



*Due Feb. 22  
to Mrs. Seibel*

**THELMA FOSTER SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP  
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
Senior Auxiliary Member Scholarship 2020-2021**

There will be one scholarship award in the amount of \$300 to a Senior American Legion Auxiliary member as a gift.

**Eligibility:** Applicant must have been a member of the South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary for the past three years and a current Senior member this year. Applicant must enroll in an accredited school, university or technical institute to further her education; applicant must use the scholarship within twelve months of the date she received notification by Department Chairman.

**Requirements:** Applicant shall submit the application, an essay of no more than 500 words on the topic, "America, We Remember," and three letters of recommendation. One letter is to be from a clergy of her choice and two letters from adult citizens, other than relatives, attesting to the applicant's character in regard to conduct, citizenship and leadership.

**Judging:** Based on the following - Character, 20%; Americanism, 20%; Leadership, 20% and Basis of need, 40%.

**APPLICATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of enrollment in the American Legion Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Veteran under whom you are eligible \_\_\_\_\_

Your relationship to the Veteran (wife, daughter, granddaughter, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Is applicant married \_\_\_\_\_ divorced \_\_\_\_\_ widowed \_\_\_\_\_ single \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dependents under age 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Over 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Gross Income, including all income such as pensions, SSA, SS, Survivors and Dependent's Education, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a high school graduate? \_\_\_\_\_ Name and address of school/university you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Attach required material, essay and letters of recommendation, to this application and mail by March 1.

**Mail to**

Mary Jo Boner  
18057 461<sup>st</sup> Ave  
Castlewood, SD 57223  
Phone 605-695-9695

Winners will be notified by mail. Verification of receipt of application by the Department Education Chairman may be obtained by enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your application.



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
\$500 SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY OR TECHNICAL INSTITUTE 2020-2021**

**Objective:** South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary shall award annually two \$500 scholarships for a college/university and two \$500 scholarships for technical institutions, in order to further education beyond high school level.

**Eligibility:** The applicant shall be

- a. the child or grandchild of a veteran, or the child or grandchild of a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.
- b. not under sixteen (16) nor over twenty-two (22) years of age.
- c. financially unable to attend a university or technical institute after graduation from high school.
- d. a resident of South Dakota.
- e. a first time winner of this award; an applicant who has previously been awarded this scholarship is ineligible.

**Requirements:**

The applicant shall submit

- a. Original article of not more than 500 words on “Why I want to attend a College/University” or “Why I want to attend a Technical Institute.”
- b. Copy of high school or current college/ university/technical institute grades.
- c. Completed application, stating actual need of financial assistance.
- d. All required documents to Department Education Chairman, postmarked by March 1.
- e. Letters of Recommendations as listed below.

**Letters of Recommendation:**

The applicant shall submit three (3) letters of recommendation;

- a. one letter from a member of the local American Legion Auxiliary.
- b. one letter from a school administrator from school he/she will graduate or currently attends, or clergy of the church he/she attends.
- c. one letter from a business person or representative citizen who knows him/her in community/home life.

**Letters of recommendation shall include statements of:**

- a. Character – giving standards of conduct, strength of character, adherence to truth and conscience, devotion to church and daily duties.
- b. Americanism – fine ideals, love of country.
- c. Activities – describing activities of church, school, organizations or community leadership ability, work history and personal magnetism.

**Awards:**

- a. The Department Education Chairman of American Legion Auxiliary, with qualified judges chosen by her, shall make the final selections. Entries shall be judged, and winners selected, using the following criteria: Character, 30%; Americanism, 10%; Leadership, 10%; Academics, 20%; Basis of Need, 30%.
- b. The committee shall select alternates for each award, in the event the winners cannot execute his/her plans.
- c. Winners will be notified by mail.
- d. In the event the applicant is awarded a National scholarship and a South Dakota scholarship, or two South Dakota scholarships, he/she must relinquish the lesser of the two scholarships to his/her alternate.

**Application forms**

- a. May be secured from the Department Education Chairman or Department Headquarters.
- b. Are mailed to Department Education Chairman on or before March 1.

Mail to:

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