AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

2026/2027

Department and National Scholarships

Department of Washington

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Fellow members of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Washington:
I'm honored to be this year's Department of Washington Education Chairman. Hopefully this letter will provide some clarification on how units and individuals can insure every student has the opportunity to apply for scholarships within the American Legion Auxiliary.

This Scholarship Packets is a little later then I plane, but I've been waiting for 2026-27 National Scholarships to be sent from National on the website. Getting the scholarship information out to the schools and Libraries and Home schoolers before the end of November should be your number one priority.

To provide students adequate time for research and completion of the requirements within deadlines set, it is VERY IMPORTMANT for every Unit to ensure the Scholarship information is in their local schools, as well as available in local public libraries, as soon as possible. Each Unit is also encouraged to put out articles in local newspapers & radio stations about the availability of the Scholarships and how reach the Unit representative (whether it be President or Chairman, maybe both).

The Scholarship Packet includes a sample of the letter, which I borrowed to use when taking and or emailing packets of information and applications for the current terms' scholarship to the local School Districts: as well as, Local Homeschoolers. Please feel free to use any or all of the verbiage in the letter to personalize a letter from your unit.

The deadlines are firm: and, don't allow much time between receiving them and ensuring they're sent on to meet the next deadline. I recommend you set up a group of 3-5 people to help you with judging; and; have them prepared before
and scholarships come in. Preparing ahead of time will help greatly in meeting the deadlines without too much stress. It's VERY IMPORTANT for the *Unit Scholarship Certification Form, 2026-27* to be completed and submitted with **each** Scholarship Application for judging by ALA Department of Washington.

Please note these submissions of the application will go directly to National. You should also remember National is awarding 2 Spirit of Youth Scholarships this year.
Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship
Non-Traditional Student Scholarship
Sprit of Youth Scholarship
Member Loyalty Scholarship
Military Spouse Scholarship

The applications are on the National Website – students will complete their application, attach all necessary support documents (i.e. Discharge papers, Letters of Recommendation, SAT at ACT TEST SCORES, ETC.) and submit directly to National. National will then send the applications to each Dept. Education Chairman. The Department Education Judging Committee will then consider the applications to make a selection as to whom will be the Department's applicant. I've included a sample of the application format and rules of the scholarship in this packet so the students can gather everything necessary prior to sitting down to complete the application.

Please accept my thanks to each of you for helping our youth achieve their dream of a good education. More information on the Education Program of the American Legion Auxiliary will be coming out in packets, our Evergreen News Bulletins, and Dept. website. Please contact ne with any comments of suggestions which benefit the ALA and those we serve.

Yours in service for God and Country,

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4Enc: 2026 – 2027 Scholarship Packet
Unit Scholarship Certification Form, 2026-27
Sample letter to schools.

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Washington, Unit 28

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 ALA Scholarships can only be submitted through the computer, directly to our National Organization; and, 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. Our youth of today are our future; and, the American Legion Family strives to help prepare our leaders for tomorrow. 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,

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SAMPLE

Unit Scholarship Certification Form, 2026-27

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Washington

Unit Name and #: _____ District: _____

Unit Chairman's Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email address _____

I certify these are the Department and National Scholarship Applications we are submitting for judging.

Signature of Unit Education Chairman or President _____

You may select *one* scholarship application for each type as listed below to submit for judging in Department. Please fill in the names, then send only their scholarship applications, along with any scholarship attachments they've submitted to you, and this form to the Department Education Chairman Chelse Callahan **before March 15th, 2027**. Scholarship applications will be judged on the Department level. Unit Education Chrm. (or Pres.) will be notified (preferably via email) if Unit's applicant is the scholarship winner in time to present a certificate or make an announcement in your local school and newspaper. The Unit Education Chrm. or Pres. will also be sent a copy of award letter to the recipient and a copy of letter of regret to applicant not selected.)

