



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Washington, Unit 28

Dear friends,

We of American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 28, wish to help our local youth become aware of scholarship opportunities available for them. 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 scholarships 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. The Children of Warrior's National Presidents' Scholarship Application can only be submitted online directly to our National Organization; however, we hope you'll ensure the students are prepared to submit.

We believe 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, the American Legion Auxiliary National website (www.ALforVeterans.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), or on our website, 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 teaching proper flag etiquette for the US Flag, the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance, and a familiarity with the U.S. Constitution and understand it's not such a complicated document. Currently my Unit is short an Education Chairman; but, I'm the Americanism Chairman and would be more than glad to help coordinate things if you'd like our assistance with any projects. I will also work with our Unit President to insure 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,
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