

# American Legion Auxiliary Department of Vermont

# 2025 Scholarships & Awards

(This publication includes American Legion Auxiliary Vermont & National Scholarships)

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# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT AWARD UNIT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN AWARD AMOUNT: **\$1,000** THIS IS AN AWARD AND DOES NOT NEED TO BE REPAID

#### **CRITERIA:**

- 1. Participation in this scholarship program is on a voluntary basis within all Units.
- 2. The Unit may submit only one application to the Department.
- 3. Applicants must present the completed application to their local American Legion Auxiliary Unit by April 15<sup>TH.</sup>
- 4. The winning entry for each Unit shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary Department President and mailed to the Department Education Chairperson by May 16<sup>TH.</sup>
- 5. Judging at all levels shall be based on the following criteria:
  - A. Character & Leadership 20 points
  - B. Application20 pointsC. Financial Need20 points
  - D. Scholarship 40 points

# **REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1. Completed application packet for Department Award.
- 2. The following three (3) letters of recommendation:
  - A. One letter from the applicant's high school from either the Principal or Guidance Counselor to include the class size, the applicant's position in the class, and their cumulative grade point average.
  - B. Two (2) letters from adults, other than relatives, attesting to the applicant's character in regard to conduct, citizenship and leadership.
- 3. A certified transcript or a photocopy of the applicant's grades.
- 4. A copy of SAT or ACT scores.
- 5. A copy of the FAFSA OR SAR (report generated from submitting the FAFSA).

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| NUMBER OF DEPENDE   | NTS OF PARENTS:                        |
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| DOES ANYONE AT HON  | IE REQUIRE CONSTANT MEDICAL CARE?      |

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS UNDER SURVIORS AND DEPENDENTS EDUCATION? Y or N

| DATE EXPECTED TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL:   |                                       |  |  |  |
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| COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY ATTENDING:  |                                       |  |  |  |
| WHY WOULD RECEIVING THIS AWARD BE IMPORTANT TO YOU? (if needed, attach additional sheets) |                                       |  |  |  |
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| WHAT MAJOR ARE YOU PURSUING AND WHY?  | (if needed, attach additional sheets) |  |  |  |
| WHY DO YOU THINK A UNITED STATES PATRIOTIC ORGANI   | ZAITON SUCH AS THE AMERICAN LEGION    |  |  |  |
| AUXILIARY IS IMPORTANT TO THE WORLD TODAY?  | (if needed, attach additional sheets) |  |  |  |
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# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT AWARD UNIT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,000

Attach this form to the application when forwarding it to Department.

UNIT EDUCATION CHAIRPERSON:

UNIT NAME & #: DATE UNIT RECEIVED APPLICATION:

UNIT PRESIDENT SIGNATURE UNIT EDUCATION CHAIR SIGNATURE

DATE

DATE

# DO NOT INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH THE APPLICATION! THESE ARE UNIT **INSTRUCTIONS ONLY!**

# EACH UNIT AND DEPARTMENT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING ALL **NECESSARY INFORMATION** IN THE APPLICANT'S PACKET.



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT 2025 EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR Unit Education Chair

# DUE: May 1, 2025

| NOMINEE'S NAME:        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| ADDRESS:               |  |
| Nominee's School Name: |  |
| ADDRESS:               |  |
|                        |  |
| UNIT NAME & NUMBER:    |  |
| UNIT PRESIDENT'S NAME: |  |

UNIT PRESIDENT'S TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

# PLEASE ATTACH A TYPE WRITTEN BIOGRAPHY OF THE NOMINEE AND A NARRATIVE FOR THE REASON(S) FOR THE NOMINATION.

Nominations for Educator of the year should be remitted by May 1st to:

Donna Stone ALA Education Chair 234 Simeon Dean Rd Shaftsbury, VT 05262-9533 <u>dlstone764@gmail.com</u> 802-442-4314



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT NON-TRADITIONAL AWARD UNIT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN

Following all directions carefully will make a difference in your applicant being considered.

### RULES:

- 1. Applicants must be a member of the American Legion Family. They must have had their dues paid for the two (2) previous years and the present year in which they are applying.
- 2. Applicants must be a non-traditional student defined as either returning to higher education after a break of time in which their formal education was interrupted or beginning their higher education at a later point in life.
- 3. Applicants must present the completed application to their local American Legion Auxiliary Unit by April 15<sup>TH.</sup>
- 4. The Award will be paid directly to the student at the beginning of the second semester. Second Semester class registration with a first semester transcript is required to be sent to Department Headquarters before payment will be made.

Department Headquarters address: American Legion Auxiliary Department of Vermont Education Award PO Box 192 Montpelier VT 05601-0192



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT NON-TRADITIONAL AWARD UNIT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN (AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,000

Attach this form to the application when forwarding it to Department.

# UNIT EDUCATION CHAIRPERSON:

UNIT NAME & NUMBER:

DATE UNIT RECEIVED APPLICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT PRESIDENT SIGNATURE

UNIT EDUCATION CHAIR SIGNATURE

DATE

DATE

# DO NOT INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH THE APPLICATION! THESE ARE UNIT INSTRUCTIONS ONLY!

#### CRITERIA:

1. Participation in this award is on a voluntary basis within all Units.

2. Applicants must present the completed application to their local American Legion Auxiliary Unit by April 15TH.

3. Make sure to include the correct mailing address on the application form.

4. The Unit may submit only one application for judging.

5. Unit Chairperson is to forward a copy of the application to the Department Chairperson by May 1st for judging by the Department Chairperson & the Department President. You may mail the Department President's copy to ALA, Department of Vermont, PO Box 192, Montpelier, VT 05601-0192.

