AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP
FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS
2010-2011

Five four-year scholarships will be awarded for the Auxiliary year 2010-2011. One four-year scholarship will be awarded in each Division of the American Legion Auxiliary in the amount of $1,000 per year. All are gift scholarships and are not loans.

RULES

1. Candidates for this award shall be/shall have been Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary; said member to have held Junior membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three years and must hold a membership card for the current (2011) year. Applicant must continue her membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the four-year-scholarship period.

2. Applicants must be in their senior year of an accredited high school.

3. This is a four-year scholarship to attend an accredited institution of higher education. Applicants must be of good character and have grades which meet entrance requirements at the institution of their choice. Applicant must have at least a 3.0 GPA using a 4.0 base.

4. Participation in this scholarship program shall be on a voluntary basis in all Units and Departments.

5. **No Unit may enter more than one applicant in the Department competition. Each Department is restricted to submitting one applicant to the Divisional competition.**

6. Applicant must present the completed application packet to the Unit President **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2011**.
7. The winning entry for each Unit shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit President and mailed to the Department Secretary to be received **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2011**.

8. The winning entry for each Department shall be certified by the Department President and the Department Secretary or Department Education Chairman, and mailed to the respective Division Education Chairman to be received **ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2011**.

9. Use of the scholarship must begin **within twenty-four months of the date the winner receives notification by National Headquarters.** Additionally, National Headquarters must receive certification from the college of the winner's enrollment within twelve months of notification .

10. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

    a. Character/Leadership - 30%
    b. Essay/Application - 30%
    c. Scholarship - 40%

THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.

10. The award will be paid directly to the school at the beginning of the first semester when the student enrolls. There shall be no money paid to the school for the ensuing years until notification of re-enrollment has been received from the school. Notification from the school must include verification of a B (3.0) average. If the winner discontinues their education or membership in the American Legion Auxiliary before completing four years of study (eight semesters), the balance of the scholarship will be forfeited. The winner will have six years from the date of High School graduation to utilize the scholarship funds.

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APPLICATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed application form for Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members.

2. The following four letters of recommendation are required:

   a. One letter from either the principal or guidance counselor of the school from which the applicant will graduate; to include size of class and student's position in class, and the cumulative grade point average.

   b. One letter from a clergyman/clergywoman of the applicant's choice.

   c. Two letters from adult citizens, other than relatives, attesting to the applicant's character in regard to conduct, citizenship, and leadership.

3. An original essay consisting of no more than 1,000 words (typed, double-spaced). The title of the article/essay will be "**The Veteran in My Life and How They Inspired Me to Serve Veterans in My Community."**

4. A certified transcript or photocopy of the high school grades of the applicant.

5. A copy of the FASFA (financial aid) Form submitted for college financial assistance.

6. A copy of ACT or SAT test scores.

EACH UNIT AND DEPARTMENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION IN THE APPLICANT'S PACKET.

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APPLICATION
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Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone No._____

Date of Birth _____ Membership #_____

Date of Enrollment in American Legion Auxiliary _____

Name of veteran through whom applicant is eligible for membership in American Legion Auxiliary:

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Relationship to Veteran _____

Proposed date of graduation from high school _____

Name of college or university you hope to attend: _____

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a. Why would receiving this scholarship be important to you? Please explain._____

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b. What course of study do you plan to pursue and why? _____

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c. Describe your involvement in school, church, and community activities. Use attachment if necessary.

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d. Why do you think the United States' patriotic organizations, such as the American Legion Auxiliary, are important to the world today?

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I certify that the information provided in this application is correct.

Print or Type Full Name	Signature of Applicant
	Date

NOTE: Please be sure to attach other required materials to this application and submit to the President of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit in which your membership is recorded <u>NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2011.</u>

THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPONSORING UNIT
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

The winning entry of each Unit shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit President and Unit Secretary or Education Chairman and mailed to the Department Secretary to be received **<u>ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2011</u>.**

Unit Name and Number	Signature of Unit Secretary or Unit Education Chairman
Address	
City, State, ZIP	Signature of Unit President

THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPONSORING DEPARTMENT

The winning entry for each Department shall be certified by the Department President and the Department Secretary or Department Education Chairman, and forwarded, with completed application, to the respective Division Education Chairman **<u>ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2011.</u>**

DEPARTMENT _____ **DIVISION** _____

Signature of Department President	Signature of Department Secretary or Department Education Chairman

The Division Education Chairman and two qualified judges shall make the final decision on the winner in her Division. She shall certify the name of the winner and send her complete application packet to the National Education Chairman **ON OR BEFORE APRIL 15, 2011.** The National Education Chairman shall certify the names of the winners to National Headquarters.