

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 28, Department of Washington

We of American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 28 wish to help our local youth become aware of scholarship opportunities available for them. To that end, we've enclosed information on the scholarships offered through our National and Department (State) organizations. We encourage you to notify your students as soon as possible of these scholarship opportunities so they have enough time to complete a successful application before the deadline. We also urge you to go over the applications, ensuring their completeness, before they're submitted to the Unit. Please note – the National Scholarships can only be submitted on-line, directly to our National Organization. I've provided a summary for each Scholarship to include Rules. I hope you're able to ensure students are prepared to submit.

The American Legion Auxiliary believes the more knowledgeable our young people are, the better citizens they become. Investing in the education of our youth is investing in the future of our country. We know veterans' sacrifices are the reason we live in freedom; and, easing the burden of the cost of their children's education is one way we can express our gratitude to them. Keeping the ALA Mission in mind, the Auxiliary supports a number of scholarships, as indicated by this packet. And, American Legion Auxiliary National website (www.ALAforVeterans.org) has Scholarship Links showing eligibility requirements, deadlines, and application forms. Scholarships can also be found through the National website of The American Legion (www.legion.org). The website for the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Washington, is (www.walegion-aux.org).

Educating our communities about their freedoms and the sacrifices of our military to obtain and preserve them is another goal of the ALA Unit 28. Veterans in Community Schools, is a program developed in an effort to bring history to life by having local veterans speak to students about their real-life experiences in the military. We can also help with educating on proper flag etiquette for the United States Flag and share the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance. Helping people become more familiar with the U.S. Constitution and understand it's not such a complicated document is also important to us. Currently Unit 28 is short an official Education Chairman; but, as the Americanism Chairman I'm more than glad to help coordinate things if you'd like our assistance with any projects. The members of Art Semro Unit 28 are ready and able to ensure any scholarships submitted to us in a timely manner are processed and sent on within the stated deadline.

Yours in service for God and Country – Not Self, Jane Montaney, Americanism Chairman 204 Maringo Road Ephrata, WA 98823 (509)760-1433 jmontaney@yahoo.com