

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
Department of Illinois  
2020-2021

**SUBJECT: ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS**

Applicants for this award shall be/shall have been Junior members of the Department of Illinois American Legion Auxiliary; said Junior to have held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three (3) years and must now hold a membership card for the year 2021. Junior members may be daughters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters, or sisters of the veteran.

The Illinois Scholarship for Junior members will provide \$1,000 scholarships as funds permit.

The full amount of the scholarship will be paid in one payment. Each recipient will be required to sign an agreement that in the event she does not complete the semester of school as planned, arrangements must be made with the American Legion Auxiliary within thirty (30) days for the return of the full amount of the scholarship.

**RULES GOVERNING THIS SCHOLARSHIP:**

1. Applicant must be in her senior year or a graduate of an accredited high school, but she may not have attended an institution of higher learning. (College courses taken while High School student do not apply) **Those pursuing a NURSING career are not eligible for the Illinois Scholarship for Junior Members and MUST apply to our Nurses Scholarship program even if they are enrolling in a college school of nursing.**
2. Application for the Illinois Scholarship for Junior Member **must be secured from and returned to the sponsoring Unit.**
3. **A Unit may enter ONLY ONE APPLICANT IN DEPARTMENT COMPETITION** sponsored under the Education Program and an applicant may be sponsored by only one Unit.
4. If a Unit has more than one applicant, a committee of three qualified people shall be appointed to serve as judges. If you have more than one applicant, you can always check with another Unit about sponsoring one. Judging as follows:
  - A. CHARACTER /LEADERSHIP—25% - High standard of conduct, keen sense or right, strength of character, adherence to truth and conscience, and devotion to church and religious principles and volunteerism, ability to lead and to accomplish through group action, personal magnetism, guidance and thought of others. Volunteer participation in Auxiliary programs.
  - B. ESSAY - 25% - Content and spelling.
  - C. SCHOLARSHIP – 25% - Scholastic attainment with grades of most recent year of study and rank in class.
  - D. BASIS OF NEED – 25% - Actual need of financial assistance in order to continue higher education.
5. The scholarship must be used within twelve (12) months of date received.  
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6. All applicants shall be notified of the results and a copy of the letter sent to the sponsoring Unit President after June 1. Application packets will not be returned.
7. The applicant is limited to applying for ONLY ONE ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED UNDER THE EDUCATION PROGRAM BY THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY.

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS (Applicant material MUST INCLUDE)**

1. Completed application.
2. The following three (3) letters of recommendation or reference are required. (Recommendation letters from school and clergy/church official **must be on letterhead and all letters signed.**)
  - a. One from either the principal or guidance counselor of the school from which the applicant is attending or a graduate. On Letterhead.\*\*
  - b. One from a clergy/church official of applicant's choice. On Letterhead.\*\*
  - c. One (1) from adult citizen, other than a relative, attesting to the applicant's character in regard to conduct, citizenship and leadership.
3. **List of volunteer activities and hours** for the past 3 years, including extracurricular activities.
4. An original essay written by applicant consisting of not more than 1000 words. The title of the essay will be **"The Veteran in My Life."**
5. Certified transcript or photocopy of the high school grades of the applicant.
6. A photocopy of parents or grandparents DD214, or one from the following list.
  - Official "Honorable Discharge" certificate
  - Form DD1300 (Official military death certificate)
  - Official record of burial in a military cemetery issued by the National Cemetery Administration of the
  - Current or former military ID card
  - Current or former LES (Leave and Earnings Statement)
  - Official logbook entries from a military unit
  - ANY OTHER DOCUMENT LISTED ON THE "Military Service Verification Documents List"
7. Copy of latest Federal Income Tax Return for proof of need (Parent's)
8. **The completed application packet must be submitted by the applicant to the sponsoring Auxiliary Unit PRIOR TO MARCH 15, 2021.**

**NOTE:** Sponsoring Unit **MUST sign back of application and VERIFY** all necessary information is in the packet. Application **MUST BE** submitted on an American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Illinois form. The Application packet **MUST BE** mailed flat and first class. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

The Unit **MUST SUBMIT** the completed application packet to be received NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2021 to the Department Education Chairman:

**Julia Moore, PO Box 21, Lena, IL 61048-0021, 815-369-4684. jamcps54@yahoo.com**

All applicants and Units will be notified after June 1.

\*\*Letterhead preferred. If not available, a letter or email showing the name and address of the institution will be accepted.

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APPLICATION FOR ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBER

APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SPONSORING UNIT OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2021.

(Application will not be returned.) PRINT CLEARLY

1. Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ /Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (include Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of enrollment in the American Legion Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name and relationship of veteran through whom applicant is eligible \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Is this person current active military or Reserve? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Number in family occupying home \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dependent children under 18 years? \_\_\_\_\_ Over 18 years \_\_\_\_\_

Grade levels \_\_\_\_\_

5. Total monthly government compensation (i.e., GI Bill) or pension received by parent and/or child  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

6. Monthly compensation or pension for applicant if Parent has remarried or is deceased  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you eligible for benefits under Survivors Dependents Education? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

8. Proposed date of graduation from high school \_\_\_\_\_

9. Name of College/University you plan on attending \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated yearly cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

10. Degree/Degrees and Career Field you plan to pursue \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE BE SURE TO ATTACH OTHER REQUIRED MATERIAL TO THE APPLICATION AND SUBMIT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SPONSORING AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2021. ALL APPLICANTS AND UNITS WILL BE NOTIFIED AFTER JUNE 1.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**APPROVED BY:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type or print Unit President's name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Unit President      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City      Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number (include Area Code)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Name & Number      District

\_\_\_\_\_  
Located at

\_\_\_\_\_  
Approval of eligibility -  
Signature of Unit Secretary or Unit Education Chairman

<b>Check List for Unit:</b>	
<i>Please check each item for completion.</i>	
1. Completed Application	_____
<b>2. Three Letters on letterhead</b>	
Principal/Guidance Counselor	_____
Clergy/Church Official	_____
Adult Citizen	_____
3. Volunteer Activities/Hrs.	_____
4. Essay	_____
5. Certified Transcript	_____
6. DD214 for discharged military and Statements of Service for active military	_____
<b>7. Parent</b>	
Federal Tax Return	_____
<i>Block out all SS and banking #s</i>	

**Unit to mail this application to:  
Julia Moore, PO Box 21, Lena, IL 61048-0021**