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2025-2026 SCHOLARSHIPS

National

As of September 10, 2025, the four **American Legion Auxiliary National** scholarship applications are LIVE!! For more information, visit the following website:

<http://www.alaforveterans.org/scholarships>

This page is your one-stop shop for all things “scholarships”, including FAQs, eligibility rules, attachment requirements, and the essay questions.

A total of \$182,000 of award money is on the table across the four national scholarships, and our goal is to award all of it in 2026. Here is the breakdown:

CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS’ SCHOLARSHIP:

Fifteen \$5,000 scholarships (\$75,000)

SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS:

Five - \$5,000 scholarships and 47 - \$1,000 scholarships (\$72,000)

NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP:

Five \$2000 scholarships (\$10,000)

MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP:

Ten \$2,500 scholarships (\$25,000)

Department

All **Department of Minnesota American Legion Auxiliary** scholarships should be submitted by March 1st to a local **American Legion Auxiliary Unit**, the application must be signed by the Unit President.

1. Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members

- a. One (1) Junior member in each of the five (5) divisions will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.
- b. Applicant must have been a Junior member for the past three (3) years and hold a current membership card and must continue their membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during scholarship period.
- c. Must be in their senior year of high school. This is a scholarship to attend an accredited institution of higher education. They must be of good character and have grades that meet the entrance requirements at the institution of their choice and must have at least a 3.0 GPA using a 4.0 scale.
- d. Application must be received by the Local American Legion Auxiliary Unit President on or before March 1st, 2026.
- e. The Decision of the Judges Shall Be Final.

2. The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship

- a. One (1) scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 will be awarded in each of the five (5) divisions.
- b. Applicants must be:
 - i. A current member of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion, must have held membership for two (2) preceding years and for the current (2026) membership year.
 - ii. A Non-Traditional student returning to the classroom after some period in which their formal education was interrupted, or a student beginning their education at a later point in life.
- c. American Legion Auxiliary Spirit of Youth Scholarship recipients are not eligible.
- d. Application must be received by the Local American Legion Auxiliary Unit President on or before March 1st, 2026.
- e. The Decision of the Judges Shall Be Final.

3. Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship

- a. Two (2) scholarships of \$2,500 each will be awarded in each of the five (5) divisions.
- b. Candidates for this award shall have been a Junior member and held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three (3) consecutive years (2023, 2024 and 2025) and be a paid member for the current year (2026). They must continue their membership during the scholarship period.
- c. 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 has not yet attained a bachelor's degree.
- d. 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 the grades that meet continuation requirements at the institution of their choice and must have at least a 3.0 GPA using a 4.0 scale.
- e. Previous American Legion Auxiliary national scholarship recipients are welcome to apply.
- f. Applicants must present the completed application, along with the other required material.
- g. Application must be received by the Local American Legion Auxiliary Unit President on or before March 1st, 2026.
- h. The Decision of the Judges Shall Be Final.

4. Department of Minnesota Scholarship

- a. Awarded to deserving sons or daughters, grandsons or granddaughters of a veteran who need financial assistance.
- b. Applicant must resident in the State of Minnesota or a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the American Legion or Sons of the American Legion.
- c. A high school senior/graduate or college student/graduate, seeking further education with a scholastic record and average of least a "C."
- d. Applications can be found on <http://www.mnala.org/scholarships>.
- e. Application must be received by the Local American Legion Auxiliary Unit President on or before March 1st, 2026.
- f. The Decision of the Judges Shall Be Final.
- g. This scholarship is totally funded by the Department of Minnesota American Legion Auxiliary.

5. Department of Minnesota Past Presidents Parley Health Care Scholarship

- a. The Past Presidents Parley Health Care Scholarship has been established to assist needy and deserving students or adults to commence or further their education in any phase of the health care field.
- b. One year \$1,000 scholarship
- c. Applicant must be a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for a minimum of three (3) years and maintain a "C" or better average in school if a student.
- d. Applications must be signed by the Unit President of which you are a member due to Unit President by March 1st, 2026.

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship

Provides college scholarship money to children of post 9/11 veterans who have died or have a combined VA disability rating of 50% or more. The application period for the 2026 Legacy Scholarship will open on January 1st, 2026. You can find more information at <https://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy>.

The American Legion Oratorical Contest

High school students are eligible to compete, competition begins at the local Post level and advances to a state champion, then on to National level. More information can be found at www.legion.org.

Tips

- ❖ Unit Must sign all applications. This signature should be done after the applicant has completed the application. It is up to the Unit to verify that all rules have been followed and all requirements are in place.
- ❖ Units are in control of their own scholarships; it is important to publicize your scholarships.
- ❖ More scholarship information can be found on the following websites along with all the instructions that need to be followed.

www.mnlegion.org/scholarships

www.mnala.org/schlarships

www.alaforveterans.org/scholarship