



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP  
2024 APPLICATION**

Five scholarships, in the amount of \$2,000 each, will be awarded for 2024.  
One scholarship will be awarded in each of the five divisions of the  
American Legion Auxiliary. All are gift scholarships, not loans.

**RULES**

1. Applicants must be:
  - a. A current member of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion, must have held membership for the two preceding years (2022 and 2023), and be a paid member for the current (2024) membership year.
2. Applicants must be:
  - a. a non-traditional student returning to the classroom after some period in which their formal education was interrupted, OR
  - b. a non-traditional student beginning their education at a later point in life.
3. American Legion Auxiliary Spirit of Youth Scholarship recipients are not eligible.
4. Applicants must present the completed application to their **local American Legion Auxiliary unit president ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2024.**
5. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:

Character/Leadership	25%
Initiative/Goals	25%
Financial Need	25%
Academic Achievement	25%

**THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.**

6. 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 the winning recipient's notification, or the scholarship will be forfeited.*** The scholarship must be used within 24 months of the date the winner receives notification from National Headquarters, or the scholarship will be forfeited. Thus, if the winning recipient does not wish to use monies for FIRST-YEAR expenses, they then must then be used for SECOND-YEAR expenses or be forfeited.



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**APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST**

- Completed application packet for the Non-Traditional Student Scholarship.
- Applicant's high school or college transcript(s), or photocopy of the high school or college transcript(s).
- Applicant's work history or military service, if applicable.
- 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).

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 which your membership is recorded  
(or unit associated with your post or squadron)  
**NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2024.**



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**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

I am a (check all that apply):

\_\_\_\_\_ AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY member in good standing

\_\_\_\_\_ THE AMERICAN LEGION member in good standing

\_\_\_\_\_ SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION member in good standing

**Member ID #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Join date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit/Post/Squadron name and #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of veteran through whom applicant is eligible for membership:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to veteran:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attested:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Post Adjutant/Unit Secretary)*



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**SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION**

Date applicant graduated from high school: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach copy of high school transcripts (if graduated in the last 10 years).

Has applicant attended college? Last attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach copy of college transcripts. (mo/yr)

If it has been more than five years since applicant has attended school, submit work history.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Applicant's Adjusted Gross Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(AGI: Tax Forms 1010 on Line 31; 1040A on Line 6e; 1040EZ on Line 4.)

List support or income from any other sources:

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Number of dependents: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any circumstances that may affect your or your family's ability to provide for your college education (attach additional sheets if necessary).

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**CHARACTER/LEADERSHIP**

**Attach additional sheets if necessary.**

Describe your American Legion Family participation or any community service activities in which you have participated.

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**INITIATIVE/GOALS**

What major do you plan to pursue and why? \_\_\_\_\_

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What college or university do you plan to attend? Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Who or what inspired you to seek a college degree? \_\_\_\_\_

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*I understand that by signing this application, I agree that my name and likeness, and/or essay may be used for marketing purposes and in ALA media.*

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*Print or Type Full Name*

*Signature of Applicant*



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**THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPONSORING ALA 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%
Initiative/Goals	25%
Financial Need	25%
Academic Achievement	25%

2. No unit may enter more than one candidate in the department competition.

3. The selected entry for each unit shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary unit president and unit secretary or unit Education Committee chair.

4. The selected entry for each unit should be forwarded to the department secretary for competition at the state level to be received **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2024.**

5. Participation in this scholarship program shall be on a voluntary basis in all units.

Date Application Received \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Signature of Unit Secretary or  
Unit Education Committee Chair*

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*Signature of Unit President*



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**THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DEPARTMENT (STATE) LEVEL**  
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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%
Initiative/Goals	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 Committee chair and forwarded to the respective division Education Committee chair so it's received **ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2024.**
4. Participation in this scholarship program shall be on a voluntary basis in all departments.

Date Application Received \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Department Secretary or  
Department Education Committee Chair*

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*Signature of Department President*

The division Education Committee chair and two qualified judges shall make the final decision on the winner. The division Education Committee chair shall certify the name of the winner and send the complete application packet to the national Education Committee chair **on or before April 15, 2024**. The national Education Committee chair shall certify the name of the winner to ALA National Headquarters.