

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS  
2019**

Five scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each will be awarded for 2019. One scholarship will be awarded in each division of the American Legion Auxiliary. All are gift scholarships and not loans.

**RULES**

1. Candidates for this award shall be/shall have been Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary, held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three consecutive years (2016, 2017 and 2018) and must be a paid member for the current (2019) membership year. Applicant must continue her membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the scholarship period. \*
2. Applicants must be in her 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 which meet entrance requirements at the institution of their choice. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA using a 4.0 base.
4. Applicants must present the completed application to her **local American Legion Auxiliary Unit President ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2019**
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 a winner'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.

*\*Scholarship period is defined as the time from which scholarship is awarded until funds are fully dispersed or the scholarship expires, whichever comes first.*

## APPLICATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed application packet for the Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members.
2. The following four letters of recommendation are required:
  - a. One letter, from either the principal or guidance counselor of the school from which the applicant will graduate, that includes size of class; student's position in the class; and the cumulative grade point average.
  - b. One letter from a clergyman/clergywoman of the applicant's choice.
  - c. Two letters from adult citizens — other than relatives — attesting to the applicant's character in regard to conduct, citizenship and leadership.
3. An original essay consisting of no more than 1,000 words (typed, double-spaced). The title of the essay will be **“How can education, both private and public, help prevent homelessness in our country, particularly that of our women veteran population?”**
4. A certified transcript or photocopy of the certified transcript of the applicant's high school grades.
5. A copy of ACT or SAT test scores.
6. 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).
7. Please be sure to attach all required materials to this application and submit to the president of the American Legion Auxiliary unit in which your membership is recorded **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2019.**

**Additional Paperwork for scholarship is found at [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org)**