Applications for scholarships must be in your hands **before March 1st, 2027** and sent to reach the Department Chairman **before March 15th, 2027.**

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship: _____

Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members: _____

Non-Traditional Student Scholarship: _____

Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship: _____

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON SCHOLARSHIPS

Department Gift Scholarship: _____

PAST PRESIDENTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Susan Burdett Girls State Scholarship: _____

Marguerite Mc'Alpin Nursing Scholarship: _____

Florence Lemcke Fine Arts Scholarship: _____

Mail this form and completed applications **before March 15 2027** to:
Johnnie Rogers, Department Education Chairman
American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of Washington
536 South Battery Road Moses Lake, WA 98837

DEPARTMENT GIFT SCHOLARSHIPS 2026/2027

Available For Washington State Residents Only

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Washington will award two (2) Scholarships of $400.00 each. One $400.00 Scholarship will be reserved for the Department entry for the National President's Scholarship. The remaining Scholarship will be awarded following the rules stated below.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Candidates for this award must be in their senior year of an accredited High School. They **cannot** have attended an institution of higher learning. Students who earn college credits while in High School are eligible to apply.
2. They must be a child, grandchild or great-grandchild of a deceased or disabled veteran.

APPLICATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

1. A completed application form for the Department Gift Scholarship.

2. A typed list of church, school and community organizations to which the applicant belongs, including any offices held.

3. The following three letters of recommendation are required:
   a. One letter from the principal, guidance counselor or a teacher of the High School in which the applicant attends.
   b. Two letters from adults, other than relatives, attesting to the applicant's character.

___4. An original typed article consisting of no more than 300 words on the topic:
"My Desire to Further My Education"

___5. A certified transcript of the High School grades of applicant.

___6. A brief typed statement of the military service of the Veteran through whom applicant is eligible. Include branch of service and dates of service or a photocopy of Veteran's discharge papers.

RULES

1. Completed application packets must be in the hands of the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit Education Chairman prior to **March 1st, 2027**. Applicants present the completed application packet to their school counselor in time for it to be passed on or present it directly to the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit Education Chairman.
2. Judging at all levels shall be based on: character, leadership, scholarship, need, and the essay.
3. The Scholarship must be used within twelve (12) months of the date the winner receives notification from the Department Education Chairman or Department Secretary. Scholarship may be renewed for another year upon reapplication.
4. The Scholarship money must be requested from ALA Department of Washington Headquarters by the Registrar of the College/University using Registrar Certification form, which will be sent to the recipient with the notification lette

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Washington

Department Gift Scholarship Application

Name of Applicant:_____Telephone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Name of veteran by whom applicant is eligible: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____Deceased: Yes ___No ___

If veteran is living, describe type of disability: _____

_____

Occupation of father or stepfather:_____Annual **Gross** Income $ _____

Occupation of mother or stepmother:_____Annual **Gross** Income $_____

Number of dependent children in the household: under 18 years of age,_____over 18 years of age, _____

Grade Levels_____

Total **monthly** VA benefits, other government compensation, or pension received by parents and/or children living in household $_____

Name of High School /Location: _____

Proposed date of graduation: _____

Name and address of institution of higher learning to which you have applied for admittance:

_____

I hereby apply for the $400.00 Department of Washington Gift Scholarship. I attest the information I have submitted in this application, and its' attachments are accurate. Further, I understand, should I be awarded the scholarship, I am obligated to use the money toward furthering my education. Failure to do so will result in forfeiting the scholarship and returning the money to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Washington.

Signature of Applicant:_____ Date: _____

NOTE: Please be sure to attach all required materials to this application and submit in time for it to reach the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit Education Chairman prior to **March 1st, 2027.**

For local Unit information look in the telephone directory under American Legion or contact the Department Education Chairman Johnnie Rogers ruezhon.rogers533@gmail.com or 509-237-4899

MARGUERITE MC'ALPIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2026/2027

For Undergraduate or Graduate Study in the field of Nursing

Available For Washington State Residents Only

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Washington will award one (1) Nurses' Scholarship of $1,000.00 for graduate or undergraduate study and/or training in the field of nursing.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Candidates for this award must be a Washington resident.
2. Candidates for this award must be a child, grandchild or great-grandchild of a veteran or have served in the Armed Forces themselves.

APPLICATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

__ 1. A completed application form for the Mc'Alpin Nursing Scholarship.
__ 2. A typed list of church, school and community organizations to which the applicant belongs including any office held.
__ 3. Three letters of recommendation are required:
   a. One letter from the principal, guidance counselor or teacher of the school in which the student attends or from which the applicant has graduated.
   b. Two letters from adults, other than relatives, attesting to the applicant's character.
   c. If currently a Nursing student, one letter should be from a member of the teaching staff of the college or nursing school.
   d. If currently a Nurse who is continuing study, one letter should be from a doctor or member of the supervisory staff where the applicant is (or last was) employed.
__ 4. Submit an essay of 300 words or less on: **Your Desire To Study Nursing**.
__ 5. Submit a certified transcript of your high school and/or college grades.
__ 6. Submit a brief statement of the military service of the veteran through whom applicant is eligible: Include branch of service and dates of service or a photocopy of veteran's discharge papers.
__ 7. Please explain on a separate paper if there are special financial hardships or needs that should be taken into consideration.
__8. Submit a resume of applicant's training and experience in nursing (graduate study applicants only).

