2023-2024 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, 2023**, deadline with all supporting documents to the Department Education Chairman:

MaryBeth Parker
PO Box 350203, Toledo, OH 43635
mbparker58@yahoo.com
(Over for Application)

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CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2023-2024 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 _____

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: MaryBeth Parker, PO Box 350203, Toledo, OH 43635

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Department of Ohio

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2024-25 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, 2024.
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, 2024**, deadline with all supporting documents to the Department Education Chairman:

MaryBeth Parker
PO Box 350203, Toledo, OH 43635
mbparker58@yahoo.com
(Over for Application)

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE 2024-25 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: MaryBeth Parker, PO Box 350203, Toledo, OH 43635

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Department of Ohio

WOMEN VETERAN'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 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, 2023.

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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, 2024**, directly to:

Department of Ohio Education Chairman

MaryBeth Parker

PO Box 350203

Toledo, OH 43635

mbparker59@yahoo.com

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WOMEN VETERAN'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION APPLICATION FOR THE 2024-25 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:
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PO Box 350203, Toledo, OH 43635
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CHILDREN *of* WARRIORS
NATIONAL PRESIDENTS'
SCHOLARSHIP



Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship
2024 Application

DUE MARCH 1, 2024

Fifteen scholarships, in the amount of \$5,000 each, will be awarded for 2024.
Three scholarships will be awarded in each of the five divisions of the
American Legion Auxiliary.
All are gift scholarships, not loans.

Application can be access through:

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP 2024 APPLICATION

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. All are gift scholarships, not loans.

RULES

1. Applicants must be:
 - a. 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 (2022 and 2023), and be a paid member for the current (2024) membership year.
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 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, 2024.**
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 2024 APPLICATION

APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

- Completed application packet for the Non-Traditional Student Scholarship.
- Applicant's high school or college transcript(s), or photocopy of the high school or college transcript(s).
- Applicant's work history or military service, 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 which your membership is recorded
(or unit associated with your post or squadron)
NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2024.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP 2024 APPLICATION

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 member in good standing
- THE AMERICAN LEGION member in good standing
- SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION member in good standing

Member ID # _____ Join date: _____

Unit/Post/Squadron name and # _____

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

Relationship to veteran: _____

Attested: _____

(Post Adjutant/Unit Secretary)

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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.

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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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP 2024 APPLICATION

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 2024 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 chairman for competition at the state level to be received **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2024.**
- 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 _____

Email: _____

*Signature of Unit Secretary or
Unit Education Committee Chair*

Signature of Unit President

FORWARD COMPLETED APPLICATION TO DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN,
MaryBeth Parker, PO Box 350203, Toledo, OH 43635

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP 2024 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%
Initiative/Goals	25%
Financial Need	25%
Academic Achievement	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, 2023.**
- 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 winners. The division Education Committee chair shall certify the name of the winners and send the complete application packet to the national Education Committee chair **on or before April 15, 2023.** The national Education Committee chair shall certify the names of the winners to ALA National Headquarters.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS 2023 APPLICATION

Five scholarships, in the amount of \$5,000 each, will be awarded for 2023. 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 (2020, 2021, and 2022), and must be a paid member for the current (2023) 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, 2023.**
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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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS 2023 APPLICATION

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 applicant's school or from a clergyperson of the applicant's choice.
 - One letter from an adult — other than relatives — attesting to the applicant's character in regard to conduct, citizenship, and leadership.
- Transcripts, or photocopy of the 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:**

An original essay consisting of no more than 1,000 words (typed, double-spaced). The title of the essay will be, **“Describe what kind of service project you would choose to help a military family. Include how you would implement the service project and how you would include your American Legion Family.”**

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, 2023.**

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS 2023 APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Date of birth: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____

Membership # _____ Date applicant joined the ALA: _____

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: _____

What is your proposed date of graduation from high school? _____

What college or university do you hope to attend? _____

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Please explain why receiving this scholarship would be important to you.

Describe your involvement in American Legion Auxiliary 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

Print or Type Full Name

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS 2023 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 chairman, for competition at the state level, to be received **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2023.**
- 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: _____

Email: _____

*Signature of Unit Secretary or
Unit Education Committee Chair*

Signature of Unit President

FORWARD COMPLETED APPLICATION TO DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN,
Mindi Rue, PO Box 10 Dupont, OH 45837

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS 2023 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, 2023.** Contact information for the division Education Committee chair is located on the Education Committee page of the MyAuxiliary member portal located 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, 2023.** 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 2023 APPLICATION

Ten scholarships, in the amount of \$2,500 each, will be awarded for 2023. 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 (2020, 2021, and 2022) and be a paid member for the current (2023) 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, 2023.**
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 2023 APPLICATION

APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

- Completed application packet for the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship.
- Applicant's college transcripts, or photocopy of the certified college transcripts.
- An original essay consisting of no more than 1,000 words (typed, double-spaced). The title of the essay will be, **“As a current college student, what can you do to promote membership in the American Legion Auxiliary?”**

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, 2023.**

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY JUNIOR MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP 2023 APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Date of birth: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____

Membership ID# _____ Date applicant joined the ALA: _____

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: _____

What was your date of graduation from high school? _____

What college or university do you attend? _____

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Describe your involvement in the American Legion Auxiliary, including past involvement as a Junior.

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

Print or Type Full Name

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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American Legion Auxiliary Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship Application – also available online at www.ALforVeterans.org

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY JUNIOR MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP 2023 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.

1. 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%
2. No unit may enter more than one candidate in the department competition.
3. The selected entry for each unit shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary unit president and unit secretary or unit Education Committee chair.
4. The selected entry for each unit should be forwarded to the department chairman for competition at the state level to be received **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2023.**
5. 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: _____

Email: _____

*Signature of Unit Secretary or
Unit Education Committee Chair*

Signature of Unit President

FORWARD COMPLETED APPLICATION TO DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN,
Mindi Rue, PO Box 10 Dupont, OH 45837

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY JUNIOR MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP 2023 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:

Leadership, Character, and ALA Participation (as presented in applicant's essay)	50%
Academic Achievement	25%
Completed Application	25%
2. Each department is restricted to submitting one candidate to the division competition.
3. 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.
4. 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, 2023.** Contact information for the division Education Committee chair is located on the Education Committee page of the MyAuxiliary member portal located at www.ALAforVeterans.org.
5. 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

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Committee chair **on or before April 15, 2023**. The national Education Committee chair shall certify the name of the winning scholarship recipient to ALA National Headquarters.