



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP
2023 APPLICATION**

1. Candidates for this award shall be daughters, sons, grandsons, or granddaughters of veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces during eligibility dates (4/6/1917-11/11/1918 or anytime after 12/7/1941) for membership in The American Legion.
2. Candidates for this award must be located in a geographical attachment area for a Unit of the Arkansas Department of the American Legion Auxiliary, or find an Arkansas Department of the American Legion Auxiliary willing to sponsor the applicant if there is not a Unit in their area of residence.
3. Applicants must be in their senior year of high school.
4. This is a scholarship to attend an accredited institution of higher education.
5. Applicants must present the completed application to their *local Arkansas Department of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit President* **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2023.**
6. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Character/Leadership	25%
Essay/Application	25%
Impact Statement	25%
Academic Achievement	25%

THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.

The first half of the award will be paid directly to the school for the first semester upon notification from the school that the student has registered. There shall be no money paid to the school for the following semester until notification of re-enrollment has been received from the school. Notification from the school must include verification of a B (3.0) average. The scholarship must be used within 24 months of the date the winner receives notification by the **DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS**, or the scholarship will be forfeited. Thus, if the winning student does not wish to use monies for first-year expenses, they must be used for the second year or forfeited.

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APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST**

_____ Completed application packet for the Department of Arkansas Academic Scholarship

_____ The following four letters of recommendation are required:

- One letter from either the principal or guidance counselor of the school from which the applicant will graduate, including size of class, student's position in the class, and the cumulative grade point average or homeschool equivalent
- One letter from a clergyman/clergywoman of the applicant's choice
- Two letters from adult citizens – other than relatives – attesting to the applicant's character concerning conduct, citizenship, and leadership

_____ Certified transcripts, or photocopy of the certified transcripts, of the applicant's high school grades

_____ Copy of ACT or SAT test scores

_____ Copy of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form, or a copy of the FAFSA Summary Report and Confirmation Page, or the FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)

_____ A separate document attached to the application that contains an original paragraph explaining the impact that receiving this scholarship will have on your studies.

_____ A separate document attached to the application that contains an original essay consisting of 750-1,000 words (typed, double-spaced, Times New Roman font). The focus of the essay will be, "The American Legion Auxiliary has been in existence for 100 years; what can the youth of today offer to help care for the health and well-being of our veterans, military, and their families?"

Please be sure to attach all the required materials to this application and submit the application and materials to the American Legion Auxiliary unit in the community where you live.

NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2023

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Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip code:** _____

Date of birth: _____ **Email:** _____

Home phone: _____ **Mobile:** _____

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

Relationship to veteran: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian 1: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Mobile:** _____

Occupation: _____ **Annual gross income:** _____

Relationship to veteran: _____

Name of Guardian or Parent 2: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Mobile:** _____

Occupation: _____ **Annual gross income:** _____

If Applicable, Number of Dependent Children:

Under 18 years: _____ **Over 18 years:** _____

Grade levels: _____

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SCORING

a. Character/leadership	25%	or	25 pts	_____
b. Essay/application	25%	or	25 pts	_____
c. Scholarship Impact	25%	or	25 pts	_____
d. Academic achievement	25%	or	25 pts	_____
Total				_____

e. Character/leadership	25%	or	25 pts	_____
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