

AMERICAN LEGION AND AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SUPPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUTH

(Hundreds of scholarship opportunities are available and go unclaimed each year.)

National President's Scholarship – Five \$2500, five \$2,000 and five \$1,000 scholarships nationally awarded to sons or daughters of wartime veterans. Deadline is March 1, 2017. High school seniors.

American Legion Auxiliary Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members – Five four-year scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 per year awarded to Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary. One scholarship will be awarded in each division. Deadline is March 1, 2017. All are gift scholarships and not loans. High school seniors.

American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students – Five scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each will be awarded for 2017. One scholarship will be awarded in each Division. All are gift scholarships and not loans.

American Legion Auxiliary Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship – Fifteen Scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each will be awarded in 2017. Three scholarships will be awarded in each of the five divisions of the American Legion Auxiliary. All are gift scholarships and not loans.

Girl Scout Achievement Award – A \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a Girl Scout who has received the Gold Award and is actively involved in her school, church and community. Deadline is February 11. High school seniors.

ALA Girls State and ALA Girls Nation – Young women are selected by local Auxiliary Units to attend this outstanding mock government program in 50 states. High school juniors only. Deadlines vary. Two girls from each ALA Girls State program are chosen to attend ALA Girls Nation in Washington D.C. each July.

Samsung Scholarships – ALA Girls State and American Legion Boys State citizens who are direct descendants of wartime veterans have the opportunity to apply. Over \$230,000 is awarded annually to Girls and Boys State citizens nationally.

Department and Local Scholarships – There are additional scholarships offered in each Department and through many local Units and Posts. Approximately \$1.4 million is awarded every year. The amount, deadlines, and qualifications vary.

James H. Parke Memorial Youth Scholarship – This is a \$10,000 scholarship to a deserving student who has volunteered at least 100 hours in the VA health care system during the last year. At least a high school sophomore.

Americanism Conference at Freedoms Foundation – One scholarship per Department is awarded to attend this history workshop at Valley Forge. Any 10th to 12th grade student may also attend at his or her own cost. Deadline is January 16.

Americanism Essay Contests – Students in grades 3-12 compete in five age classes. The essay title changes annually. Local awards may vary. Divisional winners in each class receive \$100, and the national winner is awarded \$500 in each class. Deadlines vary.

Poppy Poster Contests – Students in grades 3-12 compete in five age classes. Local awards may vary. National winners may be published. Deadlines vary.

American Legacy Scholarships – Aid for children of active duty military, Guard and Reserve personnel who were federalized and died on active duty on or after September 11, 2001. Deadline April 1. High school seniors or graduates.

Eagle Scout of the Year Award – One \$10,000 and three \$2500 scholarships are awarded to outstanding Eagle Scouts.

Legion Baseball Scholarship – Scholarships based on leadership and sportsmanship are awarded to selected participants in the American Legion Baseball program.

Oratorical Contest – \$1500 is awarded to Department winners and up to \$18,000 scholarships for national winners. Open to all high school students. Local deadlines vary.

Jr. Shooting Contest – Scholarships are awarded to top marksmen.

Flag Education – Local members may be available to provide flag etiquette instruction, and there are teaching resources available.