Fifteen scholarships in the amount of $5,000 each will be awarded for 2018. Three scholarships will be awarded in each of the five divisions of the American Legion Auxiliary. All are gift scholarships and not loans.

RULES

1. Candidates for this award shall be daughters, sons, grandsons, granddaughters, great-granddaughters, great-grandsons of veterans who served in the Armed Forces during eligibility dates for membership in The American Legion.
   a. April 6, 1917 through November 11, 1918 (WWI)
   b. December 7, 1941 through December 31, 1946 (WWII)
   c. June 25, 1950 through January 31, 1955 (Korea)
   d. February 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975 (Vietnam)
   e. August 24, 1982 through July 31, 1984 (Grenada and Lebanon)
   f. December 20, 1989 through January 31, 1990 (Panama)
   g. August 2, 1990 to the date of cessation of hostilities (Persian Gulf to present)

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

3. This is a scholarship to attend an accredited institution of higher education.

4. Applicant must complete 50 hours of volunteer service within the community during his/her high school years. Hours must be verified in writing by the recipient organization(s).

5. Applicants must present the completed application to their local American Legion Auxiliary Unit President ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2018.

6. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:
   - Character/Leadership 25%
   - Essay/Application 25%
   - Financial Need 25%
   - Academic Achievement 25%

   THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.

7. The award will be paid directly to the school for the first semester upon notification from the school that the student has registered. **American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters must receive certification of enrollment within 12 months of a winner’s notification or the scholarship will be forfeited.** The scholarship must be used within 24 months of the date the winner receives notification by National Headquarters, or the scholarship will be forfeited. Thus, if winning student does not wish to use monies for FIRST YEAR expenses, it must then be used for SECOND YEAR expenses or forfeited.
Name of Applicant: ________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ________________ ZIP: __________

Date of Birth: _______ Email: ________________________________________

Home Phone: _______________________ Mobile: _________________________

Name of father, or guardian: __________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________

Veteran: Yes _____ No _____ Dates of Military Service: ______________________

Occupation: ___________________________ Annual gross income: ______________

Name of mother, or guardian: __________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________

Veteran: Yes _____ No _____ Dates of Military Service: ______________________

Occupation: ___________________________ Annual gross income: ______________

Number of dependent children under 18 years _____ over 18 years _____ Grade levels ___

Total monthly compensation, pension or trust received by parent and/or children $ __________

Are you eligible for or drawing Social Security payments? Yes _______ No __________

If so, monthly amount $ __________________ Time limit of benefits __________________

Are you eligible for benefits under Survivors and Dependents Education? Yes _____ No _____

Proposed date of graduation from high school: _____________________________

Name of college or university you hope to attend: ____________________________
In a separate document attached to this application, please answer the following questions:

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

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

c. Describe your involvement in school, church and community activities.

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

NOTE: Please be sure to attach to this application all required materials listed on the following page, and submit to the President of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit in the community in which you reside NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2018.
APPLICATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed application packet for the Children of Warriors National Presidents’ Scholarship.

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 the class and the cumulative grade point average or your homeschool equivalent.
   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 essay will be "What I will do to make my college or university a better place for students and staff."

4. A letter from recipient organization(s) verifying 50 hours of voluntary service during high school years.

5. A certified transcript or photocopy of the certified transcript of the applicant’s high school grades.

6. A copy of ACT or SAT test scores.

7. A 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).

8. A brief statement of the military service of parent or grandparents, including the branch of service and dates of service, or a photocopy of parent’s or grandparent’s discharge papers.

9. Please be sure to attach all these required materials to this application and submit to the President of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit in the community in which you reside NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2018.
THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPONSORING UNIT

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

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

1. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:
   - Character/Leadership 25%
   - Essay/Application 25%
   - Financial Need 25%
   - Academic Achievement 25%

2. No Unit may enter more than one candidate in the Department competition.

3. The winning entry for each Unit shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit President and Unit Secretary or Unit Education Chairman and forwarded to the Department Secretary to be received ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2018.

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

5. Should an entry be received and no Unit affiliation is available, then the application should be judged in the Department Headquarters Unit.

Unit Name and Number ________________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________

City, State, ZIP ____________________________________________________________________

_____________________________ ________________________________
Signature of Unit President     Signature of Unit Secretary or Unit Education Chairman
THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DEPARTMENT (STATE)

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

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

1. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:
   - Character/Leadership  25%
   - Essay/Application    25%
   - Financial Need       25%
   - Academic Achievement 25%

2. Each Department is restricted to submitting one candidate to the Division competition.

3. The winning entry for each Department shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary Department President and the Department Secretary or Department Education Chairman and forwarded to the respective Division Education Chairman to be received ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2018.

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

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 first, second and third place Division winners. The Division Education Chairman shall certify the names of the winners and send their complete application packets to the National Education Chairman on or before April 15, 2018. The National Education Chairman shall certify the names of the winners to National Headquarters.