6. Judging criteria:

Financial Need 25 points Academic Achievement 25 points Character & Leadership 25 points Initiative & Goals 25 points

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# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT NON-TRADITIONAL AWARD AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,000

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DESCRIBE ANY CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAY AFFECT YOU OR YOUR FAMILY'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE FOR YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION (if needed, attach additional sheets):

#### CHARACTER/LEADERSHIP

DESCRIBE ANY COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED DURING HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE OR EMPLOYMENT (if needed, attach additional sheets):

LIST OFFICES HELD OR AWARDS RECEIVED (if needed, attach additional sheets):

#### **INITIATIVE/GOALS**

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY ATTENDING:

MAJOR: \_\_\_\_

WHY DID YOU SELECT THIS COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY? (if needed, attach additional sheets):

WHO OR WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO SEEK A DEGREE? (if needed, attach additional sheets):

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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American Legion Auxiliary Past Department Presidents Nursing Scholarship 2025

The Past Presidents Parley, consisting of Past Unit and Past Department Presidents of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Vermont, annually awards \$1,000 scholarship to a descendent of a Veteran who is entering the nursing profession. Applicants must be entering the nursing field to be eligible. The scholarship is awarded to a high school senior who is the son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, great-grandson, great- granddaughter, sibling of a Veteran.

The American Legion Auxiliary is a worldwide patriotic organization whose mission is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of Veterans, military, and their families, both at a home and abroad. We advocatefor Veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship,peace and security.

For the 2024-2025 year, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded.

Please return your completed application by May1, 2025, to the address listed below:

Department Chairperson:Debi GrazianoAddress:Past Department President 2023-2024Address:4253 Vermont Route 78Highgate Center, VT 05459-3038Phone:802-370-8843Email:debispot@gardener.com



#### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY NURSING SCHOLARSHIP 2025

Applicants must be entering the nursing field (RN or LN) to be eligible. The scholarship isawarded to a high school senior who is the son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, great-grandson, great-granddaughter or sibling of a veteran.

Completed applications must be submitted to the local Unit President of the American Legion Auxiliaryin the community which the applicant resides. Applications must be in the hands of the **local UnitPresident** by April 1, 2025.

#### SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1,000.00

| 1. | NAME:  |
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| 2. | ADDRESS:   |
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| 3. | HOME #: CELL #:  |
| 4. | DATE OF BIRTH:   |
|    | NAME OF PARENT, GRANDPARENT, GREAT-GRANDPARENT, SIBLING BY WHICH APPLICANT ISELIGIBLE: |
| 6. | RELATIONSHIP:  |
| 7. | IF DECEASED, DATE OF DEATH:  |
| 8. | GIVE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF MILITARY SERVICE OF THE VETERAN THROUGH WHOM                 |
|    | THE APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE. SERVICE CAN BE ANY TIME FROM DECEMBER 1941 TO               |
|    | CURRENTLYSERVING. (ATTACH A SHEET, IF NECESSARY)                                       |
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| 9  | NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS:  |

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10. OCCUPATION OF FATHER/STEPFATHER:

ANNUAL INCOME:

11. OCCUPATION OF MOTHER/STEPMOTHER: \_\_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL INCOME:

12. DATE EXPECTED TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL:

13. NAME & ADDRESS OF HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

14. NAME OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY WHICH APPLICANT DESIRES TO ATTEND:

16. AFTER COMPLETING YOUR EDUCATION, WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH DISABLED VETERANS OR DISABLED CHILDREN?

#### PLEASE SUBMIT WITH THIS APPLICATION A LETTER FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL OR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR REGARDING YOUR CHARACTER, AMERICANISM IDEALS AND SCHOLASTIC ABILITIES.

Make sure this application is FULLY COMPLETED. All questions must be answered. If not complete, the application will be disqualified.

| APPLICANT SIGNATURE:                  | _DATE: |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
|                                       |        |
| SIGNATURE OF UNIT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN: | _DATE: |
| SIGNATURE OF UNIT PRESIDENT:          | DATE:  |

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#### 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 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

All are gift scholarships, not loans.

Please contact <u>Education@ALAforVeterans.org</u> 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.

#### RULES

- 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

#### To apply visit: Children of Warriors National Presidents Scholarship



#### 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 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

All are gift scholarships, not loans.

Please contact <u>Education@ALAforVeterans.org</u> 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.

# 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 (25%) Academic Achievement
  - (25%) Financial Need
  - (25%) Character/Leadership
  - (25%) Initiative/Goals

To apply visit: ALA National Non-Traditional Student Scholarship



#### Spirit of Youth Scholarship 2025 Application <u>DUE MARCH 1, 2025</u> <u>Application closes at 11:59 PM Eastern</u>

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

All are gift scholarships, not loans.

Please contact <u>Education@ALAforVeterans.org</u> 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.

#### RULES

- 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%

To apply visit: Spirit of Youth Scholarship



#### 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

All are gift scholarships, not loans.

Please contact <u>Education@ALAforVeterans.org</u> 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.

#### 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