



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
JUNIOR MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP
2024 APPLICATION**

Ten scholarships, in the amount of \$2,500 each, will be awarded for 2024.
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 (2021, 2022, and 2023) and be a paid member for the current (2024) 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.
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, 2024.**
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 their 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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APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

- Completed application packet for the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship.
- Applicant's college transcripts, or photocopy of the college transcripts, that shows at least one year of study (24 credits) has been or will be completed.
- An essay describing your involvement in the American Legion Auxiliary, including past involvement as an American Legion Auxiliary Junior member.
- An original essay consisting of no more than 1,000 words (typed, double-spaced). ALA National President Lisa Williamson has chosen to increase awareness about the veteran and military suicide epidemic, while embracing The American Legion's "Be the One" initiative. "Be The One" will destigmatize asking for mental health support, provide peer-to-peer support and resources, and educate everyone on how they can "Be The One". **As a current college student and American Legion Auxiliary member, how can you "Be The One" for our veteran and military communities?**

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

Please be sure to attach all 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, 2024.



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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 high school(s) did you attend? _____

What was your date of graduation from high school? _____

In what college or university are you currently enrolled? _____

What is your college major/course of study? _____



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



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THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DEPARTMENT (STATE) LEVEL

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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, 2024.** 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 Committee chair **on or before April 15, 2024.** The national Education Committee chair shall certify the name of the winning scholarship recipient to ALA National Headquarters.