RULES

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2. Judging at all levels shall be on the following basis: character, leadership, scholarship, need, and essay.
3. The Scholarship must be used within twelve (12) months of the date that the winner receives notification from the Department Education Chairman or Department Secretary. Scholarship may be renewed for another year upon reapplication.
4. The Scholarship money must be requested from ALA Department of Washington Headquarters by the Registrar of the College/University using the Registrar Certification form, which will be sent to the recipient with the notification letter.

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American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Washington

Marguerite Mc'Alpin Memorial Scholarship Application

High School Seniors or Nursing Students may apply

Name:_____ Telephone #_____

Mailing Address: _____

Fill in service record of applicant, parent, grandparent or great-grandparent:

Name: _____

Dates of service:_____ Branch of Service: _____

(If single and/or currently a dependent of your parents, answer following questions)

Father's Occupation:_____ Annual Gross Income $_____
(Include income from VA benefits, Social Security, other government compensation and pensions)

Mother's Occupation:_____ Annual Gross Income $_____
(Include income from VA benefits, Social Security, other government compensation and pensions)

Names and ages of other children in parents household: _____

Name and location of high school and date of graduation: _____

Name and location of college/nursing school attending: _____

(If married or living independently of parents, answer following questions)

Spouse's name:_____ Occupation: _____

Spouse's annual income $_____ Your Annual Income $_____
(Include income from VA benefits, Social Security, other government compensation and pensions)

Names and ages of children in household_____

Name and location of college/nursing school attending: _____

I hereby apply for the Marguerite Mc'Alpin Scholarship of $1,000.00 dollar by the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Washington, for the purpose of encouraging training and/or education in the field of nursing. I understand the money to be a gift if I persist in this training. However, I understand the money to be a loan, repayment to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Washington, at the end of three years if I discontinue training after one year.

Signature of Applicant:_____ Date:_____

NOTE: Please be sure to attach all required materials to this application and submit in time for it to reach the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit Education Chairman prior to **March 1st, 2027.**

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SUSAN BURDETT SCHOLARSHIP 2026/2027

Available For Washington State Residents Only

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Washington will award one (1) Scholarship of $1,000.00 to a former citizen of Evergreen Girls State.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Candidates for this award must be a Washington resident and a former citizen of Evergreen Girls State.

APPLICATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

__ 1. A completed typed or neatly handwritten application form for the Susan Burdett Scholarship.

__ 2. A typed list of church, school and community organizations to which the applicant belongs, including any offices held.

__ 3. The following three letters of recommendation are required:
   a. One letter from the principal, guidance counselor or a teacher from the school the applicant attends or from where the applicant is a graduate.
   b. Two letters from adults, other than relatives attesting to the applicant's character.

__ 4. An original typed essay consisting of no more than 500 words on the topic:
"How I Benefited from Attending Evergreen Girls State"

__ 5. A certified transcript of the High School and/or college grades of applicant.

__ 6. Please explain on a separate paper if there are special financial hardships or needs that should be taken into consideration.

RULES

1. Completed application packet must be in the hands of the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit Education Chairman prior to **March 1st, 2027**. Applicants may present the completed application packet to their school counselor in time for it to be passed on or present it directly to the local American Legion Auxiliary Education Chairman.

2. Judging at all levels shall be on the following basis: character, leadership, scholarship, need, and essay.

3. The Scholarship must be used within twelve (12) months of the date that the winner receives notification from the Department Education Chairman or Department Secretary. Scholarship may be renewed for another year upon reapplication.

4. The Scholarship money must be requested from ALA Department Washington Headquarters by the Registrar of the College/University using the Registrar Certification form, which will be sent to the recipient with the notification letter.

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American Legion Auxiliary
Susan Burdett Girls State Scholarship Application

Name of Applicant:_____ Telephone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

When did you attend Evergreen Girls State? _____

Occupation of father or stepfather: _____

Annual Gross Income $_____ (Include VA benefits, other government compensation, pension etc.)

Occupation of mother or stepmother: _____

Annual Gross Income $_____ (Include VA benefits, other government compensation, pension etc.)

