

# Spirit of Youth Scholarship Fund

The Spirit of Youth Scholarship Fund is an umbrella that supports three separate scholarship opportunities for participants in American Legion Auxiliary programs. One is for American Legion Auxiliary Junior members, another for the Junior Members of the Year, and one is for participants in the American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation program.

[View Current Scholarship Recipients](#)

## Application Deadline

The application deadline for the Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior members is March 1 of each year. Recipients are informed in late spring. The other two scholarships supported by this fund are awarded in conjunction with a national program.

## Submit Application

### Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members

**State/Department:** National Headquarters will award each state/department winner a \$1,000 scholarship (47 scholarships total).

**National:** From the potential 52 state/department scholarship winners, the national Education Committee will select 5 winners (1 per division) for a \$5,000 scholarship based on a scoring rubric.

## SCHOLARSHIP 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, and must be a paid member for the current membership year. Applicant must continue their membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the scholarship period.
2. Applicants must be in their senior year of high school.
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, 2024, 11:59 PM Eastern.**
5. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:
  - Character/Leadership 30%
  - Essay/Application 30%
  - Academic Achievement 40%