Number of dependent children in the household: Under 18 years of age_____ Over 18 years of age _____

Grade Levels_____

Name of High School and location: _____

Name of institution of higher learning to which you have applied for admittance, if not currently attending:

_____

I hereby apply for the $1,000.00 Department of Washington Susan Burdett Scholarship. I attest that the information I have submitted in this application and its attachments are accurate. Further, I understand that if I should be awarded this scholarship, I am obligated to use the money toward furthering my education within twelve (12) months of my receiving notification of the award. Failure to do so, results in my forfeiting the scholarship and returning the money to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Washington.

Signature of Applicant:_____Date: _____

NOTE: *Please be sure to attach all required materials to this application and submit in time for it to reach the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit Education Chairman prior to* ***March 1st, 2027.***

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Applications for the 2027 National scholarships will be posted on the National Website in October.

All are gift scholarships, not loans.

Deadline for all: March 1 of each calendar year



Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship

The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship to support the children of our warriors.

It is important to acknowledge the sacrifices of our servicemembers who preserve our freedom, but that is not enough. The sacrifices of the children of those who served should also be honored. Providing funds to assist these children so they can pursue higher education is a concrete way of showing how much we, as a nation, care.

The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship to support the children of our warriors. In 2026, these $5,000 scholarships were awarded to 15 students who exceled in academics and volunteer in their communities.



Non-Traditional Student Scholarship

Getting a job or staying competitive in today's workplace involves showing employers you have the skills and experience to get the job done. In many cases, returning to college is a must. The American Legion Auxiliary's goal is to do all we can to make that happen, and that's what the Non-Traditional Student Scholarship is all about. This scholarship helps people who are part of The Legion Family, veterans, and the spouses of active-duty servicemembers or veterans pursue a college degree later in life or allow them to pick up where they left off when their studies were interrupted. If you're at this place in life, this may be the right scholarship for you.

Five scholarships, in the amount of $2,000 each, were awarded in 2026.

Applications for the 2027 National scholarships will be posted on the National Website in October.

All are gift scholarships, not loans.



Spirit of Youth Scholarship

The Spirit of Youth Scholarship 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.
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 (2024, 2025, 2026), and must be a paid member for the current (2027) membership year.



Member Loyalty Scholarship

American Legion Auxiliary Junior members are the future of our organization. To reward those who retain their membership into adulthood, the American Legion Auxiliary offers the Member Loyalty Scholarship to current college students.

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 (2024, 2025, 2026), and must be a paid member for the current (2027) membership year. Applicant must continue their membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the scholarship period.

Applications for the 2027 National scholarships will be posted on the National Website in October.

All are gift scholarships, not loans.



Military Spouse Scholarships

Through her Spirit of Youth Scholarships fundraising focus, National President Dr. Coral May Grout is championing educational opportunities for our military families. This administrative year, the ALA is offering two $10,000 American Legion Auxiliary Military Spouse Scholarships to help open doors and build brighter futures through education.

The American Legion offers a number of scholarships and other resources to assist young people in their pursuit of higher education. There are opportunities for everyone, including kin of wartime veterans and participants in Legion programs.

- Samsung American Legion Scholarship (ALA Girls/TAL Boys State)
- Scholarships offered by The American Legion
- The American Legion Veterans Education Center

For additional assistance, here's some information on the

Samsung American Legion Scholarship

Every year, $300,000 in Samsung American Legion Scholarships are awarded to nearly 100 American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State participants. These scholarships are for undergraduate study only and may be used for tuition, books, fees, room, and board.

Scholarship applications are restricted to those who:

attend the current session of either The American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program

AND are a direct descendant (i.e. child, grandchild, great-grandchild, or legally adopted child) of a U.S. military veteran who served on active duty during the periods designated as eligibility dates for membership in The American Legion.

Applicants who are direct descendants of Korean War Era Veterans will receive 3 bonus points.

Applicants with membership in the American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion will receive a Bonus point; OR, they can receive a bonus point by uploading a membership card of a parent. No more than one bonus point for an application.

Scholarship winners are selected based on academic record, involvement in school and community activities, community service, and financial need.

HOW SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE OBTAINED AND SUBMITTED

Applications are only online

(http:www.legion.org/Samsung-scholarship-application).

Complete, print out, and submit to the program staff upon arrival at

American Legion Evergreen Boys State OR

American Legion Auxiliary Evergreen Girls State.